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Dear Mr Ely and Mr Simpson

I apologise for writing to you yet again.

But I hope that you will appreciate that the proposed Tillbridge solar development consumes our lives in view of our particular and unique concerns about the needs of our daughter,

I should like to make two further points.

Firstly, the Tillbridge company has recently (October 2024) produced a noise impact report on the effect of the scheme at our house. (This is attached for ease of reference). From page 390ff, the report models the impact of noise levels at our house. And yet it makes no specific reference to particular needs. This has been referred to us by the 7000 acres group, and we find it surprising that no reference to particular needs have been made as they are a matter of specific public record.

Secondly, the 7000 acres group has proposed a special examination the impact of the proposed scheme on health and wellbeing. This is an intelligent proposal that I think merits consideration.

The new government has adopted the recommendations of Lord Darzi's latest report on the NHS and social care. Ara Darzi;s report stresses the need to move from treatment to prevention. Solar farms will do nothing to support prevention of poor health and wellbeing, and will do everything to increase the demand for treatment in mental health and primary care services as a result of increased levels of anxiety, stress and depression. Quite candidly, I speak from my own personal feelings and experience. I speak as an NHS director, not a snowflake.

I am concerned here as a citizen rather than someone with a close personal interest. As an NHS professional, I am concerned that noise and loss of amenity will affect people with pre-existing mental health issues; it might lead to people taking less exercise; and indeed all manner of unforeseen consequences. Clearly, there is a lack of scientific evidence yet to support these assertions but usually the best evidence is the application of common sense.

The proposal from 7000 acres to look at the health and wider societal impact of these proposals is an excellent idea, and one that I hope you will consider.

Your sincerely

Nick Mapstone