

I am submitting my comments regarding the proposed Tillbridge Solar Project. My concerns and points of consideration are as follows:

Environmental Impact

The potential disruption to local wildlife and ecosystems during the construction and operation of the solar farm.

The measures in place to protect biodiversity and how effective they will be.

The long-term impact of large-scale solar panels on the soil and surrounding vegetation.

Visual and Landscape Impact

The impact on the visual aesthetics of the area, particularly for residents and visitors who value the rural landscape.

Whether sufficient measures are being taken to screen the solar farm from public view, such as planting hedges or trees.

Noise and Disturbance

The noise generated during construction and its impact on nearby residents.

Potential ongoing noise from equipment like inverters and transformers during operation.

Community Benefits and Consultation

Whether the project has been adequately discussed with local residents and businesses.

The extent to which the solar farm will provide tangible benefits to the local community, such as job creation or energy cost reductions.

Traffic and Infrastructure

Increased traffic during the construction phase and its impact on road safety and congestion.

The effect on local infrastructure, including road maintenance due to heavy vehicles.

Energy Goals and Sustainability

The farm's contribution to renewable energy targets and how it aligns with national and local climate goals.

Whether the energy generated will be used locally or contribute directly to the national grid.

Potential Alternatives

Whether alternative, less intrusive sites were considered.

Whether there are plans to integrate the solar farm with other forms of renewable energy for more efficient land use.

I believe these issues are critical to consider before proceeding with the project, and I look forward to understanding how the concerns of the local community will be addressed.