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After listening to every thing that was said at the hearings I have more concerns now than before. The talk of lower grade land being used, yet this is used for cereals, and a benefit of the low lying clay soil is that it holds moisture and nutrients for longer during the growing season. Have the averaging crop yields been looked into?

Can our country afford to lose such vast amounts of food producing land, as its deemed 'lower grade'.

The risk of damage to the field drains is of no concern to the solar farm, but yet what happens to that water if its not drained away, As it rises will it get pushed towards housing/ other peoples land causing flooding?

Talk of the wildlife moving around the margins outside of the fencing, Right beside the narrow, single track rural lanes, increasing accidents. Car versus deer is never a good outcome.

There has been mention of cosmetic damage to properties, but not structural, which on some very old buildings with poor foundations is concerning, especially if piling was to happen on heavy dry clay land. Commercial sheep breeds and farming is not viable under panels, due to poor, limited grass. Some primitive breeds can do well, but are not used as commercial venture as just not profitable enough.

So much is unanswered, and always seems to be more questions and concerns on what is a scary proposal and changing such huge areas of landscape beyond recognition for a lifetime, and potentially lost forever.