

I am a resident of the area local to the proposed solar farm. I will be able to see solar panels from my house.

Despite all the assurances I am deeply concerned at the fragility of them all. Clever solicitors will be able to submit changes without proper consultation and then without the people who matter having a say.

I am very concerned about the health and well being of those people who live near the proposed sites and on the routes to and from the sites. Just the construction process alone will cause untold disturbance to their daily lives. The threat of possible danger of battery storage units will weigh heavy on their minds.

My concern is also with the destruction of the environment. This is a beautiful countryside location with great biodiversity.

We are constantly hearing how important it is so why destroy natural habitats which support biodiversity.

I have yet to be convinced that there is a feasible plan with positive environmental impact for the solar panels at the end of their lifespan. Such developments should not go ahead until this major issue is resolved. It won't be our generation who feel the impact of this, but future generations.

And then the future of farming. We are told that this is poor grade land. I am currently studying an RHS course in Horticulture. We are regularly taught that the productivity of soil can be improved easily with the addition of organic matter which I'm sure farmers regularly do. We need to be more self sufficient as a country, growing our own food with as little reliance on others as possible. These vast swathes of land just covered in solar panels will not feed the people who live here.

I implore the people with power to stop these solar farms to protect our environment, our mental health and the future of all that we know and love in the countryside. There must be another way.