

As a final plea to the Planning Inspector I would like to make the following points: -

- This solar farm is far too big and in the wrong place. The Applicant made no attempt to find a more suitable location but simply used the land that was offered to them by local landowners which is not appropriate for this type of development.
- Many of the planned solar arrays will be far too close to residential properties. No proper thought has been given by the Applicant to the effects on homes and businesses. It seems we just must 'put up and shut up for the greater good'.
- The issue of noise has not been adequately addressed by the Applicant. It is not right that they have asked for the commitment on keeping noise levels down to be removed from the Framework Operational Management Plan and it should be restored.
- The Applicant is still being very vague about the size and design of the solar panels and how they will be constructed. Piling does not seem to have been ruled out. As residents we need to know just what we will be facing if this plan is allowed. We need to know what this 'Farm' is going to look like – we need details about fencing, access, hedgerows and trees, the size and height of the panels.
- This application is going to cause enormous harm to the lives of both people and wildlife and yet it seems that the Applicant does not feel the need to address these issues satisfactorily or at all.
- The buffer zones are not adequate. My home has been called 'industrial' because we run a business from our premises (formerly a farm) so it seems the Applicant has decided that we should not deserve any kind of protection or safeguarding from their development and their two-year construction period and have omitted any buffers apart from a bit of grassland to protect us and our employees.
- Throughout this process the Applicant has been totally dismissive of people's concerns. Questions have not been answered adequately or even at all and concerns not addressed. They were woefully ignorant of countryside issues even at the Consultations and have made no attempt to educate themselves since, preferring to take the superior and arrogant line that they really know what is best for us all.
- This application is full of mistakes and inconsistencies. The language used is generally appalling and the refusal to address direct questions and instead trot out stock phrases and 'green' ideology is just such an insult to us all. Their total incompetence is a massive red flag because what is going to happen if they are granted permission? If they treat us like this now what will it be like when they are left to their own devices? Who will police it? As a community we are so vulnerable and will be totally exposed to whatever they decide to do.
- I hope that the Inspector decides to refuse planning permission.