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The Planning Inspectorate  
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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I am writing to you again re the proposed Cleve Hill Solar Farm on Graveney Marshes.

There are a great many objections to this scheme as you will be well aware. Further to my previous letters, I ask you to consider two points.

1) The plan is based on a breathtakingly callous disregard for the long-established human community and ecosystem in the affected and surrounding areas, and would wreak havoc on both social and environmental levels. It is designed solely for the benefit of those who would gain financially from it while it would devastate residents, crucial ecological sites and wildlife. Solar energy production can be a community-based resource of huge benefit in the fight against climate crisis. It can entail projects which bring people together for a common purpose of which they can be proud, enhancing community cohesion and enabling citizens to contribute to reducing harmful emissions. This vast industrialisation of rural landscape is the polar opposite of that desirable goal, and there is absolutely no justification for such destruction of communities and the countryside of which they are a part.

2) The enormity of the potentially catastrophic danger of fire, thermal runaway and toxic gas from a Battery Energy Storage System of this size cannot be overestimated, and expert opinion attests to its unacceptability. To place such an unprecedented and experimental development on a flood-prone site near two large towns and a city would be the height of irresponsibility. Given that one of the companies behind the project is facing legal action for serious failings, non-compliance with OfGEM regulations and breach of contracts (including those relating to safety) it is clear that they cannot be regarded as trustworthy or competent.

I trust that reason will prevail regarding this application for planning permission and that this ludicrous plan will rightly be deemed unacceptable.

Yours sincerely  
Frances Hewett