

Dear Inspectors,

**My objections to the proposed Sunnica Sola farm**

I live and work in the village of Badlingham. I run my own Carriage driving business from Blandings Farm, Badlingham. For the training of horses. I also organise carriage driving competitions.

Firstly, I would like to say that I appreciate there is a need to use a greener energy system for all of us in the future. But I must object to this proposed development for the following reasons.

- A: On a personal level for my business, I am concerned that if this project goes ahead my business will suffer greatly. Firstly, whilst the work is carried out it will be impractical to use the facilities as it would prevent me using certain areas of the farm (Sunnica plan to place a cable across the farm). Secondly there have been reports that the glare from the solar panels have caused problems with horses bolting as they become spooked. As you can imagine this would be extremely dangerous and something you do not want to happen with driving horses. You can see my concern as it is proposed to put sola panels on the adjacent fields. Quite simply my customers would just stop coming to us.
- B: This land is good productive agricultural land. With an award-winning farmer here in the hamlet of Badlingham. At a time when we should be looking to produce more food of our own in this country and to reduce the food miles. This sola farm would take this productive land out of use for 40 years. Who will clear it away afterwards? That will be a very costly business, who would want old redundant solar panels and Lithium batteries. My fear is that it will be permanent light industrial land.
- C: The proposed site is 2792 Acres filled with large sola panels and 78 Acres of Lithium-ion batteries. And 10meter high substations. All surrounded with 2 ½ meter wire fencing. Yes, it is proposed to plant small saplings to screen the site. But first the old trees and hedgerows will be reduced in height or removed to provide maximum sunlight and to reduce the risk of the trees falling and damaging the panels. However, the new saplings shall take at least 15 years to make any impact

on the visual appearance of the site. Leaving the panels clearly visible for many years.

D: The Lithium-ion batteries have been banned in the USA after they caused major fires and explosions. With the inevitable contamination of the surrounding ground and ground water supply. We have a local school and housing estate in close proximity to the BESS at site B Sunnica East.

E: The impact on the wildlife will be enormous. Destroying the wildlife corridors and habitat. Once these have gone the wildlife may not survive and we will be left with a barren countryside. It has been suggested that sheep would be able to graze between the solar panels. Firstly, this is not a replacement for the wildlife. Secondly having had experience of sheep there would be an extremely high risk of damage to the panels and lastly there would be insufficient growth of grass for them to eat as most of it will be in the shade of the solar panels.

F: the impact on the local villages will be great with absolutely no benefit to us at all.

- (1) Loss of our countryside and replaced with the unsightly view of large solar panels, Lithium-ion batteries and Substations.
- (2) 2 years of construction traffic and feeling that we are surrounded by solar panels whatever way we go.
- (3) A reduction in property values. This has already been suggested by local estate agents.
- (4) Like all developments of this type the efficiency of the panels and batteries will greatly reduce with time, so how efficient will they really be? We have No guarantee that after 40 years the site will be returned to agriculture and who will pay for the clean-up? We may be left living next to an exceptionally large industrial site.
- (5) All local parish, district and county councils are against this development.

Yours Sincerely

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