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Good afternoon,
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Dear Mr Milliband and Ms Niblett

Over the past 6-9 months we have seen a plethora of applications to build Solar Farms and Battery Storage facilities on prime agricultural land in South Derbyshire. These include Oaklands Farm Solar Farm and Battery Energy Storage System at Fairfield Farm between Drakelow and Rosliston and also the Badgers Rest near Walton on Trent.

South Derbyshire District Council have been soliciting residents on these planning applications and rightly rejecting these applications due to concerns about:

- The developments being on agricultural best and most viable soils
- Local access restrictions (with the narrow single file Bailey Bridge at Walton on Trent and the 7.5T with width restrictions on the A513 Chetwyn Bridge at Croxall Lakes)

- Potential access for emergency fire crews

When you consider the above against the backdrop of 250,000 hectares of local south facing industrial roof space and brownfield land still available at the old PowerGen Drakelow Power Station site then surely the Government and County Councils should be instructing solar and battery storage planning applications in South Derbyshire to be using this rather than BMV agricultural land?

Regards

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