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Sent: 13 July 2026 10:47
To: Oaklands Farm Solar
Subject: EN010122 Oakland's Farm Solar - statement of opposition

Hello,

I am opposed to this application because it contains many cumulative changes that will impact negatively on local residents and road users.

I am concerned that there has been inadequate consideration of the following effects:

- Taller solar panels will have greater impact on the local landscape and will cause more glint and glare.
- More glint and glare near roads may require higher or longer areas of temporary screening.
- Lower solar panels will mean the site is less likely to be grazed by sheep (reducing farming effectiveness of the site and therefore impacting the local economy).
- The noise increase from the louder transformers has not been modelled to determine the effect on local properties.
- More hard surfaces on site will mean that the noise modelling originally carried out will have underestimated the amount of reflection of sound out of the site. The original ground conditions chosen were unreasonably favourable to the Applicant, and this has been made worse with the requested changes.
- Frequency characteristics of the new equipment has not been considered from a noise perspective.
- The Geotechnical survey determined that infiltration was not an effective drainage strategy for the site, but this remains the primary drainage solution.
- The increase in solar panel area may lead to more flooding, especially on local roads.
- The piling depth increasing from 2m to 3m will impact on noise and construction duration and will further destroy BMV farmland.
- The increased depth of internal tracks will require much more material to be brought onto site, extending construction time, noise and material deliveries.
- None of the proposed changes were considered in the LEMP, CEMP or CTMP etc as they were submitted before this application. Will key documents such as these be required to be re-submitted to the Local Authority once the DCO has been updated?

I believe that taken together, these changes are significant enough to constitute a Material Change, that should therefore be subject to more rigorous evaluation by the Planning Inspectorate.

Kind Regards

Martin Abbott