

Sir, our family have lived in Goldwell Lane for [REDACTED] and my husband's family farmed the land for more than 30 years. We find it incredible that the applicant can claim that this completely separate area of land, unconnected with the rest of the solar scheme, has been carefully chosen. We believe it has been included because it is a remote part of the farm that will become unviable to farm.

I believe the inclusion of this land is wrong for the following reasons:

1. It is good quality land. The developer says in its own paperwork that 50% is best and most versatile land. If so, why have they gone out of their way to include this block of land?
2. The land has a number of footpaths that are regularly used. Each of these they either want to remove or divert. Why have they gone out of their way to include this block of land when it means making so many alterations to long established footpaths?

3. They have decided late in the day to move batteries away from this land which is great for us but what about those homes now affected because they have crammed them into the remaining fields? Why have they gone out of their way to include so many batteries which will be a worry for everyone living in the village for the next 40 years?

4. They tell us that the report on badgers is confidential, but we are sure they have missed at least one badger set which is on adjoining private land and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Why have they gone out of their way to include this block of land when it will impact one of the largest and well established badger populations in the area?

5. The most damaging aspect for me and my family and all those living in Goldwell Lane is the plan to use the lane as the only construction access to this block as well as the route for cable laying. Doing this while keeping the highway open to all traffic will be a nightmare and seriously

impact on the lives and well-being of those of us who live here. Why have they gone out of their way to include this block of land without investigating an alternative temporary access over grass fields which would hugely reduce impact on residents?

The impact the installation / connection from the field to the rest of site will have to be completed via Goldwell Lane, will cause complete disruption and impact the access for emergency vehicles if needed as at point the lane is too narrow.

Regarding the badger sets, we have [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] which has not been taken into consideration but needs to be. This field is one of the main foraging areas for these badgers and needs serious attention and thought with the proposed plans for panels before destroying this area.

My last point in the total lack of true visual impact that has been produced by the applicant. This proposed solar farm is going to be a complete blight on our village as a majority of the land isn't flat so therefore the planting of trees etc, will not be in anyway sufficient to create a visual shield.

Those of us living in the lane and elsewhere believe **the scheme should be recommended for refusal** for many reasons but particularly because of the harm that will be caused because of the inclusion of this block of land.