

The applicants failed to justify the use of BMV land (which is best quality agricultural land) for a solar power plant which can be installed on any type of terrain. All they can say to justify this large-scale (circa 2000 acres) destruction of farmland is that global warming is important. While global warming may indeed be important, it is global and it does not justify the repurposing of this specific high-value agricultural resource with the attendant reduction in food supply. The applicant should use less valuable land or, as many have suggested, utilise rooftop installations, which are just as good if implemented properly while causing no industrialisation of the countryside.

Also, we local residents have suffered for the last 4 years from several major building projects in the area, and the planned 7000 HGV deliveries over a further three years on top of that would seriously degrade our quality of life.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the project.