

I object to the East Park Application as the Application is on a disingenuous basis, if the application were straight forward and in plain English it would be for a Power Station not a "Solar Farm" which is a very misleading description, there will be no farming taking place in this proposed scheme and there would appear to be very little "Temporary" about the scheme. If this were an application for a new Coal, Oil or Gas fired powered station in this location and of this size the application would have been stopped in its tracks and would have not got this far, the political narrative seems to allow certain Get Rich Quick developers to game the Planning System to encourage a very inefficient use of agricultural land for the benefit of a handful of landowners and the company applying.

To date this year we have only had 5 sunny days in the proposed area, how can that be viable for power generation on this scale?

The agricultural deficit of agricultural land being taken out of production, cannot be replaced, for every acre of land of food production lost is more imported food on large diesel powered ships, how can that possibly be a Green alternative? and in an age of increasing instability food security must be paramount

The Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire landscape has evolved over thousands of years, why does the Planning System put no value on the importance of Green space for the massive physical and mental health benefits of those who live, visit and pass through these areas on a daily basis, once lost they cannot be recovered.

On a financial basis the proposal is very inequitable, creating vast rental cash flows for a small amount of landowners and a sellable investment product for the applicant, however, and at the same time will have a material negative effect on the house prices of those who live in the vicinity of the scheme, on a scheme of this size with national significance, it is only equitable that financial compensation is provided by the applicant to those who directly affected based upon pre application market values- it cannot be fair that a few benefit significantly to the detriment of hundreds if not thousands who will be financially wronged.

Examples of good planning regarding this matter can be found in recent solar developments in Huntingdon where a car park has recently been covered to provide rain cover for motorists and solar power for an adjacent office building, the physical construction took less than 6 weeks, not 4 years! If this process could be carried out at National Scale on supermarket and town centre car parks, agricultural land would not need to be lost forever