

Following the open floor hearing Tillbridge failed to allay fears with regard to the project that will affect local people. The visual affect of the scheme will be devastating a rural landscape will be transformed into a industrialised wilderness which will not be able to be hidden behind any of the proposed screening which in its self would take 10-15years to grow. Also at the moment the proposals on only state possible screening why is this only proposed surely it should be mandatory as one would expect on any normal planning request. The cumulative effect of the numerous proposed solar farms will be devastating to the local area. With regard to the existing eco system the proposals failed to prove that the scheme would produce bio diversity net gain indeed at an earlier meeting a Tillbridge representative said the wildlife could go somewhere else if these proposals go ahead there will be nowhere to go. As all wildlife will be displaced during construction and once completed the area will be heavily fenced there will be no opportunity for the existing species to return at the moment deer, hares, rabbits and badgers traverse this site they will not be able to once the scheme is completed. Numerous bird species forage in the fields throughout the year they will also be displaced probably never to return changing the balance of nature irreparably. To remove vast areas of productive farm land at a time we should be looking at food security is folly. The negative effect on people's health and wellbeing do to these drastic changes in the countryside will be devastating people choose to live in a rural setting not an industrial waste land. At the moment rural crime is an issue no doubt once completed the solar arrays will attract another type of criminal. Not only will the health and wellbeing of people be adversely affected due to the change in land usage but during the construction phase considering the proposed number of lorry movements the existing Road network will be overrun for several years. During construction period noise dust and air pollution will all be issues the local communities will be adversely affected by it seems unreasonable to assume that this will be addressed at a later date by a yet unknown contractor. Who will ensure that existing health and safety standards with regard to local people will be managed the existing council will not have the resources to manage the vast number of proposed sites.

One of the main issues that hasn't been addressed is the potential fire risk of proposed battery storage units and how in the event one was to catch fire it would be dealt with have the existing fire services the capacity to deal with these issues.