

Tillbridge Solar have said that this development will have no adverse impact on the local communities how can this be possible. The scale of this development along with the 3 other solar farms within close proximity will feel as though our small villages and hamlets are being buried alive with millions of black glass panels. The mental health of the local communities cannot be dismissed as our lives are going to be changed forever as it will be like living inside an industrial wasteland not a rural landscape as exists at present.

The construction traffic will overwhelm this area with small narrow roads blind bends that were never intended for this kind of development. The noise and pollution generated by numerous vehicle movements will adversely affect both the mental and physical wellbeing of local residents.

The existing eco system will be destroyed by the proposed works with the wildlife being excluded and trees, hedgerows etc being ripped out. The development will then be surrounded with large metal fencing and during a presentation given by representatives of Tillbridge Solar they were asked repeatedly what would happen to the wildlife in this area and the only answer they could give was it will have to go elsewhere there will be nowhere else for it to go. Tillbridge have failed to demonstrate a bio diversity net gain for the project with no consideration for the existing wildlife which includes deer, brown hares, rabbits and badgers. Existing birds that forage on the fields will have no food source and will be severely impacted by the works there are a large number of owls in the area which will be severely if not terminally impacted by the works.

The proposed works include numerous battery storage systems that at present have no legislation covering their installation or on going management and represent a clear threat to local communities due to their volatile nature. Should one overheat and burst into flames toxic fumes will be released which could adversely affect any body in the area. To live with the constant fear of this happening is unacceptable and the proposed means of dealing with this is unclear as is the local fire brigades ability to deal with such an incident.

Due to the scale of the works the visual impact will have a significant negative effect. At present the landscape is a mix of agricultural fields surrounded by hedges and interspersed with small woodland a typical rural scene it is proposed to replace this with thousands of acres of black glass forming an industrial waste land. The proposals suggest that screening will be put in place however this is only described as potential on the plans and therefore does not give a definite commitment to installation. Even if installed no screening will adequately conceal the proposed solar developments the large glass areas will have numerous battery storage units and other items of plant that will be in container type units that will tower above the solar panels and further blight the area. It is unacceptable to impose this monstrosity on the local people who chose to live in a rural area not a industrialised wasteland.

The impact on the local farming community will be devastating with some tenant farmers having tended the land for generations been thrown on the scrap heap whilst there landlords often trusts that have no interest in the countryside reap the rewards being offered by the developers.