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Sir / Madam

I hope that you will read this in its entirety and not dismiss it as the rants of a 'nimby' ( a term that i find offensive and derogatory)!!

I wish to voice my concerns in relation to the tilbridge solar project or as i prefer to call it 'the solar industrial estate'.

That you plan to destroy acres of natural landscape, unspoiled views of green fields and rolling hills that make the English countryside so special (remember 'our green and pleasant land'? is incomprehensible.

That you plan to destroy the natural habitat of many wild animals that roam this land is unforgivable. During the months of construction and after, deer and other animals will no longer be able to run freely and faced with a reduced grazing area will cause damage to crops and woodlands, which in turn will have an impact on other wildlife.

And for what? - Solar panels that rely on sunlight - a commodity that is short lived in this part of the world. What are you thinking??

The scale is immense: panels that mount to 4.5m high, spread over 10,000 acres of open countryside. 2m high security fencing, CCTV and security lighting. Large ugly containers containing other equipment and lithium based batteries which are unstable and dangerous if they develop a fault. I don't believe that we have the facilities and infrastructure to deal with the scale of fire risk should a fault develop - and all this running alongside beautiful English villages, putting lives at risk. Flooding is already a problem in this county, I believe that by installing this huge panels, fencing, CCTV bases, lighting, you are increasing the flood risk considerably. Run-off from panels will effect nearby fields, roads and villages.

I understand that the construction phase will take between 24 and 36 months!! HGVs, abnormal loads & construction traffic will pass through local villages during this period.

If statistics are correct, (and I have no cause to doubt them) when all four projects are under construction, they will employ 3000 construction staff a day over a 4-year period, peaking for the whole year of 2027. To transport these people to the sites will mean that over 1400 cars, minibuses, and coaches will be on our six local roads accessing the construction sites each morning between the hours of 6 and 7 am and then again between 7 and 8 pm as they return home.

In addition, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, there will be a peak of 1800 HGVs and vans a day delivering materials, including over 5 million solar panels, to the sites for a year between mid 2026 and mid 2027. So over an 8-hour period, there will be 3.75 vehicles a minute on our six local roads.

I implore you, please do not ruin the lives and mental wellbeing of the villagers and farmers. Please do not ruin essential agricultural fields. Please do not allow this destruction and devastation of our green and pleasant land.

Kathryn Crabtree

Fillingham Resident

