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PDVP and most media and government promotion of the farm omit some vitally important issues that the planning inspectorate need to take into account prior to approving the application. The crux is, my research indicates PDVP have never ever completed a Solar Farm Project and they have [REDACTED] their claims in their answer to ExA WQ1 number 1.5.27 regarding their previous experience in developing solar farms.

PDVP answer states:

"980MW have been developed in the following six projects in Japan: - Ukujima solar farm with total capacity of 480 MW. - Onikobe solar farm with a total capacity of 183 MW. - Kawasaki solar farm with a total capacity of 56 MW. - Yamagata solar farm with a total capacity of 58 MW. - Akita farm with a total capacity of 40 MW. - Green Academy solar farm with a total capacity of 40MW

The applicant had raised the funds for the development in some cases, including construction finance and had enabled the acquisition by entity continuing and completing the construction and commissioning of the projects."

This carefully worded answer fails to tell the true story of their experience in developing Solar farms.

Throughout the ES documents, PVDP have always given the impression that projects they've been involved with have been seen through to completion, for example, in this statement previous experience in ES Chapter 1: Introduction, paragraph 1.3.1 (Ref EN010147/APP/

"PVDP has been successfully developing solar assets in Europe and Japan for the last 18 years with 1.0GW built to date."

But this is not the case. The only project of similar size is Ukujima solar farm, half the size of Botley West, with a population of only 1000.

The project originally approved in 2013 has still not been constructed and may never be. PVDP initiated the Ukujima solar project but they ultimately withdrew from it before commencement, presumably due to flaws in the design and lack of funds; the project was later taken over by Kyudenko Corporation. Therefore, PVDP did not complete a solar farm in Japan. The Onikobe Project was listed as being under construction by PDVP but my research indicates it was sold in 2017 to a partnership led by Thai Solar Energy (TSE). My research further indicates the Kawasaki, Yamagata, and Akita solar farms were developed by a variety of companies including Sumitomo Corporation, Yamasa - Banpu Renewable Singapore, and Ortiz Energy Japan.

It seems from my research PDVP have never completed a single Solar Farm Project.

The planning authorities should give serious consideration to the misleading claims made by PDVP and their very limited evidence of success in getting a project successfully developed even as far as the start of construction and certainly not for any project approaching the size of BWSF. My research throws considerable doubt on PDVP ability or intention to see the BWSF proposal through to construction let alone completion. In the worst case scenario, if not properly financed, the BWSF site could be started and then abandoned with infrastructure scattered around the site but never connected (as in Ukujima) with the countryside ruined and no electricity being generated either. The inspectorate should officially request PDVP to outline what arrangements or contracts are in place to safeguard against such outcome.

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