

Jo's response

Response to Question 2.9.4

The applicant's lack of consideration for the visual impact of the project is a cause for concern as is the suggestion that on decommission the landscape would be returned to its original state, after 40 years. The impact on the households of properties that would be adjacent to or close to the site cannot be underestimated. Mitigation would only be possible with a reduction in size in conjunction with thoughtful planning that takes in to account the designation of areas of natural beauty, conservation of the landscape and its wildlife and biodiversity, and the effect on the quality of life of those whose property would be directly affected.

Response to Question 2.13.8

Both prospects are undesirable: either 3 metre hedges blocking off views and light permanently (hedges need maintaining to keep them in control) or a boundless vista of solar panels. Mitigation would only be achieved with more careful planning and design and a genuine consideration and concern for the visual impact on the landscape in addition to a significant reduction in the size of the proposed project.

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