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Further to my previous submission on this matter, I remain concerned about many aspects of this proposed development.

The most significant of these is in relation to the size and location of the planned solar farm in the green belt and extremely close to many villages. This will result in loss of amenity vital for the physical and mental health of many residents including myself. The applicant's response to the examining authority in respect of reduction of panel area on landscape grounds is inadequate in my opinion.

The loss of amenity includes both the visual aspect and loss of pleasant places to walk. I am concerned about the applicant's insistence on Public rights of way being just 5m wide, which would be a considerable loss as most are currently significantly wider than this. I support OCC's view that there should be 15m between hedges to facilitate continued enjoyment of these vital resources.

I am also concerned about the loss of land for food production that this proposal would entail. The applicant's insistence that the land is 'poor' is not supported by other evidence.

There are other alternative ways of generating green power that would not result in the loss of so much farm land and that would be better suited to the climate in this country such as off-shore and on-shore wind. Solar panels are better placed on houses and over car parks etc.

I remain concerned about the funding for this project which has not been explained in sufficient detail.

Please consider these points in relation to this application.

Yours faithfully  
Katherine Rogers