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The missing data requested by the planning inspectorate as a requirement of the NSIP process is extremely concerning. The applicant seems keen to retain a high degree of latitude in their plans should they obtain approval. This attitude and failure to provide required data for scrutiny is strange given the zealous defence experienced at public meetings. It is in no one's interest for this to be a case of 'fail to prepare, prepare to fail' should SolarFive/PVDP continue to defend this application.

Many complex elements of the application have yet to be provided and need expert review. A number remain clearly worrying for residents of Oxfordshire who will find themselves living with and amongst the solar farm:

- Food Growing plans. This appeared later in the process as a community benefit. In the middle section there are currently sufficient allotments to meet local requests. Growing food requires constant attention and knowledge. The land proposed would better remain as farmland as it is not well located or easily accessed.
- RVAA - Residual Visual Amenity Assessment is incomplete. The photographs and viewing points chosen by the applicant for inclusion do not well represent the rolling wold countryside. Buffers around communities, private homes and community assets eg. play areas, adult outdoor exercise equipment etc. should be a minimum of a 250 metre with no discretion post approval.
- Flooding risk in the central and southern sectors
- Substation and grid connection. There seems a difference of opinion which may well benefit from a Grampian clause.

It seems odd to expect local councils to engage with PVDP, (if the project is approved) without all key elements decided. Local councils chose to represent their residents although not integral to NSIP. This is essential and has involved time and money which must have been diverted from other commitments. The fact that local MPs eg. Calum Miller, Layla Moran were not provided with the same level of information as interested parties further diminishes faith in representation.

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