



13th July 2026

To the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero,
The Right Honourable Mr Ed Miliband MP

Dear Sir,

We live in one of the properties whose visual amenity will be most severely impacted if the Solar Power Station were to go ahead. We have invited PVDP, and also the planners (my email of 13th of June 2025) to visit our property to see this for themselves, but in vain.

Being on the top of the valley wall, we have truly expansive views over the valley below us, we can see every square meter of the proposed development in the Farmor Valley. However, their RVAA submitted in Nov 2025 showed only pointless and misleading Google Street Views and concluded : 'low impact, minor significance'.

Luckily the planners could see through this deception and we were one of the properties due to be properly re-assessed. However no one from the developers, or their agents, have requested to visit our property or any of our neighbours properties.

A couple of days ago, I happened to see a man in my neighbour's property. He had driven in from the B4017 but had not gone up to the house, he was taking photographs. I walked through the hedge and asked him what he was doing. He spoke english well but with a foreign, European accent. He gave the ridiculous excuse that he looking for a public car park. I politely pointed out that this was a private house. He took another photograph and then left.

Now, I have heard in our community that the applicants have been quickly cobbling together a new RVAA and other documents and, despite your clear and definitive ruling of 8th June, are openly saying that they will be able to submit these on the 16th of July. Now I am wondering if the strange behaviour of the man in the above incident is related?

Your statement was most emphatic, you pointed out clearly and succinctly that it is most important that we all be disciplined and follow the rules. Allowing them to introduce further documentation at this very late stage would, as you so rightly put it, undermine the integrity of the planning process completely and would certainly undermine the confidence of all of us involved in it. I am sure that you would agree that such a situation would be outrageously unjust.

SolarFive Ltd / PVDP GmbH have had plenty of time. Since the start of the process, our Parish Council and community have organised lots of meetings all of which

completely packed our large village hall. Parish Counsellors, knowledgeable people, including our MP have spoken to us, advised us and listened to our concerns.

In contrast, the 'consultation' that the developers held has been dismal, almost non-existent, a few pamphlets and booklets by mail and an exhibition in the parish hall where no one could answer any technical questions and all were disinterested. The glint and glare assessment, of which we are also prime receptors, was also done without anyone visiting any of our affected properties, paths, walkways or roads.

The developers seemed to have assumed from day one that, because of our nation's urgent need for green energy, your approval of the scheme would be automatic and therefore they could arrogantly ignore our local concerns, planning rules and time frameworks as well their duty to produce proper, objective surveys and reports that are both factual and on time.

The applicants now want to ignore what you told us all most plainly on the 8th of June about the prime importance of sticking to the rules of procedure.

It occurs to me that as well as having a seeming disdain for the process and regulations, maybe the applicants simply do not have the manpower or time.

According to their latest, 'small company', unaudited accounts filed for 2024, in the German 'Unternehmens Register', Photovolt Development Partners GmbH, had during that year, only three employees and two directors. SolarFive Ltd, also a 'small company', had no employees other than the same two directors. See attached

However I hope that you will agree that this lack of manpower or the press of other business activities should not be considered as an excuse for their non-compliance with the time constraints of the planning rules in our country.

You have ruled, most definitively, on the time limit and it would be unfair to everyone else, if any submissions were accepted from them now.

I would most respectfully ask you, Sir, to please reject any submissions that the applicants might try to send to the Inspectorate at this late stage.

Thank you for looking after our interests,

Yours faithfully,

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