

I wish for the following points to be taken into consideration regarding the proposed solar farm:

- 1) Proximity to Residential Properties – The edge of the solar farm should be set at a fair and reasonable distance from nearby properties. As it stands, the current proposal places the development unacceptably close to my property's boundary.
- 2) Impact on Property Value – The proposed installation has already caused a decline in property values, potentially leaving homes unsellable. Given this significant impact, affected residents—especially those with properties immediately adjacent to the site—should receive appropriate compensation. I estimate our property boundary to be no more than 10 meters from the proposed solar panels, with only a footpath separating the two, further exacerbating the issue.
- 3) Loss of Essential Grazing Land – A significant portion of my grazing will become unusable due to the solar farm's close proximity. The structures will distress my horse, making turnout unsafe. Given our limited land, we cannot afford to lose essential grazing space.
- 4) Adverse Impact on Welfare and Environment – The transformation of expansive open field views into industrial structures will drastically alter the landscape, diminishing the area's natural character. Over many years, as hedges mature, the enclosed environment will become increasingly oppressive, further eroding the sense of openness. Additionally, the financial burden of an unsellable home creates significant stress, with long-term consequences. Within our lifetime, the loss of equity will make downsizing in later years impossible, preventing us from securing a comfortable retirement. Effectively, the solar farm will strip us of our financial stability and retirement plans.
- 5) Proximity to Airfield and Safeguarding Concerns – Given the presence of an airfield at Hilltop Farm, the proposed solar farm should adhere to CAA CAST safeguarding guidance, which recommends a minimum distance of 1000 meters from our properties. This requirement is essential to ensure aviation safety and mitigate potential risks associated with glare, turbulence, and obstruction.