

As an interested party ( visitor to the area), I have been struck by the magnitude of the application, and the extent that good (BMV) agricultural land is included in the proposal. I fear for our future food security.

I am also concerned about the divergent reports of wildlife diversity between the applicant and several of the IPs who have local knowledge. The UK has seen a 70% loss of biodiversity in the last 6 decades; any mitigations for loss due to the project should be supported with good evidence to enable net gain. I fear this will not happen, as shown with other types of development, it is unenforceable (see report 'Lost Nature' by Dr Kiera Chapman, Professor Malcolm Tait, Sarah Postlethwaite). Nothing I have read in the applicant's submission so far provides any reassurance about wildlife & biodiversity net gain.

Lesser concerns are visual impacts as a visitor to a beautiful rural area, traffic, congestion, heritage and so on.

I believe the risks of this proposal outweighs any benefits to achieving green energy targets, and that there are better ways to achieve the same ends.