

The Local Impact Report should clearly and robustly represent the needs, concerns, and views of the local community. It should adopt a firmer and more assertive tone to reflect the strength of local feeling and ensure that community impacts are not understated or diluted. The LIR must act as a strong voice for the community rather than a neutral summary, so that local harm and concern are properly conveyed to the decision-maker.

- The needs and views of the local community, and the strength of local concern
- The impact on rural character and landscape, including industrialisation of countryside
- Effects on wildlife and biodiversity, including habitat loss and disturbance
- Impacts on tourism and the local economy, particularly where the area relies on its rural setting
- Loss of high-quality agricultural land and implications for food security
- Cumulative impacts when considered alongside other nearby developments
- Effects on village amenity, including visual impact, noise, and proximity of infrastructure
- The importance of less harmful alternatives, such as rooftop and brownfield solar