

Dear Sir/Madam

I am against the One Solar proposal for the following reasons:

The government has promised to build solar farms on low quality land (as in away from residential use and on poor agricultural farmland). The land of the proposal is on very high quality farmland and surrounds two historic villages. If the government wants to come away from fossil fuels and become self-reliant I think this can be achieved by building renewable and nuclear energy on brownfield sites and on the roofs of buildings. We have several power stations in our area that could be converted to solar farms instead.

North and South Clifton possess numerous Pylons and there is already a proposal for a nuclear power station conversion (which I am happy to have here). With nuclear power the area is already committing to energy contribution. A giant solar farm would be an over representation of energy contribution from an area that consumes little energy.

North and South Clifton are home to several wildlife and vegetation whose habitats are already in danger. Building the solar farm would destroy these habitats and put several animal groups at risk. The area also has several bridleways and country walks that the solar farm would change the surrounding landscape of.

The area is vulnerable to flooding. If the solution is to build taller panels then this would require taller vegetation to mask the solar farm. This high vegetation would also block sunlight and seems counterproductive in its objective.

I have bought my house in South Clifton because [REDACTED]. We have moved to this rural community for clean air and a healthier lifestyle. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. The solar farm would threaten both our mental and physical health.

Viewing Carbon emissions on a global scale, the UK contributes under 1% of global emissions. The government plans to produce and transport these panels in China, the highest global emission contributor on the planet. I think due to this the UK should not be purchasing solar panels from a nation who is the highest carbon polluter, and if the government truly wanted to cut global emissions imports from high polluters such as China, India and the US could be discouraged.

Although the government had committed to net zero in the 2024 election, it is now evident that the countryside has been deliberately targeted to accommodate renewable energy projects. I feel as though this is vindictive in nature as carbon reduction could be achieved with the existing building stock and brown belt for renewable projects.

The recent local elections have shown that the government no longer has a mandate to enact these rural proposals, especially in the areas that now (or never did) have little Labour representation such as Newark. It is my belief that enacting a proposal in an area with no support for the party or the policy is tyrannical in nature and should be opposed in a democracy.

The now reform councils have pledged to obstruct renewable energy projects. A reform victory in the next general election is likely to reverse any antagonistic net zero projects and residents like myself will take legal action if our homes are devalued by land that has become undesirable. Due to these factors an unpopular policy such as One Solar will create both catastrophic financial costs and losses for the Government.

Thank you for reading this statement. I will finally mention that I support carbon reduction, but through methods that are not unpopular and antagonistic in nature such as the One Solar proposal. I wish your Government the best of luck and hope that you go back to traditional labour values such as standing against injustice both domestic and foreign and helping the working British people.

Kind Regards

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