

I would like to express my grave concerns with the errors and inaccuracies presented to the planning inspectorate at the preliminary and issue specific hearings by Elements Green. Elements Green employ professionals who I would expect to be experts in their fields. While I accept errors can be made, I would expect figures to be checked and double checked on a matter of this importance that requires the involvement of the planning inspectorate.

How can we, both the general public and the Planning Inspectorate have any confidence in what we are being presented with by Elements Green.

We have heard a lot about the benefits of grazing sheep under solar panels from Elements Green but little about the animal husbandry and welfare aspects of the practice. I would like to see substantiated evidence that the welfare of the sheep will not be compromised.

Issues are, being able to shepherd the sheep adequately as they are hidden amongst the panels. Sheep are particularly vulnerable to fly strike (being eaten alive by maggots) and foot rot so need regular attention particularly in warm/wet weather. I would be extremely worried if increased mortality is expected but that it would be offset by the reduced cost of the grazing!

Their social needs as they are a flock animal, will they be able to see one another?