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1. Looking at the app which shows where most electricity is generated, solar is only most efficient at the height of summer when most sunlight is available.

2. Most solar panels are produced in China probably using [REDACTED]

3. I understand the efficiency of these panels decreases with age, then there is an issue with disposal. Has this been thought through.

4. Solar panels are unsightly and the wire fencing protecting them will not be disguised for some years by the planting of trees and hedges.

5. Most of the proposed panels are to be sited in small rural villages where traffic is already a problem, this will be exacerbated if this development goes ahead.

6. The village I live in has an old wartime airfield to the West of the village 50% of which is proposed for solar panels. Over the years the old airfield has become an unofficial amenity not only for villagers but for the following people.

1. Walkers. People in wheelchairs and mobility scooters are also able to take advantage of the old concrete runways which are still there.

2. Dog walkers use it on a daily basis.

3. Bird watchers. Barn owls, lapwings and skylarks all breed there and are encouraged with the help of the local farmers.

Migrating birds also use the area as a resting place. These birds find food in the area which these panels will be an obstruction. In the neighbouring wood a rare species of bat can be found the Barbastelle these could be disturbed by noise created by the installation of these panels which I believe is extremely noisy.

4. Artists also enjoy this place for the wonderful skies and views

5. Stargazers also have visited the place as it is unpolluted by light.

6. Lastly the airfield attracts people interested in the history of old airfields, so we have had a information board made to help visitors locate various places and buildings when it was operational, this of course will obscure the view if solar panels are sited on part of the airfield.

Finally, when talking to people who will have to look at these panels on a daily basis they are very much opposed to the project, only the landowners who will benefit financially are the winners.

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