

I would like to write in favour of this solar development. Too often are we seeing overblown objections from a handful of NIMBYs from a segment of the population which has time to organise and shout the loudest. The reality is that they are the minority. The majority of people do support developments such as this, and the reasons should be obvious to everyone by now. Solar developments have a huge net positive contribution to the national and local economy as is clear from the application documents (even when taking into account the modest and overstated impact on tourism). Solar and other renewable energy projects are key to the essential goal of moving our energy production away from consumable based generation methods such as gas which are costly and unsustainable. The visual impact of the site is an acceptable cost, especially when the site is operational. The small loss of agricultural land use is an acceptable cost, especially when you consider the huge area of land nationally that is currently used for the production of biofuel; the food security argument against this development, and others, is very weak. I do not want to have to tell my children in 20 years time, that the reason we are still reliant on decades old, polluting, expensive technology, is because a handful of willfully uninformed people shouted louder than me.

Stop whining and build the [REDACTED] thing.

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