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I wish my attached comments to be considered in regards to the impact on safe access to local areas during the prolonged construction phase should this project go ahead. As someone that needs to be able to get out and enjoy the freedom to walk, cycle and jog on my local area, i am concerned at the long term impact of this project.

Subject: Objection and Concerns for the attention of the planning inspectorate regards Meridian Solar Project Application

I wish to express my serious concerns regarding the proposed Meridian Solar Project and the significant impact it will have on local residents, particularly those living in close proximity to the proposal.

One of my primary concerns relates to the development and construction phase of the project. The increased volume of heavy goods vehicles, construction traffic, road closures, diversions, and general disruption will have a substantial effect on my ability to safely enjoy the local roads and countryside around my home.

As a regular walker, jogger, and cyclist, I rely on these roads and routes for exercise, wellbeing, and recreation. The prospect of large construction vehicles using narrow rural roads I feel raises genuine concerns about public safety. Increased traffic levels could make it far more hazardous for pedestrians and cyclists, reducing the freedom that local residents currently have to enjoy the area safely.

I am also concerned about:

- The volume and frequency of heavy construction traffic on local roads.
- Potential road closures, restrictions, and diversions during the development phase.
- Increased risks to walkers, runners, cyclists, horse riders, and other vulnerable road users.
- Noise, dust, and general disturbance affecting residents' quality of life.
- The cumulative impact on local communities over the prolonged construction period.
- The potential deterioration of rural roads due to heavy vehicle movements.
- The lack of foot paths in much of this area should also be a consideration.

I believe that the application does not consider the impact that such a large-scale development will have on local residents' safety, wellbeing, and ability to access and enjoy the surrounding countryside. These roads are not merely transport routes; they are an integral part of our daily lives, providing opportunities for exercise, recreation, and access to nature.

I feel that these concerns be given full consideration during the planning process and that consideration is undertaken regarding the impact on vulnerable road users, public safety, and residents' quality of life.

I wish to express my concerns as part of the consultation process.