

I would like to raise some serious points about the company in which the government ( if approved) is going to enter into very valuable CfDs with. Whilst I appreciate this is not directly a planning point it is very much a risk and reputation point for the government who are very sticky ground with recent issues. I we are to build the UKs Energy Security model it should be with reputable companies that commit to a putting UK profits back into the UK economy. ( a circular economy whihc can benefit)

Macquarie Asset Management Company, Island Green Power and Green Hill Solar

The applicant is owned by Island Power whose parent company is Macquarie Group. It has been investing in the UK since 1989 and has a range of interconnecting projects, from airports, to energy, data centres fibre connections to name a few. Some of its investments have not been successful and have had bad publicity; namely

1. Thames Water which it left £2bn in debt and had extensive sewage pollution and was fined £20m during its ownership
2. New Earth Ventures in Avonmouth, a waste gasification plant which reportedly only ran at 11% capacity.
3. A German Tax scandal allowing customers to [REDACTED] multiple tax refunds on dividends
4. The FCA fined Macquarie Bank £13m for serious control failures 2024
5. In Aug 24 The Central bank of Ireland issued a serious warning about [REDACTED]
6. Dec 25 Macquarie Securities agreed to pay a \$35 million civil penalty after being [REDACTED] to report up to 1.5 billion short sales spanning 15 years.

7. Lime Down Solar Farm- letters of [REDACTED] sent to residents from Island Power who were [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] under the condition they [REDACTED]. Island Power subsequently apologised. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and operating for maximum profit. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] where they have invested vast sums of money in high risk projects, but for whatever reason have they have walked away. The complex company structure means that all large projects are stand alone so it does not create company contagion if one fails. Their investment website clearly promotes active investing in green field sites. TrustPilot rates Macquarie 1.3/5 in Australia.

What attracts a company like this to invest in UK? I would suggest profit and [REDACTED] Clearly, the Contracts for Difference, Annual Investment Allowance, Purchase power agreements, schemes are attracting the applicant to the UK, but profits are going outside the UK and are not for re-investment in the UK. The lack of a circular economy should be a red flag and a clear warning sign to all. Green Hill Accounts have been submitted to HMRC but do not hold credit balances to support the construction and build etc. Why does the UK government and Examiners consider companies like this who clearly are not working for the benefit of the UK and its people? The applicants funding statement is very weak and sparse to say the least. There is little evidence of how it will benefit local communities and they say they will power 115k houses and portray pictures of grazing sheep. HOW MANY SHEEP HAVE THEY GOT AGREEMENT TO USE AS PASTURES? In reality they are likely to either sell it on or sell electricity to the highest bidder or even worse use as a data centre for AI. If agreed, and the latter is used can the Inspectors include caveats in the DCO that mean that they have to go back to AW, Fire Service and key strategic bodies to ensure water and fire needs are re -considered. If this were an advertisement the ASA would say they are [REDACTED] people.

Please do not approve this project