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My objections to large scale solar farm projects

Building solar farms on agricultural land is conflicting with the aim of the overall reduction of the nations carbon footprint. If less agricultural land is available for growing crops, more food needs to be imported from abroad. This costs more energy than producing locally grown food. It also means that we may achieve energy security, but we won't have food security.

Solar farms on our beautiful rolling landscape will industrialise the landscape, ruin the natural beauty and destroy the habitat of wildlife. Once the panels have been installed, weeds, brambles and shrubs will need to be kept down which will mean regular application of weedkiller which is harmful to soil and wildlife. Security fencing and lighting will ruin the rural feel in the area and create light pollution, further damaging the wildlife.

The design proposals of proposed solar farms sound great, but they are unachievable. It is impossible to implement a project of this magnitude in harmony with the landscape. Hedges are proposed to be planted but these are unlikely to be able to screen the solar panels on the rolling landscape. Views will be ruined and local heritage will be blighted by black panels in fields. It will 'forever' be there. By the way, who will be responsible if these proposed new hedges don't grow? The planting scheme that was meant to blend-in the new section of the A14 near Huntingdon has failed and no-one seems to be held responsible to meet contractual obligations attached to the planning permission. This situation must not be allowed to be repeated.

Construction will be a temporary inconvenience and I expect operation and maintenance to be relatively unobtrusive. However, I fear decommissioning will be left for the future generation to worry about and perhaps even conveniently forgotten. After 60 years (proposed lifespan), the soil will be dead and it will cost an enormous effort to make it fertile and productive again. This landscape of panels will be considered normal and those who live then will not know the beauty that once was.

There is a distinct lack of progress in building reform. There are vast amounts of roof space available on all the warehouses that have recently been built and are (unfortunately) continuing to be built. *That* is where solar panels need to be fitted. The warehouse operation can then also directly benefit from the generated energy and thereby reducing the losses and inefficiencies in energy transport.

Please refuse planning permission to the Green Hill Solar Farm project. Solar energy is a viable renewable energy source in the UK but it needs to be integrated directly into the fabric of buildings.

Regards

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