

I strongly object to this project. I live in the local area and regularly visit, walk and enjoy many of the locations that are proposed for this site. The proposals will have very detrimental effects on the landscape, wildlife, history and culture of the proposed locations.

I am very concerned about the following:

Loss of high quality farming land at a time when food security is more important than ever. Having to import rather than grow food also has a negative effect on climate change.

The suggested sites cover, or are adjacent to, areas that are rich in wildlife. The effect of these panels on wildlife is unknown and unproven, and the UK is already very negatively affected by the loss of wildlife diversity and species. The industrial levels of development that will be required in order to develop these sites will destroy habitat and therefore contribute to the loss of both wildlife diversity and species in the area and the rest of the UK.

The negative effect on the appearance of the local area - this is a beautiful rural area of the UK. As well as those who live in the area, it is visited by those who live nearby and at a distance so that they are able to enjoy, and gain positive physical and mental health benefits, from the countryside.

The development and maintenance of these panels will require significantly increased traffic and pollution which will negatively affect those that live and visit the area. The roads are small and narrow and not suited for the construction traffic that will be required. There will inevitably be noise, pollution, delays and road closures, all of which will severely disrupt the lives of those that live nearby and use these areas for recreation and exercise.

It looks likely that some people will also be forced to leave homes that they have resided in for many years to make way for this project.

I fully support the use of solar power and renewable energy and all of the power that we use in our own home is from renewable sources. I believe that it is perfectly possible to supply the power required by the UK from renewable sources without destroying a vast section of the fast disappearing countryside and wildlife that we have left in the UK.

The UK should be prioritising other forms of producing renewable energy before we even begin to consider desecration of the countryside and our wildlife. We should be considering local smaller scale generation projects that benefit local areas (rather than shareholders and foreign interests) as well as developments built on car parks and industrial sites as other European countries have done.