

I fail to understand why we need to sacrifice good farmland used for growing food for our community- it appears totally shortsighted. Rather we should be supporting farmers to enable them to make a sustainable livelihood, rather than seducing them with irresistible handouts. This is last minute because we have just returned from France: no ugly boards covering the countryside taking valuable farmland. What value will the farmland have post solar panels and how many more people will be forced off the land without the purpose of making a living?

My father farmed a small farm and struggled to make a living but the value of achieving made him a person who knew he had made a valuable contribution in his life; something which is being overlooked in the current proposals.