

For the attention of Bron Curtis

With regard to the above application, I would like to register my strong objection again to the proposed Solar Farm and related equipment regarding this. The events in Ukraine have served to increase the necessity to use this prime arable land for food production and not to take it out of use for most of everyone's lifetime of up to 40 years, certainly mine. We are surrounded by increasing numbers of warehouses and new housing estates upon which many solar panels could be fitted and unused brownfield sites all of which could replace this short-sighted need for Solar Farms on food growing land. Why are these given planning permission without the stipulation of fitting solar panels. This is energy to feed into the grid for everyone not local requirements as they like to imply!

Implementation of this scheme would have a **negative impact on employment in the area (farm workers)** and **greatly reduce the mental health and wellbeing benefit of walking and exercising in this rural landscape**. It would also cause a **degradation in outlook from the various PRow's that traverse or bound the area**.

Solar arrays can only generate at their rated output during daylight hours on sunny days during summer months when typically demand is low!

Local Authority policy (CS15) on Implementing Sustainable Development, states that proposals must:-

Respect the local context and character of the District

Make a positive contribution to the local character shape and scale of the area

Prioritise the use of Brownfield land for development

Make efficient use of greenfield land and scarce resources

Cause the already existing flood problems to increase due to faster rainwater run-off. Flowton Brook was impassable to private cars three days this year. The recent clearing out of the watercourses in the Bullen Farm area has already sped up surface water flowing onto Tye Lane. The increased rate of flow off the proposed solar panels will cause the lane to be impassable to vehicles on more occasions.

The proximity of the Bullen Lane sub-station is the overriding reason this area has been targeted. This is not and should not be considered as a valid reason to allow its approval.

We do not want to see our picturesque and productive area change into a fenced-in industrial landscape.

Yours faithfully

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