

Dear Ms Morgan,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed planning application for a solar farm in our local area, 22/03873/F. While I support the use of renewable energy and drive an electric car, I strongly believe that this development would have a negative impact on our community. Thank you for allowing those of use who missed the deadline for objections to contact you directly and have our thoughts considered too.

Firstly, I am concerned about the loss of productive land that would result from the installation of the solar panels. The land in question is currently being used for agricultural purposes, and it seems counterintuitive to replace this with a solar farm. The loss of productive land is not allowed under planning rules as it would be detrimental to our nation's food security and sustainability. I attach the agricultural assessment associated with a grainstore application on the site which appears to show yields that indicate that this is productive and viable land and therefore not eligible for use as a Solar Farm.

Secondly, This will create an eyesore. We have suffered with the traffic from HS2 and East West rail, our roads are in an appalling state and now it is intended to glass over our fields when there are brownfield sites available. With the support of the council, I am sure the developer could find plenty of roofs to place appropriate solar tiles or panels on the local industrial estates and recently constructed warehouses.

Furthermore, I am concerned about the additional noise pollution that would be caused by the solar inverters. The proposed development would add an additional 10dB of noise to the area, which would be disruptive to the local community. This noise pollution would be particularly problematic for residents who live in close proximity to the site. As the noise report states, "When assessing against the criteria set out by BS 4142:2014, predicted Rating Levels from the development are noted to be in excess of 10dB above the prevailing background level."

Finally, I would like to bring to your attention a previous planning application that was granted for a grain store on this site 22/01503/AGN. However, six-nine months later, it appears that the land will not be used for growing grain. This raises concerns about the legitimacy of the proposed development and suggests that it may not be in the best interest of the community. It is not unreasonable to assert that the purpose of the grainstore application is not based on the business needs of the farm and is deliberate attempt to gain planning in the future under the 10-year rule.

The developer is offering cash to the community to allow the development to go ahead. I am told that this is legal but it seems underhand to me.

In light of these concerns, I urge you to reject the proposed planning application for the solar farm. I believe that there are alternative locations that could be considered for renewable energy development, such as brownfield sites or areas that are already industrialised. I would also suggest that further consultation with the local community is carried out to ensure that any future development meets the needs and concerns of the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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