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ST10 4NS Stoke On Trent Comments by: John Durose

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Submission: Objection

Comments: On behalf of me and my family I strongly object to the Upper Leigh Solar Farm.

I feel like we are being bullied out of the village we have farmed and lived in all our whole lives and have been proud producers of British produce for our ever growing population.

I have been working everyday ever since leaving school to enjoy working outside in the countryside. I value the nature of our beautiful village I was brought up in. Our whole farm and our dwellings are in direct view and I would be devastated on the impact of these industrial panels glaring down at me, it would ruin the view anywhere I stand on the farm. Why should I look outside my windows at solar panels and not the applicant. As stated in the Glint & Glare report our property would be affected in the morning for more than 3 months of the year. I do operate machinery on the farm and deal with livestock if my vision is distorted for a slight second it may affect my safety and those of my workers.

I am majorly concerned about the hazardous substances and toxic materials that will be brought to the area possibly entering the soils and watercourse. My livestock and neighbouring farmers livestock drink from the River Blithe and therefore at risk. The developers have no consideration for residents and are only concerned about filling there own pockets. They do not understand our area. I would be interested to see if they have solar panels surrounding their houses. This development is to have a financial affect on me and will decrease the value of my property and other neighbouring properties, with the developers gaining as well as the applicants.

Also the applicants have recently made a substantial investment on the farm facilities for livestock and would be a real shame to let good produce growing ground go to waste when there are plenty of young farmers who are willing to work that just want the opportunity. We are currently needing more agricultural land to help support our farm and there is not much available within the area.

Please consider that British Farming needs supporting in order to sustain the UK's future.

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