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Submission: Objection

Comments: I wish to object to the planning application of the Solar Farm with associated infrastructure for the following reasons:-

Location/Traffic Management - Not only will the proposed solar farm be an eye sore to anyone travelling in or out of Leigh with the panels being located so close to the road, the traffic management factors highlighted in the report are incorrect. Leigh Bank is NOT suitable for HGV's. Most of the lane is single track with very limited passing points, many being located on blind bends. Having numerous HGV's travelling on this stretch of road throughout the building process is extremely dangerous. Also, whether the access point to Leigh is from Leigh Bank or Fole, transport has to travel over old bridges. There is no way of knowing if these bridges can take the weight of numerous HGV's. If these were to collapse, it would make exiting / entering the village extremely difficult.

Hazardous Substances - The development is not purely solar panels, but also includes 19 inverters/transformers, a substation compound and battery storage systems. The Lithium-ion batteries that are due to be stored are highly toxic. This could have an impact on the residents of Leigh if there was a leak or a fire.

Property Prices - House prices are likely to fall due to the eyesore / risks of the solar farm. No one will want to purchase a house near this proposed application.

No benefit to the village of Leigh - The energy that the solar farm is proposed to generate will feed back into the National Grid and not into the village in which it is destroying.

I feel very strongly that this proposal will ruin the rural environment of Leigh. An environment that many of us chose to live in instead of living in towns or cities.

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