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Comments: I do not wish to repeat the very many excellent points that have already been made opposing this application. This is not a debate on the benefits or otherwise of solar power per se, but on the appropriateness of the siting of this proposed solar farm. My own view is that this huge proposed development on green belt land will result in a loss of agricultural land, be damaging to the flora and fauna (see report from Arboricultural Officer) and be a blot on the landscape for many miles around due to the level of the site. It will be visible from Bagnall village &, in my view, impossible to screen. It is likely to negatively impact the quality of life for, not only the people who live close by the site, but anyone in the surrounding areas.

I also question what benefit this is going to give to anyone in the area or even Stoke-on-Trent. I understand that the accompanying battery storage proposals mean that energy is stored & then sold onwards to the highest bidder. No benefit even to our neighbours in Stoke-on-Trent.

However there will be a loss of beautiful countryside, which attracts visitors to the area & subsequent traffic & income for local businesses. If solar power is any part of the answer to our energy needs, then siting needs to be in already industrialised sites, new housing, rooftops etc.

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