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Comments: I object to the proposed planning application due to the effect it would have on the local wildlife and green belt land. I have grown up in the local area and my family and friends still live there. Staffordshire moorlands has this wonderful green belt countryside which would be massively affected by this decision. Referring to the Staffordshire wildlife trust report as they state we need to really think about how it will affect the biodiversity of the local area. If the need for solar panels is there, then it must be looked at none green belt areas. One of the definitions of green belt is 'To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment'. The proposed 150 football pitches of solar panels is not safeguarding the countryside for our future children and grandchildren which contradicts the argument used for solar panels from an environmental standpoint.

The amount of brownfield land available in England has increased by 6% compared with 2021 figures, according to analyses by CPRE. If there is the need for the solar panels it needs to be set up on brownfield land or industrial estates where there is already mass buildings or contaminated land. Then once those options are exhausted then look elsewhere but not when we have so much land that is left derelict. What is the point in saving the world against global warming if there is nowhere for our future generations to enjoy outside of an urban area?

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