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List of objections to the planned solar blight.

1) Landscape and visual.

It will put a visual blight on the whole area. Within the triangle of Dereham, Watton and Swaffham.

Properties in the whole area could be devalued Significantly Properties that are adjacent to the panels may become unsaleable.

The big skies and long distance views of countryside are classic Norfolk vistas and will be compromised for generations. This will also impact on the economy of the area as at the moment we attract large numbers of visitors but who will want to come here when this 'farm' is installed.

2) Ecology, Environmental and Biodiversity.

Ashill common for which the trustees have worked for years to establish a biodiverse area and will have panels placed right against the Eastern and Northern borders. This Common is under the derestriction of Natural England.

The whole area, despite the claims of RWE will suffer biodiversity wise. Fauna will have huge areas to cross and flora will find it impossible to disperse their seeds. Their claim of establishing new wildlife areas will only lead to more valuable land being taken out of production.

With regard to the Environmental issues, has Natural England been consulted and a survey carried out in regard to BATS in the vicinity and we would insist on a report being presented to the local people.

3) Traffic, access and construction.

We understand the panels are manufactured in China, they will have to be carried from the factory to a port and then shipped to England, and delivered to the sites. How much pollution will that cause. The Ashill sites and many more can only be reached using very small roads so a huge road widening campaign will have to be undertaken to access all the fragmented sites. What noise and traffic the construction may cause is unknown but it could be significant .

There will obviously be some traffic in maintaining the sites

4) Archaeology

Norfolk is renowned for its archaeological finds and these panels will be constructed across devils dyke which is monitored by English Heritage and can be viewed crossing the common. It will also be built adjacent to

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the disused railway line where a roman villa was discovered whilst it was being built.

Will the whole area be surveyed for any historical significance?

We want assurance that whole area is surveyed and results of an archaeological dig are published for public inspection.

5) Land use and agriculture

With the UK only producing about 68% of its required food and the population increasing it appears madness to take just one acre out of production let alone 4,000.

6) Noise, water and flood risk.

We don't have any facts but I doubt the project can be delivered silently. We were assured the battery units only give a light hum but we are yet to hear it.

The fact that the panels are being made in China and the construction company are German makes it even more unacceptable.

7) Health Issues

What effect will this have on the future generation and the children in our village. There is also the fact that all this comes with no warning and is causing much anxiety and mental health issues to the local residents especially those that will be directly affected by this development.

8) Other concerns that have not been addressed

Will Using this site for 'solar farm' mean that this could become a Designated Industrial area?

What are the fire risks, radiation and health risks that do not seem to have been advised on

Lastly why has Norfolk been chosen for this whole project knowing that agriculture has been the way of life in this County for centuries' and the most productive area of the country sustaining the food production.