

This should be read in conjunction with my initial objection to this project and specifically responds to the comments made in respect of my property in the document entitled "*Detailed Response On Key Issues Landscape Transport And Site Security*" dated the 31st of August 2022

Before commenting specifically on this document, I should like to point out that I did respond to the initial consultation which initially omitted show my property 8 Little Sheephurst Cottages as well as No. 7 on the map that they had posted on their website. In that I did make the point that the solar farm was far too close to my property and should add very least be removed from the field adjacent to mine

In his e-mail of the 26th of August 2021 Garth Hawkins of Statkraft stated "**I can see no reason not to take on board your comment and amend the plan so that the setback from yours and other properties on Sheephurst Lane is increased**"

This statement has been completely ignored and the plans still show the solar farm adjacent to mine and other properties. This is completely unacceptable and out of keeping with the area and its heritage.

Landscape Assessment and BESS and HV Compound

The distances stated in the report from my property boundaries are not correct – the solar panels are adjacent to my property and fill the field and the HV unit is 85 metres away not 115 metres as stated.

The report says that the HV unit has not been included as it will not be visible. This is also incorrect as at 7.5 metres high it will be taller than a domestic house and will be clearly visible and audible from my property. "Buffer" planting will not hide this unit and indeed would take some years to grow.

The reason given for no photomontage from the entrance driveway of my property is that of trespass. This could easily have been overcome by asking my permission and clearly this has not been done. This can only lead to the conclusion that the photomontage, if taken, would not support their assertion.

Visibility

The report states that the solar panels and HV unit visibility is "*negligible- low and medium from upstairs windows*".

This is most definitely not the case from the third floor upstairs window in my property - where there is a study where I work every day which directly overlooks the field in which the solar panels and HV unit will be situated.

As I sit and work at my desk daily visibility will be high as I will directly be looking at the field and therefore the solar panels.

Construction Period

In addition to the detrimental impact upon the quality of life and property values of those properties that surround this project there will be increased disruption and negative impacts during the construction period.

There will be hundreds of workers engaged in the construction with several thousand trips by vehicles which will create noise and dust pollution destroying the quiet calm of the area.

Conclusion

This project will have a detrimental impact upon the environment, the heritage of the area and the quality of life of those living adjacent to it both during the construction period and beyond.

It is for these- and the reasons stated in other objections that I believe planning permission for this project should be refused.

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