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Good afternoon.

We see that the proposed developers, Statera, have now lodged with your department the required Environmental Statement for the above

Non of which allows us to change our overall view of what is being proposed.

Whilst being fully aware of the need to get the UK, and the rest of the responsible world, to aim for net zero carbon emissions we do not believe that this should be done at the expense of the Best and Most Versatile farm land anywhere in the UK or elsewhere. We also object to the fact that these proposals are being submitted for consideration by developers and land owners that have shown little respect for the environment until profit became the name of the game.

Talking locally now, rather than nationally, we are aware of the thousands of houses that have been built in this area over the last few years with few, if any, being built with solar installations. Just think of all that wasted roof space in relation to the proposed misuse of hundred of acres of food producing land at a time when the world population is growing rapidly and environmental and man made disasters are hindering universal food supplies. The UK needs to be as self sufficient as possible to help our country to prosper, be less reliant on imports and help feed those less fortunate than our majority.

Surely by now government should have made it mandatory that builders include solar panels on any new builds or significant extensions and conversions.

Likewise with industrial roof space; and that to our thinking includes existing farm buildings. Some of our local farms have already done this but not, as we understand it, those who are endeavouring to profit by the misuse of BMV land.

Please protect BMV land from these financially greed based initiatives.

We think the UK needs to look again at small land based wind turbines that can be placed on far smaller acreages in remote but suitable corners of farm land. On a train journey across much of central Europe, in 2022, we saw many such turbines but very few solar facilities covering hundreds of hectares of what appeared to be good quality farm land. We suppose that we might have hit the nail on the head here by suggesting that land owners should be prepared to accept a much smaller financial return for the very few acres required for individual, but more efficient, wind turbines than they would be getting for hundreds of acres of solar space.

We would appreciate an acknowledgement of this email.

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