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To: Planning Enquiries <planning_enquiries@herefordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: 214619 - Planning application comment was submitted

The following is a comment on application **P214619/F** by '**Howard Mansell**'

Nature of feedback: objecting_to_the_application

Comment:

Ref: Objection to Planning Application P214619
Installation of ground mounted solar panels.
Land to the north-west of Westhide Herefordshire

Dear Ms Jenman,

I would like to register with you my objection to the proposed construction of the solar panel site on the following grounds.

1. The site that is being considered for the solar farm still has valuable growing soil and this should be taken into consideration as a major factor.

2. The visual impact of the area would be radically changed especially for those who live in close proximity.

3. I am unsure as to the suitability of the company that proposing this solar development. There is no information on their website as to any other projects that they have completed. They therefore can not have any knowledge of what local impacts this venture will have. Their proposal looks impressive on paper, but I wonder about their real experience in delivery.

4. I believe that TEKSS have still yet to secure the necessary cable route to Doddington. This would I imagine create more disruption. Any decision should not be taken until this has been fully disclosed.

5. Alternative sources of energy are, as we are all aware, going to be vital if we are to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. However, I am sure that with a little more thought these types of large solar sites could be better situated in areas of less impact. Areas such as brown field sites for example. I worry that this development could be seen as a green light for other applications on other valuable farming land.

6. Finally, I realise that the only way we can change our reliance on fossil fuels is by less consumption and by companies and individuals who will develop alternative

sources of energy supply. I have no objection to anyone making good profits from these ventures. I am sure that we will see many more applications like the Westhide one.

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[REDACTED] It seems that money [REDACTED] overrides the fact that a farm is for growing vegetables or for rearing animals. I believe that a local compensation fund of around £10,000 p.a. will only apply for the first ten years. The site lease is for thirty years.

Yours sincerely
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Attachment:

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Infrastructure from Section 106 to consider:

If the council were so minded to approve this application then any 106 monies should run for the whole 30 year life of the project and not just for a 10 year period.

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https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=214619

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