

9th March 2023

Angus Council
Planning Dept.
Orchardbank
FORFAR.

Dear Sir,


Proposed Solar Array at Suttieside, Forfar.
Application No. 22/00870/FULM.

I wish to register my objection to the proposed scheme mentioned above.

Good arable land is being wasted all over Angus, in the name of Solar panels. These Solar Farms or Arrays are cropping up all over Angus to the detriment of our food supply chain. There is already a shortage of food in the shops and this will only get worse the more ground is lost to solar panels.

Surely the Strathmore valley should be saved from being industrialised by these solar panels.

Yours faithfully,



Mossdale of Craichie

Forfar

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Comments for Planning Application 22/00870/FULM

Application Summary

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Address: Land 800M North Of Suttieside Farm Suttieside Road Forfar

Proposal: Proposed Installation of 29.1MW Solar Array with 20.8MW Battery Energy Storage System and ancillary infrastructure

Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Jennifer Lucas

Address: Pluckerston Farm KIRRIEMUIR

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I write in connection with the above planning application. I have looked at the plans and I wish to offer my full support to the proposal for the reasons below:

* Solar helps to address climate change which is the single biggest threat to UK food security.

* Proposal to be on low grade agricultural land and able to be returned to crop production after the 30-40 year development term, with no loss to available agricultural land.

* Opportunities to increase biodiversity at the site would be less diverse under conventional agricultural use.

* Soft landscaping to accommodate visual impact.

* Solar development at Padanarm is already accepted as part of the new landscape.

In conclusion I hope council looks favourably at this development and gives its full support.

Senga Barron



Angus Council Planning Dept
Angus House,
Orchardbank Business Park,
Forfar
DD8 1AN

2nd March 2023

Dear Sir

Planning Reference 22/00870/FULM – Letter of Support

I refer to the above planning application for solar and battery development at Suttieside and would like to confirm my support for this.

The Scottish Government recognises that there are climate and biodiversity crises and are actively promoting more renewable energy installations. Their target is to generate 50% of Scotland's overall energy consumption from renewable sources by 2030. Solar and battery are part of Scotland's energy mix which will provide clean, renewable, low carbon energy and will reduce our dependence on imported gas and electricity.

After the public consultation the developer has reduced the area of land under the PV panels so that they are less visible from the houses on the edge of town. There will also be much more screening around the margins than previously planned. The developer has therefore listened to the locals and taken their concerns on board.

The land under the PV panels will remain unploughed for 30-40 years so the carbon will be sequestered in the soil. This means that the carbon footprint will be reduced which is also a new SG target for farmers. The land under the panels and batteries will also be able to be returned to arable crop production as this development is capable of being dismantled after the end of the 30-40 year term. There will be NO LOSS of arable land.

Farmers' incomes are being squeezed due to the high costs of inputs especially fertiliser and fuel both manufactured from fossil fuels and it is the cost of these which are now limiting agricultural production. This development will contribute to the production of low carbon energy and by scaling this up will mean that Scotland can ultimately manufacture its own green fertiliser and hydrogen fuel for tractors both of which require carbon free renewable electricity.

Also there is a very significant area of land within the development area to be used for biodiversity and wildflower planting so rather than this land only having a couple of species of plants occurring as at present it will grow an abundance of plants which will

provide habitats for a wide range of other species. There will be a significant BIODIVERSITY GAIN compared with the monoculture at the moment.

This plan will generate and store renewable energy on land on the outskirts of Forfar right next to an industrial estate and a very short distance from a sub-station. There is demand for lower cost renewable energy from these nearby businesses and this development could satisfy this demand, ensure they comply with their renewables obligations and safeguard valuable jobs.

At one of the public consultations I also note that the developers intend to set up a community fund to support local projects which can only be good for the local residents.

I support this application as it will contribute to the provision of clean, renewable energy and will also address the biodiversity crisis.

Yours faithfully

Senga Barron

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs fiona prentice

Address: Corretto Benzil Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am objecting to the above application on the grounds outlined in my document submitted by email to planning@angus.gov.uk dated 6 March 2023. My main grounds of objection are the use of prime agricultural land for a solar array when there are so many alternative options which would not impact on capacity to produce food.

FULL COMMENTS BELOW

PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE 22/00870/FULM

OBJECTIONS TO SOLAR ARRAY AT SUTTIESIDE FARM, FORFAR

BY FIONA PRENTICE, CORRETTO, BENZIL, FORFAR DD8 3NJ

1. Having been born and brought up at Suttieside farm and lived through three generations, my grandad, dad and brother farming the land and making a reasonable living from it, I find it totally wrong that the developers can state that it is unproductive land! All types of crops were grown on the farm such as oats, barley, wheat, turnips, potatoes and grass for silage to feed a good stock of cattle. A good cattle herd was always the main interest of each generation and the resultant manure was spread each year nourishing the soil. The loss of seven out of ten fields which make up Suttieside Farm mean that it will never again offer a viable living.

I find it very short sighted of the sottish government to continue to allow prime quality arable land to be used for the purpose of solar electricity production when there are so many alternatives for producing renewables. The amount of land in angus which is in the process of being given over to solar could amount to 12 square kilometres and given the financial incentives to both farmers and developers this can only get worse!

With Scotland already importing probably more than 40% of its food needs and shortages on the shelves becoming more apparent, to naively give over even more of our food productive land is ludicrous.

The agricultural land classification of Suttieside is 3.1 as per the Hutton Institute and not 3.2 as the 'so called responsible' developers state!

2. I find myself very distressed on a daily basis and very concerned for myself and the residents of the town of Forfar that such a lovely/privileged amenity for walking, running and cycling will be turned into a total eyesore of an industrialised site/area. Detracting significantly from the investment made to develop the Forfar Path Network.

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3. I have been fitted with a heart pacemaker and know that I need to avoid areas where there is electromagnetic current. The proximity of the solar array is of concern for my health.
4. Unfortunately, I had a serious road traffic accident (through no fault of my own) while working with Angus Council. This has resulted in the loss of sight in one eye. Living in the closest residence to the proposed solar array there is a high risk of glint and glare in the morning and again this causes me considerable concern. I note that the developers intend to use non glare panels however being an artist I am well aware that non-reflective glass does not stop intense reflection.
5. While the developers don't anticipate high levels of noise from the array, I have concern that the high winds experienced at the Benzil will result in considerable noise whistling through the structure of the panels.
6. Being at the mouth of the valley between the Hills of Finavon and Pitscandly the Benzil is subject to very high winds. Storm force winds will become more common in the future and I am worried that the panels which are only secured into the ground by spikes could be lifted and blown towards our house by prevailing winds.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Catherine Brewster

Address: Newhouse of Eassie Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Given the need for cheaper renewable electricity I think this will be of great benefit to the area. Money will be donated to the people of Forfar. The area is being well landscaped and there will be more biodiversity than there would be if left current agricultural use.

The area it would sit on is adjacent to an industrial site so not your typically pretty rural setting!

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Paul Kerr

Address: 11 Berryhill Dundee

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:*

Angus Council Planning Department
Angus House
Orchardbank Business Park
Forfar
Angus
DD8 1AN

6 March 2023

Dear Sirs

Application Reference: 22/00870/FULM

Proposed Installation of 29.1MW Solar Array with 20.8MW Battery Energy Storage System and ancillary infrastructure

We are a food manufacturing business based at Carseview Road, Forfar, and we wish to record our **support** for the above planning application. We believe that approval of the project will lead to significant national and local benefits, viz:

- Issues surrounding both climate change and energy dependency on global, national and local levels are becoming increasingly important, and this proposal presents our local community with an opportunity to assist in a meaningful way with the transition from the carbon-based generation of electricity to one which is based on renewable sources.
- The proposed installation may offer the prospect of a direct feed of renewable power to businesses on the Suttieside trading estate. Like many organisations we are committed, and, indeed, will be required, to move towards Net-Zero carbon emissions over the coming years, and the direct feed of solar-generated power will help us to achieve that goal.
- Access to cheaper power would reduce one of our main production costs, thereby providing increased financial security to our business, and helping to safeguard the employment of 120 members of staff, the vast majority of whom live locally.
- The location of the proposed development is not in a wholly rural setting but, rather, is adjacent to a trading estate. Even so, the developers have addressed concerns raised at public consultations regarding landscaping issues and have made significant changes to accommodate visual impact concerns raised by neighbouring parties.
- By approving the project Angus Council will not only be playing its part in helping to address national and international sustainability issues, but will be bringing support to the local community through a fund that is being established to support local projects.

We believe that the proposed project offers many benefits and we strongly support its approval.

Yours faithfully



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Customer Details

Name: Mr Keith Barron

Address: Squirrelwood Oathlaw Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:As we look at alternative sources of energy I feel that projects such as this should be supported

PLANNING APPLICATION REFERENCE 22/00870/FULM

Objections to Suttieside Solar Array.

By Neil Prentice, Corretto, Benzil, Forfar DD8 3NJ

- 1. Use of Prime Agricultural Land.** The developers website and Planning submission papers claim that the development site is Land Capability for Agriculture (LCA) class 3.2. The James Hutton Institute (JHA) holds the LCA maps produced originally by the Macauley Institute. Alan Lilly, Senior Soils Scientist within the JHA has confirmed by email (attached) that the partial coverage, 1:50,000 scale map should be used to determine the appropriate LCA rather than the more general 1:250,000 map. On the 1:50,000 map Suttieside farm, the development site, is category 3.1(see attached screenshot) and therefore regarded as prime agricultural land (Category 1 to 3.1). The maps held by SEPA, to which the developer confirmed they referred at an on-line consultation on 22nd November 2022, are the same. At that consultation (see Suttieside Solar website) the developers stated that as responsible developers they deliberately targeted low quality agricultural land. Clearly therefore they should accept that developing Prime land would be irresponsible.

While both Angus and Scottish wide planning policy currently accepts the use of prime agricultural land for solar developments, the policy emphasis is on use of brownfield sites, vacant land and roofscapes (e.g. Restenneth, Orchardbank and Don and Low). The use of prime agricultural land for solar developments most of which have a lifespan of 40 years or 2 generations, should therefore be regarded as the exception rather than the rule, particularly given global concerns regarding food security (see objection 18).
- 2. Traffic Access.** Construction traffic will be using the road access into the Forfar Driving Range and North Mains Farm. This access is single track with the first section leading to the Driving Range and Café steeply sloped. Traffic accessing the track must wait on the B9128 until this section is clear. The popular café results in considerable traffic movement so there is scope for conflict and a back up of traffic on the B9128. The track to North Mains Farm is also part of the signposted Forfar Path Network which is well used by walkers again giving scope for conflict with Construction traffic.
- 3. Impact on the Forfar Path Network.** The signposted Forfar Path Network which provides pleasant rural off-road walking, running, and cycling opportunity, adjoins the proposed array site, parts at an elevated level. The proposed development will introduce an industrialised landscape (see photo of Pressock site) closely adjoining these paths, significantly detracting from the current amenity enjoyed by users. Tayplan Policy 8, refers to Green Networks and includes Forfar as a “Strategic Development Area” (2 on Tayplan Map 8). The key priority of green networks is to improve access and health for communities providing multifunctional space for lots of important activities. In addition to the paths, the road around the Benzil area is used for several competitive running and cycling events each year, as well as being extremely popular for informal activity given its easy access to the countryside from the town.

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4. **The site is open aspect with little or no division between fields.** The planning application claims that only 14.1 hectares of the site will be covered in panels. This is misleading. The panels are over 3.1 metres in height therefore the unobstructed visual area of coverage will be nearly 28 hectares as the land between panels will be largely obscured. Perimeter planting will only partially mitigate this on reaching maturity 7 to 10 years after planting. The “Strategic Landscape Capacity Assessment for Solar Energy in Angus” refers to “Landscape Character Effects” respecting field patterns. This development proposal does not respect field patterns, visually amalgamating 6 fields and significantly increasing perceived human influence on the landscape.
5. **Loss of Visual amenity.** The residents of Suttieside Rd and the Benzil area currently enjoy a rural landscape. The location chosen for the viewpoint 2 photograph (Benzil) was not taken from the highest point in the road at Corretto. At this point you look down onto Fields 1,2 and 3. A large solar array such as that proposed presents an industrial style landscape surrounded by high security fencing with numerous warning signs erected thereon along with CCTV cameras (see attached photograph of Pressock solar array). The road is also very popular with walkers, cyclists and runners. The amenity of the area for these uses will also be negatively impacted.
6. **The development lies less than 2 kilometres from Murton Air strip.** Glare from the panels could have an impact on the safe use of this popular leisure airstrip.
7. **Noise.** Arrays of this scale give off an audible hum as electricity is being produced particularly on bright sunny days. The type of tilt and turn panels proposed to track the sun will also involve many small motors running simultaneously.
8. **Benzil is an old scots word meaning strong wind.** There will be noise created by the wind whistling through the panels and their superstructures. There is also concern regarding the designed wind tolerances of the structures given the increasing risk of storm force winds associated with global warming. The prevailing southwest wind will blow any debris from the site towards the Benzil houses.
9. **Flood Risk.** The developers have carried out flood risk assessment, but large areas of the development site were flooded by overspill of the Lemno burn during the downpours of 17th/18th November and 30th December 2022. The battery storage facility in particular lies close to area susceptible to flooding. The National Planning Framework 4 advises that “a precautionary approach should be taken, regarding the calculated probability of flooding as a best estimate, not a precise forecast. For areas where climate change is likely to result in increased flood exposure that becomes unmanageable, consideration should be given to alternative sustainable land use.” Electricity and water don’t mix. The minor road serving the Benzil and Carseburn areas floods at a low point near the turnoff to Hatton Farm on a regular basis. Global warming will increase the flooding risk. The large area covered by panels will increase channelled run-off to the Lemno, particularly on rainy overcast days when the ground is saturated and the panels are less likely to be tracking.

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10. **Glint and Glare.** There will be a high risk of glint and glare particularly when panels are tracking early morning and evening sunlight. Houses in the Benzil area will be particularly susceptible to early morning glare as will adjacent road users and potentially traffic travelling from Aberlemno towards Forfar. Traffic on the B9128 and users of the Forfar Driving range will also be impacted in the evening. This is not refuted in the Planning submission which refers to “screening proposed around panel areas is expected to obstruct views of panels once sufficiently mature”. Are we to accept the negative impact of glare for 7 to 10 years?
11. **Impact on Tourism facilities, Forfar Driving Range.** Users of the Forfar Driving Range will be looking onto the solar array which lies on ground rising above it towards the northeast. This is likely to have a negative impact on the use of this site, particularly on bright evenings.
12. **What guarantees are there regarding decommissioning of the site.** During the 40 - year lifetime of the site, the developers have admitted that ownership could change hands on several occasions. Experience in the USA suggests that enforcement of Bonds aimed at securing the decommissioning of arrays are often unsuccessful. It is understood that the panels to be used for this development are manufactured in China and are not covered by any recycling agreement.
13. **The myth of ongoing agricultural use.** An Angus based sheep farmer has confirmed that insurance costs associated with grazing sheep under solar panels are exorbitant and make grazing unviable. For tracking panels of the type proposed to be used at Suttieside, grazing is simply impractical as at morning and evening the bottom of the panels will be no more than 50cm above ground level.
14. **Loss of fields used by Geese.** The fields at Suttieside are used as feeding and roosting grounds for geese migrating in and out of the area. There are also many skylarks nesting in the area.
15. **Community Benefit Fund and 3 phase supply to Industrial properties.** These potential voluntary offers on the part of the developers seek to buy local support for the development and should not be treated as a material planning consideration.
16. **Phasing of development, if approved.** On questioning, the developers’ agents stated that the last phase of site construction would be the landscaping. There is no reason that this should be the case as most screening is around the periphery of the development and would not constrain erection of the panels. For a previously developed solar site at Pressock (developed on grade 2 LCA land, contrary to the developers claim), the site was to be landscape screened from the minor road past Pitmuis. This landscaping has never been undertaken (see attached Photo). Interestingly, the PAC report submitted as part of the application makes no reference to landscaping as part of the construction process.
17. **Viability of Suttieside Farm.** The loss of 7 substantial fields means that Suttieside will no longer be a viable independent farm unit.
18. **Cumulative impact of solar developments on farmland in Angus.** Based on LCA maps produced in the 1980’s Angus held almost 11% of all the Prime agricultural

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land in Scotland. This land lies in the lowland areas of Angus and its area has been eroded over the last 40 years by encroaching housing, industry, leisure, forestry and now renewables. Most of the approximately 850 hectares of solar array sites, approved, developed or subject to a current Planning Application Notice in Angus, including large scale sites to be determined by Sc Gov, are on Prime Agricultural Land as defined by the LCA 1:50,000 maps. With the viability of farming being squeezed and the average age of farmers in Scotland being over 60, a policy of encouraging hugely profitable (for farmers and developers) solar development on Prime land could quickly get out of control. This is of particular concern given that the area of land suitable for crop production is likely to be further eroded by global warming within the 40 year lifespan of these arrays, with major impact on food security. The current dearth of fresh produce on supermarket shelves is an example of this. The NFU has warned that the governments attitude regarding the UKs capacity to import its food needs is naïve.

19. **Return to Agricultural Land.** After 40 years of producing “low cost” energy, what is the likelihood of the land being returned to agriculture. The impact on the Grid would be significant if all of the sites currently being muted are taken off-line within a short timescale.
20. **Biodiversity claims.** The developers place much store on their proposed investment in biodiverse planting. The biodiversity of insects and pollinators is threatened worldwide. Studies have shown that electromagnetic radiation, including that produced from inverters and transformers as will be used on this development, should be considered seriously as a possible complementary driver for their dramatic decline.
21. **Protecting Green Space around Forfar.** Page 9 of Angus Development Plan states, “Angus Council has defined development boundaries to protect the landscape setting of Angus Towns and Villages and prevent the uncontrollable spread of development”. The National Planning Framework 4, encourages Local Development Plans to use “green belts to support their spatial strategy as a settlement management tool to restrict development around towns and cities”. Protecting Suttieside Farm as part of such a green belt could be seen as complimentary to Tayplan Policy 3, which supports the development of Forfar as an Agriculture Services Centre. The former tenant of Suttieside (bought out to facilitate the solar development) regularly tested products on behalf of neighbouring business Ritchie Implements and this was used in company promotional material.

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Email correspondence from Alan Lilly, Senior Soil Scientist, James Hutton Institute.

----- Original Message -----

From: "Allan Lilly" <Allan.Lilly@hutton.ac.uk>

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 4 Oct, 22 At 11:45

Subject: RE: Suttieside farm , Forfar, solar farm proposal.

Hi Neil, this is a common problem that we encounter. The land was classified as 3.2 on the 1:250 000 reconnaissance mapping but classed as 3.1 on the more up to data and more detailed mapping. We state on our website '*Capability maps use soil data along with information on other properties, such as climate or landscape, to classify the land for a specific purpose such as the Land Capability for Agriculture Classification (LCA) – an assessment of the capacity of land to produce food. **We strongly recommend that the 1:50,000 Land Capability for Agriculture is used in preference to 1:250,000. Where it exists (predominantly in the agricultural lowlands of the south and east of the country) the 1:50,000 scale map information is seen as the definitive mapped assessment.***

Class 3.2 falls outside of the definition of Prime agricultural land.

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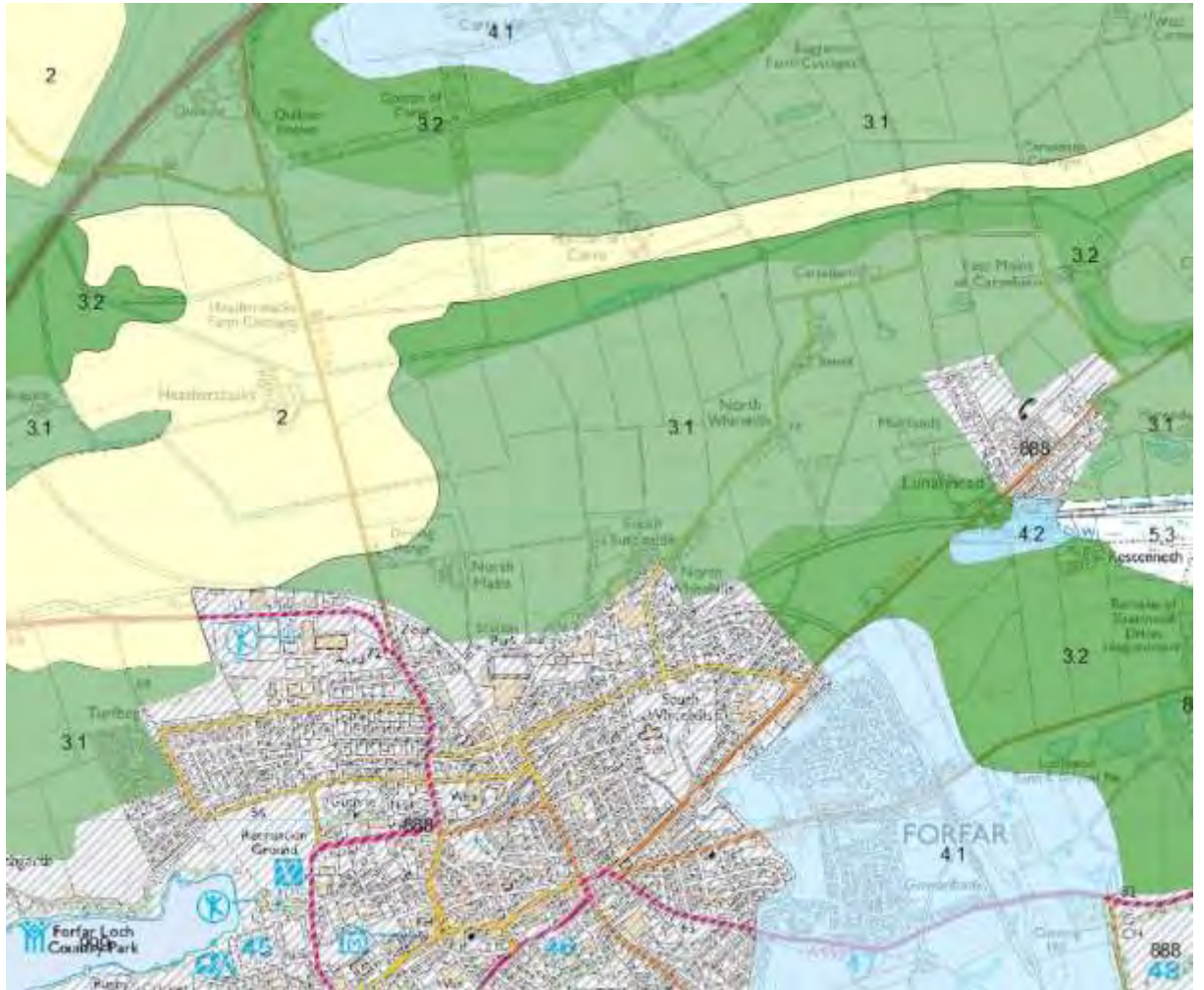
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Screenshot of 1:50,000 scale LCA map.



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Pressock solar array.



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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Kenneth Soutar

Address: Millview Old Brechin Rd Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I spent my early life living and working the fields with my dad on Suttieside Farm. The land was good then and now and should be used to produce food not electricity, particularly when food security is under threat and there are better alternatives for producing electricity. I walk and cycle past the Benzil every day and take pride looking across Suttieside down the valley and to the hills. The scale of the solar farm will transform this into an industrial landscape. This would be a sad loss to the people of Forfar, many use the road in the same way as I do.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Agnes Soutar

Address: Millview Old Brechin road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Growing up in Lunanhead and now living in White Hills I know the area well and having seen the solar site at Pitmuir which looks like a POW camp, it seems ridiculous that the council would allow this to happen at Suttieside. The electricity produced will go straight to the national grid and will not mean cheaper electricity to the people of Forfar.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Catherine Miller

Address: 94 Dunnichen Avenue, Gowanbank, Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Although I am in favour of solar power the use of agricultural land is not acceptable. All my life crops and animals have been raised on this land. We have a growing population in Angus and should be looking at ways to grow more food not less.

Had this been wind power where crops can be grown in conjunction with the supply of power I would not object.

I am also concerned that the access road by the driving range is a path I walk and cycle regularl. The pavement from the town to the driving range is narrow and in poor condition (unfit in my opinion to being a joint path and an accident waiting to happen) Are arrangements being made for pedestrians access during the building faze.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Miss Kirsty McIntosh

Address: Suttieside Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Miscellaneous

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: While I am in support of any attempts to expand renewable energy, I do not believe this proposal is something which will genuinely benefit the local community or local flora and fauna.

Firstly, despite proposed benefits to the community, it is clear by reading about other solar farms and research, that these are only possibilities - not guarantees. Most of the produced electricity will go directly to the national grid and it will potentially take 10+ years for any financial benefits to reach Forfar. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that those from the local community will be offered any jobs from this project at any stage, especially given that this is an England based company. Plus, given the cost of living crisis, we need to utilise viable farmland to produce more food locally.

Secondly, although the project proposes to create a wildlife friendly environment around the finished site, there has been little to no consideration of the damage that will be done to the existing natural environment.

How much time will it take for wildlife to return after a destructive construction?

Will the presence of large solar panels, security fencing and security lights actually encourage animals to return? Or will it only scare them off forever?

Suttieside is full of precious wildlife from deer to rabbits, foxes to bats. The fields are home to migrating geese every year as well as countless species of birds year-round. The proposed solar farm is devastating for this diverse, beautiful population.

Finally, it has been shown that the construction of these farms (many far smaller than this proposal) is actually very harmful to the environment. Panels are made from non-recyclable materials, non-renewable fuel is used by the vast amounts of vehicles required for construction and maintenance.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs KAY ADAM

Address: NEWHOUSE OF GLAMIS GLAMIS FORFAR

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am in support of Clean renewable energy, I think the Solar Array will be of great benefit to the local area and people of Forfar. There will be huge biodiversity benefits for this area, on the edge of the town, next to an industrial estate.

The Agriculture sector has been at the centre of fierce debates about global warming, Since Solar panels rely on sunlight, which is a renewable resource, it means that your energy production is not contributing to greenhouse gas emissions, Solar energy is a feasible solution to minimize the negative environmental impact of the agricultural sector, no more harmful gases, noisy machines just quiet surroundings full of wildlife and all pollution free. A helpful way to diversify a farm business while contributing to the UK's climate fight to have Net Zero Emissions by 2050.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Ms Elaine Joiner

Address: 72 Suttieside Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Why are Angus Council Planning Department even considering this application - the proposed development is on prime agricultural land (graded at 3.1) and should be protected by them - not allowed to be eroded away by every developer who decides to encroach on our fertile Angus farmland.

Solar power - great but put it on the many rough uncultivated areas around or what's wrong with roof space ?

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Address: Land 800M North Of Suttieside Farm Suttieside Road Forfar

Proposal: Proposed Installation of 29.1MW Solar Array with 20.8MW Battery Energy Storage System and ancillary infrastructure

Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr David Tasker

Address: 21 Esk Court Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I believe it can benefit the local community and help the environment

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Angus Spence

Address: 5 Muirlands Court Lunanhead Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to the approval of this development on the basis that the ownership of the development is not British based.

The benefits will go abroad and there will be zero benefit to consumers of the electricity produced. Critical infrastructure such as this development should not be permitted where benefits go out of the country.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Ian Baxter

Address: 69, Suttieside Road Suttieside Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am objecting to the above application for the reasons I have outlined in an email document which I sent to planning @angus.gov.uk

My main reasons are the use of Prime Agricultural Land, the effect it will have on the visual amenity of the area and the inefficiency of Solar Panels to generate electricity.

FULL COMMENTS BELOW

From: Ian Baxter
Sent: 08 March 2023 10:11
To: PLANNING <PLANNING@angus.gov.uk>
Subject: Planning Application : 22/00870/FULM -Objection.

PLANNING APPLICATION REF. NO 22/00870/FULM
OBJECTION TO SOLAR ARRAY AT SUTTIESIDE FARM FORFAR
BY IAN BAXTER 69 SUTTIESIDE ROAD FORFAR DD83NH

1. Contrary to what the Applicant claims Suttieside Farm is Prime Agricultural Land which is confirmed by The James Hutton Institute..It has been used for this purpose for many decades and as such its use should remain for the purpose of food production. I personally have witnessed the use of the land over the past 42 years being a resident adjacent to the farm. A variety of grain crops, barley, wheat, corn, along with potatoes and turnips. Cattle breeding of fat cattle, where its grassland is used for grazing and feeding on its own grown hay. All of the produce of the farm is used in our food chain and this must remain so.

We grow only 60% of our food and import 40% and the Farmer's own representative the National Farmers Union has very recently advised the Government of the urgent need to retain our farmland for an increase in growing our own food. This has never been more evident and relevant at this present time with the constant reminder of the progressive Climate Change which is causing food shortages in the other countries which we import food from.

With the removal of nearly 70 acres of the land for a Solar Array will surely be the end of Suttieside Farm as a viable farm unit for food production which is necessary to maintain our own food production.

2. The proposed site borders the Forfar Path Network for a considerable distance from North Mains Farm in the west to Benzil in the east. These footpaths are used by many local walking enthusiasts and dog walkers who enjoy the visual amenity of the area. Visitors to the area are also known to use the footpaths and they too enjoy the visual amenity of the area, hence the reason for the creation of such footpaths.

Should this Solar Array go ahead it would be a huge unsightly blot on the visual amenity of the area as there is little or no division of the fields in question. It will also impact on the visual amenity for the nearby local residents and others frequenting the area using the roads such as residents of the town, dog walkers, runners and cyclists as the roads are used by the Local Cycling and Running Clubs as part of their competition routes.

3. I'm not against Green Energy and the use of Solar Panels but at any cost and not in any place. The use of Prime Agricultural Land is not the place to site them, and to do so is totally inappropriate and irresponsible and needs to be discouraged by the Angus Council. The development of Solar Arrays should be directed to Brownfield sites and the roofs of Industrial premises such as those in close proximity to the proposed site in Carseview Road.

Solar Panels are not the most efficient at producing electricity. By far the most efficient green system to generate electricity is Wind Power and Offshore more so as one Offshore Wind Turbine can generate power for 16,000 homes. A 140 acre Solar Farm is said to be capable of powering about 9000 homes. The application is for a Solar Array of approximately 69 acres.

4. Should the Planning Department allow this development to go ahead then you open the door for an over proliferation of these Solar Arrays on our agricultural land throughout our beautiful and scenic County of Angus, which we need to preserve. My understanding is that we have already lost 1200 acres to such developments, enough is enough..

I respectfully request that you give due consideration to my objection.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Miss Shona Forbes

Address: Benzil Farmhouse Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:Objection 1 of 2

Glint and Glare:

The area surrounding the Benzil is a very popular route for walkers, families, runners and especially dog walkers. I have real concerns that the glint from the panels will be a serious hazard to pedestrians from road users, as the screening will take years to fully mature and people use this route from early morning to late at night. As the report provided in the planning application is a desk-based study, this will not reflect the true elevations of dwellings in comparison to the proposed site, and I do not believe the screening will be effective to prevent constant glare towards the surrounding properties on a much higher scale than their reports suggest. An increase in people working from home and having office space looking out towards the site, could potentially have a negative effect on both the home life and working day of the residents in this area.

Safety Concerns:

I have serious concerns regarding the safety of having Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in such close proximity to residential homes, businesses and local path networks.

There have been numerous international incidents and unfortunately loss of life due to fires at these sites. During September of 2020 in Liverpool, thermal runaway produced flammable and toxic vapours resulting in a "significant blast event" which took Merseyside Fire and Rescue (MFRS) 59 hours to extinguish with information having to be passed on to the immediate community regarding the potential toxicity of the plume of smoke. I do not want this level of risk to be near any residents or businesses and object to 14 of these BESS being placed on this proposed site.

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Customer Details

Name: Miss Shona Forbes

Address: Benzil Farmhouse Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:Objection 2 of 2

Safety Concerns continued:

The report regarding the Liverpool incident (objection 1 of 2), demonstrated that the BESS had all appropriate fire system warnings and preventative measures in place but with a temperature rise of 40 degrees in under 2 minutes, this demonstrates how quickly an explosion can happen. Debris were propelled between 6 meters up to 23 meters from the point of origin, and a door "had been blown off its hinges and had ripped through the yellow safety rails before landing in the compound. These doors are of substantial weight and it would have taken great internal pressure and force to eject them to the distance observed."

The quote below has been taken from a bill that is awaiting a second reading in parliament later this month:

We have to heed warnings from experts such as Dr Wade Allison, professor of physics at Oxford University, who said that "although batteries are essential to our world, naively multiplying them while ignoring safety questions is dangerous and negligent. That is what is happening. Large-scale battery energy storage systems should be classed as hazardous establishments in order to be regulated appropriately."

When members of parliament are pushing to discuss BESS and are quoted as saying: "we cannot allow lithium-ion battery storage facilities to continue as they are and become another legacy fire issue, with all the risks that that entails to the lives of the people we represent and the environment

we want to protect", then I feel strongly that this planning application is one that should not be approved.

It falls within the remit of all Local Authorities to take responsible decisions when considering applications of this nature. These decisions must ensure the safety and well-being of the people who reside there, and again for this reason I do not believe permission should be granted.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Chris Ogg

Address: Benzil Farmhouse Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Suitability of the Site: During the Scottish Gov debate dated 25th May 2022, it was stated that there is "no proper plan in the UK for a future with disrupted food supplies" so why would any council in good conscience allow multiple fields of prime agricultural land to be taken out of use for decades, especially as food shortages are being highlighted in the news, and shops are already limiting purchases of certain food items?

Nowhere during the above debate was it encouraged to use prime farmland, but rather the focus across parties was to utilise rooftop space in the first instance for generating an increase in solar energy. Surely this should be the first option so that both renewable energy targets can be met without impacting on future food security. Installing solar panels on public buildings, social housing and making it a planning condition that new build developments all have solar panels installed, should be the priority over losing vast amounts of prime farmland for future generations. On a similar thread, should there be constant approval of solar farms on agricultural land, where are the next generation of farmers going to learn their trade? The future of farming in Angus will be put at risk for generations as prime land will be lost to projects such as this and there will be no incentive for young people to enter farming as a career.

Having looked at the soil maps for Scotland it shows clearly that the entire area proposed has been classified as 3.1 therefore this site should not even be given consideration.

Noise: I have concerns regarding the noise generated from wind whistling through tens of thousands of individual panels. Residents will be subjected to a lifetime of constant wind noise from the solar farm as there is minimal shelter/protection from the elements in this area. With the increase in stormy weather, this must also increase the risk of panels becoming continually damaged which could reduce the effectiveness of the site anyway

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Ms Elizabeth Anderson

Address: 73 Suttieside Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I strongly object to this project on many points but my main point is the use of prime agricultural land - in a climate of food shortages do you really think this is the best use of the land - of course not - its a complete and utter waste when there are so many more options. I am all for green energy but not at the cost of some of the best farming land in the county. The land being considered has been used for growing potatoes, barley, grain, turnip and grazing cattle for decades and decades so why waste it? As for the 'wetland field' the developers mentioned - it has been farmed for as long as I can remember - it is not wetland. What is wrong with the roof tops of all the businesses in the industrial estates - follow Don and Low's example.

There is also the visual impact to consider - we are very lucky in Angus to have some spectacular countryside on our doorstep and to spoil this and the network of walks for all to use is not acceptable.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Valerie Baxter

Address: 69 Suttieside Road FORFAR

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am objecting to the above application for the reasons I have outlined in an email document which I sent to

planning@angus.gov.uk on 8th March 2023.

My main reasons for the objection are the use of Prime Agricultural Land, the need to retain it for food production along with detrimental effect it will have on the visual amenity of the area.

Full email comments below

Sent: 08 March 2023 13:00
To: PLANNING
Subject: Objection to Planning application 22/00870/70/FULM

PLANNING APPLICATION [REF.NO 22/00870/70/FULM](#)
OBJECTION TO SOLAR ARRAY AT SUTTIESIDE FARM FORFAR
BY VALERIE BAXTER 69 SUTTIESIDE ROAD FORFAR DD83NH

1.As has been confirmed by the James Hutton Institute Suttieside Farm is Prime Agricultural Land and has been used for decades for the purpose of food production.I have personally witnessed for the past 42 years having resided in Suttieside Road the growing of various grain crops, barley, wheat and corn along with potatoes and turnips.The breeding and rearing of cattle on its grasslands and growing off hay for their feeding..All of these crops and animals are produced and used in the food chain

It's well known that we only grow 60% of our food and we import 40%.The farmer's own Representative body the National Farmers Union have recently advised the Government the need to retain our farmlands and increase our own food production. .With the recent lack of food in our Supermarkets due to the ever increasing Climate Change which is having an effect both here and the countries we import food from, the need to do this has never been more relevant.

2. The site for the proposed Solar Array borders the Forfar Footpath Network which I personally use on a regular basis.

It stretches from North Mains Farm in the west to Benzil in the east. The paths are used by many local people as a pleasurable walk for exercise and also by dog walkers. I have also met visitors to the area who also enjoy the visual amenity of the area.

Should this application be given the go ahead it will have a detrimental effect on the whole area and will remove the enjoyment of using the path network. Who wants to be looking at an unsightly Solar Array adjacent to the footpaths,.certainly not me for one and there will be many others who would share the same sentiments.

3. The Visual Amenity of area will change not just for the Footpath user as outlined above but also for the local residents and others who use Suttieside Road adjacent to the proposed site such as the townspeople who use the road regularly for pleasure walking,road runners and cyclists who use the road as part of their competitive routes set out by the local Running and Cycling Clubs.

4. I support green energy.but not Solar Arrays on food producing Prime Agricultural Land and to me should this application be granted by Angus Council Planning Department I consider it inappropriate as we need to retain such land for the purpose it was intended. We in Angus have already done our bit in providing some 1200 acres of our agricultural land for this purpose so let's preserve the beautiful countryside of Angus.

I ask that my objection be taken into account as you consider the application.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Drew Speed

Address: 77 Glengate Kirriemuir

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:Scotland wants to hit net zero by 2045 therefore this project helps reach this target.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr John Hyslop

Address: Sandown Montrose Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Improper use of agricultural land, loss of visual amenity, noise, impact on tourism.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Ann Hyslop

Address: Sandown Montrose Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This project is far too close to housing and the town of Forfar . I am concerned that valuable agricultural land is being used when our food supply is unreliable

Why not use rough land far away from human habitation for such projects where there would not be an adverse visual impact . I was horrified to learn that in Angus an area the size of Arbroath is currently being considered for solar farms . Keep these solar farms hidden !!!

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Anne Greenhill

Address: Mianza Suttieside Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Miscellaneous

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:Part 1 of 2. Loss of local habitat reduction of agricultural farmland which we need badly potential electromagnetic waves from solar batteries. Solar power is a threat to the economy & to human health, the last comment often goes unchallenged or barely challenged at local level. Solar panels are using up a lot of valuable agricultural space. Solar panels can collect during cloudy & rainy days but the efficiency of the solar system drops. Rooftops & brownfield sites have a role to play for solar power. Suttieside area is the complete wrong place for a solar farm,for a start this land was already working for the UK population providing food.

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Customer Details

Name: Miss Liliias Burnel

Address: 333 North Woodside Road Glasgow

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am writing to support the above planning application. Scotland needs to move away from harmful fossil fuels and this project would enable us to do so. I would strongly urge Angus Council to grant permission to this development in order to achieve Scotland's goal of net zero.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Mark Doran

Address: 133 Bailielands Linlithgow

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I support this planning application. Local authorities should be encouraging solar initiatives wherever possible in order to decrease dependency on fossil fuels and help Scotland achieve its net zero targets.

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Customer Details

Name: Miss Helen Egan

Address: 5 Robertson Terrace Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I support this application, for several reasons:

Scotland needs more clean, renewable energy in order to move away from harmful fossil fuels and to achieve its ambition of net zero. Climate change has resulted in extreme weather conditions globally and this effects food production not just in developed countries but also, and to a greater extent, in the poorer developing countries.

The boundaries of the development are landscaped with hedgerows and so visually, path and road users will not be adversely affected by the development. It looks as though the developer has taken on board landscape issues and has made significant changes to accommodate visual impact.

The proposed development sits on land next to an industrial estate including the galvanising plant and so this is not a typical rural setting.

I would strongly advise the council to approve this plan and the development in order to promote the creation and utilisation of renewable energy sources.

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Customer Details

Name: Miss Gemma Taylor

Address: 12 Clouston Street Glasgow

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I fully support the proposed application. We need to make an effort to invest in renewable energy, which we need in order to reduce reliance on expensive imported energy and to assist in domestic food production. It will also help Scotland reach its net zero target by 2045. Further, there is an existing solar development at Padanarm which is unobtrusive and has already been accepted as part of the new landscape.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Karen McIntosh

Address: Suttieside road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Although the need for renewable cheaper energy is important should it be constructed on prime agricultural land especially at a time where food shortages are increasing. The cumulative effect of solar farm applications in the Angus area will lead to further shortages and loss of farmland

The area proposed is part of a local path network which is used and enjoyed by many people as well as residents for walking, cycling, running etc vital for the health and wellbeing of all who use the area. Would a walk past a solar farm be as beneficial?

The addition of panels, batteries, fencing, security lighting etc will have an affect on the visual amenity as well as the detrimental effect on the habitats of local species such as hares, foxes, deer, bats etc

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Customer Details

Name: Miss Robyn Simpson

Address: 3 Lochbank Gardens Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I often walk this route and the solar farm would ruin the visuals and peaceful country feel of the area.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Rosina McNicoll

Address: 7 Turfbeg Drive Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I love walking in Benzil, it's peaceful and has wonderful views. It's on our doorstep and is such a valuable asset for our community. This solar development will change the landscape for ever and I can't bear what change that will bring. If this development gets the go ahead, it will be too easy to lose all the other fields in Benzil. The loss of this unique area would be a tragedy. I'm a nature lover and want to play my part in preventing climate change but this is not the way.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Lesley Millar

Address: Kyleakin Muir of Lownie FORFAR

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: My main objection to the proposed development is the loss of prime agricultural land to the construction of an industrial site. There would be other areas more suited to housing such installations, including derelict or formerly industrialised sites and, indeed, on a smaller scale, the roofs of farm and factory buildings, offices and houses - which could directly reduce the cost of electricity for the occupiers of those buildings.

There have been many proposals to build solar arrays in Angus recently and several already exist. It seems that large areas of high quality farmland are under threat of being lost for decades. It is even possible that the land would never come back to agriculture after 40 years of solar panels as the preparation required to return the land to a cultivable state would be considerable. With world difficulties such as wars, climate change and increasing food costs it is important that our capacity to produce crops at home is increased rather than reduced.

A few of the other problems, if this development were to go ahead, would be the adverse impact on the Forfar path network, the disturbance to wildlife, glint and glare, flood risk and the spoiling of the area's visual amenity .

Where good farmland exists it should be nurtured, and renewable energies - of which solar power is probably not the best option in Scotland - should be developed on more appropriate sites. Another objector who has researched the matter well, gave the information that to 'farm' energy a large amount of land is required to produce a small amount of energy. Efficiency is widely documented for Solar as an average 11-15 % (Offshore wind is 40 %) and between 6-8 acres of land is needed to produce 1MW of energy)

I ask that my objection be taken into account when this application is considered.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Kirstie Cownie

Address: Cosy Neuk Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: My objections are as follows:

Proximity to the Town - The proposed solar farm would be too close to the town, and I am concerned that it would have a negative impact on the quality of life for residents. The visual impact of the solar panels may be overwhelming, causing an eyesore that detracts from the natural beauty of the area. The construction and operation of the solar panels may also cause noise pollution, which could be disruptive to residents' peace and quiet.

Safety Concerns - The proposed solar farm would be situated too close to the town, raising safety concerns. In the event of a fire or other emergency, the solar panels could pose a significant risk to residents' safety. Additionally, the construction of the solar panels may create traffic congestion, increasing the risk of accidents on the road.

Cumulative Impact - There are already several industrial sites proposed in the area, and I am concerned about the cumulative impact of these projects on the local environment and community.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the proposed location of the solar farm and explore alternative sites that are farther away from the town. I believe that the negative impacts of this solar farm, particularly with regards to proximity to the town, outweigh the potential benefits.

Thank you for considering my objections to this project.

Sincerely,

Kirstie Lorna Cownie

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Ms Nicola Cownie

Address: 2 Jeanfield cres Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: i love walking and often go on various walks around forfar with my mum but the benzil is our favourite walk

it would be a shame to ruin the views with the proposed solar farm and i think an alternative sites should be sought instead of using agricultural land

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Karen Small

Address: 19 Bankhead Terrace Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This development is far too close to the town and on a prime walking network around Forfar. This walking network was imperative to the public's mental health during the pandemic and remains this way now. Taking this pathway and its beauty from the Forfar people will be detrimental to their mental health and the local authorities should start supporting the community and their needs rather than encouraging large companies to take away our beautiful countryside. Angus has many other areas much further away than the Forfar town that this project could be implemented.

This is prime farmland being used and given the difficulties in sourcing food in this day and age this land could certainly be put to better use.

The local authority need to stand by their people and respect our needs.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Miss Chloe Gillard

Address: 6 kingscroft Kelso

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Marjorie Thomson

Address: 45 Morlich Road Dalgety Bay Dunfermline

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This is an area of outstanding natural beauty. It is also within close proximity of several homes. The noise from the turbines will cause distress and anxiety for these residents. Appalling that planning has been granted for this on farming land that could be utilised to produce food.

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Customer Details

Name: Miss Maddie Clarke

Address: Gardeners Cottage Newhouse of Glamis Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Solar panels will help the government reach their net zero targets.

David Attenborough has released a new program 'Saving Our Wild Isles' and he talks about the dramatic decline in wildlife and natural habitats in Britain including wildflower meadows. This application shows that they will be planting a significant acreage of these much needed wildflower meadows. It will increase biodiversity hugely in the outskirts of Forfar - where it is really just the boundary of a brownfield site at the moment - and provide locals a lovely view, rather than just mono culture fields.

I urge the council to support this application for the benefit of wildlife, local community and the energy crisis.

The land can then go back into food production after the lease period is over. This will have allow the soil to rest and recover, store carbon and not be degraded in any way over this time.

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Customer Details

Name: MaryB Ballantyne

Address: 10 Turfbeg Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Absolute need for sustainable energy sources in our area. This suggested project makes good economical sense as well as being good fit environment. Panel recycling improving as is battery recycling and we need to move with the times. Good suggestion of give back to Forfar too. Fully support.

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Customer Details

Name: Miss Ellen Clark

Address: Brechin Road Kirriemuir

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Fully support this application, we should be encouraging renewable development and investment wherever possible in Angus.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Karen Kennedy

Address: 3 Callander Cottages Gowanbank Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I would like to object to this plan. This is an area I loved for over 25 years and grew up at Suttieside. I believe this is detrimental to the visual and countryside.

So why would we want to put solar panels on valuable agricultural land at a time when we need it most?

If we take out 55 hectares of land that is used for producing food...then where are they going to produce it?

"Food security is one of the things that we feel quite strongly about.

Its a lot of land. It's not necessarily all prime agricultural land, but it's still a lot of solar farms.

They have to take up so much land, but they still produce relatively little energy

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Customer Details

Name: Miss Kirstin Reid

Address: Cromleybank Ellon

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This development will help the government achieve its net zero goals. It will sustain the local economy and also the farms on which it is based.

Subsidy from the government is soon to stop as we are no longer part of the EU. Many farms will struggle without this support, hopefully this development will atleast give some assured support in this unknown time. and allow these farms to continue to provide foods for the shelves. The price of fuel, feed and fertiliser has all gone up greatly and this has meant many farming businesses have had to re look at things and diversify, these farms being no different.

The fields that the panels will be put on have had intensive farming cultivations on it and giving them a break from cropping will significantly improve the soil health. Also the habitats that the wildflowers will create will be second to none. Currently the fields will have no biodiversity, this will be a huge step towards an eco Forfar

I urge the council to support this application

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Sarah Millar

Address: Ferneyhill cottage Kelso

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This is a green energy project which I therefore wholly support in the fight against climate change.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Bronwyn Armstrong

Address: Colville House 4 Forestfield Kelso

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I approve of solar projects as is vital to our commitment to greener living. Climate change won't wait.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Clare de Bolle

Address: Mainhouse Kelso

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Supportive of such projects as need to look at collaborative alternative energies and Scotland needs to lead the way Solar panels are a good solution

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Alex Gibson

Address: Double Dykes Brechin

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Absolute negative on property values nearby. This is perfect agriculture land and the impact on wildlife etc is another negative impact in that area. Other sites should be considered.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Angus Millar

Address: Kinreich Mill Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: With electricity prices continuing to increase, this is a cost effective plan to offset electricity costs with green energy.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr David Baird

Address: Lurdenlaw Kelso

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Solar is a great use of space. Good environmental program for the future.

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Customer Details

Name: Diane Milne

Address: The Coach House Forestfield Kelso

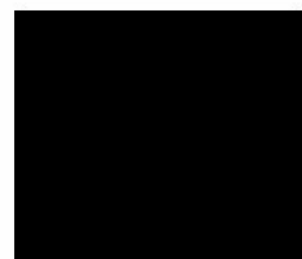
Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I support this application



13 March 2023

Dear Sir

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Scotland needs to start generating significant amounts of renewable electricity so that we can become less dependent on fossil fuels. Farmers can't grow crops without fertiliser and energy is needed to make fertiliser. Without renewable energy there will be no food production.

A solar farm with battery storage at Suttieside is as good a place as any and will be of benefit to everyone. It is arable land but it is not the best arable land. The land can then go back to arable production in 40 years once other methods of renewable energy have been developed.

Putting solar panels on factory roofs will not be enough to generate all the electricity needed to replace oil and gas.

I support this application.



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Customer Details

Name: Mr Jamie Ferguson

Address: Wester Binzean Blairgowrie

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I comment in support of the above application.

The most common reason for objection here is the 'loss of prime agricultural land which needs to be in food production'. Can I ask if those using that reason are currently managing or running a farm in this climate? Do they know the costs of fertiliser, herbicides, pesticides, machinery, fuel, seed, gas, and electricity for producing a food crop? My guess is no. You wouldn't continue to run a business in any other industry where you work ridiculous hours and can then barely draw a wage. Why should a farm be expected to? A solar farm is a product of on-farm diversification and if the farmer has exhausted all other options to become more profitable, why should this be objected on the grounds it does not produce food?

The land in question has been in food production for many decades, but has anyone considered the damage this has done to the land and the soil structure? Installing the solar farm on this land will give the soils a break and strengthen the nutrients in the ground which will aid the planned biodiversity.

Farming is not the same as it was 50 odd years ago so it is meaningless to start reminiscing about Suttieside farm in days gone by. Farming practices have changed, technology & machinery advanced and yet food is still too cheap believe it or not, the prices you see in Tesco do not for a second reflect the price farmers get.

I'm glad to see so much concern about food security yet there is no consideration of the cost of producing said food. May I suggest we look at the level of food waste in Scotland where Zero Waste Scotland reported 987000 tonnes wasted in 2013, I wonder how many times that could be spread across this proposed area! Those concerned about the view, the panels have been moved back out of sight from Suttieside rd houses as a result of the consultation.

I urge Angus Council not to be taken in by these objecting comments who are not under the same pressures as farmers.

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Customer Details

Name: Miss Sam McGovern

Address: 1/R 21 Pitfour Street Dundee

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This proposal location will effect my livery yard where over 40 horses reside. Taking away precious hacking routes (this is for some horses the only time they will get off property) and solar farms like this one create glare in the horses and risers eyes creating possibly dangerous situations for both horse and rider. These solar farms take away precious farm land that could easily be used for food production or animal grazing... Solar panels could be easily added to homes across the city and country side where there is already plenty of unused space on roofs and such. Our yard like many of Tealings residents strongly object this proposal.

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Customer Details

Name: Nicola Peddie

Address: Ednam East Mill Kelso

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Miscellaneous

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This has to be a good project as it provides environmentally friendly sustainable energy which will probably help bring energy costs down for everyone. This proposal totally supports ways to save our planet and use the natural resources we have. I'm all for it.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Becky Rettie

Address: Deuchrie Dunbar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Marc Gourlay

Address: 8 Sir James Duncan Gardens Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:with the approval of the sse hydro at coire glas which enough to power 3 million homes where is the necessity for this? with the other solar farms at craignathro and momtreathmont and existing windturbines how much electricity do we need?. certainly wouldn't reduce our ever increasing bills. This is prime arable farmland that can never be recovered and after 10/15 years will end up as housing stock in what is meant to be protected land. This project will be overtake the view of forfar. The photographs that the company have taken are not from the best positions. ie not the highest point at balmashaner.

as homeowner with solar panel and very much into renewables these are very restrictive in what electricty they will produce. over the winter month nov dec and jan they will produce next to zero and even in summer months they are restricted to on average 6/8 hours per day where as a wind turbine has the capacity to produce 24/7 . This would be a better less intrusive option than a solar farm

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Lindsay Stewart

Address: 15 Balmashanner place Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Community Council

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I regularly take my dog for a walk around that area as I have relatives that live near by. I believe this would spoil the view/countryside and be a bit of an eyesore. We need to preserve the environment around us and this would be non beneficial in my eyes. This would discourage people to walk around and may harm farms etc in the area.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Avril Stewart

Address: 15 Balmashanner Place Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This is a beautiful angus route for walks around this scenic part of Forfar. The introduction of the solar system will change the beauty of this area. This will have a detrimental effect on the wildlife and nature. This is a local area which is very much part of the community which should be maintained.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Claire Milne

Address: 4 Hillpark Place Birkhill Dundee

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This is totally unacceptable for local community, using good arable land

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Frances Joiner

Address: 72 Suttieside Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The question surely is - should solar development be allowed at all on rich farming land - especially given the current crisis in food supply.

Having attended the developer's information sessions they have tried to play down the prime arable land of Suttieside but having resided here for 42 years I have seen the many crops and farm animals utilising this land.

This large scale industrial proposal will have a profound effect on the visual appearance of the currently rural vista and would be at odds with the surrounding countryside - a real white elephant - and - with a proposed life of 40 years!

The environmental impact is potentially huge, solar panels dominating prime arable land along with the toxic run off from the panels is bound to wipe out wildlife in this large area and in all probability leave a dusty desert unable to sustain crops or provide feeding for farm animals in the future.

As a resident and avid walker in the Suttieside area I am greatly concerned with the impact this development will have - there are large numbers of people who utilise this area - cycling, walking, jogging and generally enjoying this beautiful natural countryside, being good for mental and physical health. A particular concern is part of the Forfar Path Network off Carseview Industrial Estate, accessing between Hewdens and Jewsons and traversing right next to the proposed solar site along to North Mains Farm - surely this is not acceptable?

I am all for solar power but not when it takes away our farmland, surely alternatives should be explored and encouraged first - roof space for example (Angus Council buildings perhaps) rather than sacrificing our precious farmland which will surely become more vital in the future for food production.

Please give my objections your consideration.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Helen Taylor

Address: St Colms, 91 Glengate Kirriemuir

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:Marvellous to see renewal development finally happening in Angus. It is sad to see other regions benefitting from renewable energy- windfarms/ solar and yet Angus planning has lagged behind. The current energy crisis means the need for renewable energy is even more essential.

I hope the council will support this development. The impact on the environment will be minimal .

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Julie Archer

Address: 20 Potters Parks Crescent Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I believe this site to be unsuitable for the proposed solar farm.

This is beautiful agricultural land, and will be spoiled by this huge installation.

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Customer Details

Name: Miss Carol Kinmond

Address: 1 Glencoull Mill Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This is prime agricultural land and should be used for this purpose, it will also disrupt the Forfar Path Network

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Customer Details

Name: Miss Claire Dyce

Address: 77 Lord Lyell Drive Kirriemuir

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am writing to support the above planning application based on the following points:-

Scotland needs more clean, renewable energy in order to move away from harmful fossil fuels and to achieve its ambition of net zero. The Scottish Government has said there is a climate and biodiversity crisis. Solar and battery are part of Scotland's energy mix which will provide clean, renewable energy and will reduce our dependence on imported gas and electricity at a costly price.

Climate change has resulted in extreme weather conditions globally, take Spain as an example. We need cheaper renewable energy in order to reduce reliance on expensive imported energy and to assist in domestic food production (eg. for cold stores for potatoes, soft fruit, grading facilities, light and heat for growing salad vegetables in greenhouses).

The boundaries of the development are landscaped with hedgerows and so visually, path and road users will not be adversely affected by the development.

The land under the PV panels will remain unploughed for 30-40 years so the carbon will be sequestered in the soil meaning that the carbon footprint will be reduced. The land under the panels and batteries will also be able to be returned to arable crop production as this development is capable of being dismantled after the end of the 30-40 year term. There will be NO LOSS of arable land.

There is an existing solar development at Padanaram which is unobtrusive and has already been accepted as part of the new landscape.

Working in the agricultural industry, I know first hand the struggles and cost increases farmers are facing from fuel to fertiliser to price of land to gas and electricity prices - the list goes on and our food gets more expensive in the meantime.

Therefore from the points above, I have no hesitation in supporting this development which I believe is going to greatly benefit Scotland's net zero target by 2045.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr George Joiner

Address: 72 Suttieside Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: We all believe in solar energy being the way forward but surely it should not be at the expense of the prime farmland of Suttieside. In my view the Planning Department should not be considering solar applications which use up vital arable land in Angus. There are a good number of areas of unused, undeveloped scrub land in Angus and that should be a planning directive to developers rather than surrendering our precious farmland to whatever London developer decides to target Angus.

The example of Don & Low proposing solar development of the roof space at their Orchardbank factory is forward thinking and should be commended - just think of all the roof space of Angus Council buildings!

With regard to the proximity of the proposed solar development to residential dwellings, there are a great many concerns which cannot be dismissed ie constant noise, glint, glare, the effect on home technology for example wifi, electrical surges, fire risk from battery storage and potential health impact on residents. No one knows these things and it will be the residents in the affected area who will have to endure any or all of these for the next 40 years. Is it acceptable - hoping the developer's reports they have produced are right? Bearing in mind they all state their reports are not in particular to the actual development and results may differ (in effect meaning nothing).

It is too easy to wave away valid concerns of the local community in order to back the Scottish government who are pushing solar development and ask that Angus Council give vital consideration to protecting our Angus farmland and therefore refuse this application.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Shona Martin

Address: 15 Dunnichen Avenue Gowanbank Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I don't believe this is of benefit to the local environment

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Alex Martin

Address: 15 Dunnichen Avenue Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: No benefit to local environment

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Customer Details

Name: Mr colin dakers

Address: 17 ST. MARGARETS PARK ST. MARGARETS PARK, FORFAR

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:

I would like to say i am in favour of this solar farm for a cleaner renewable energy supply.

This development will come with huge biodiversity benefits, the land is on the edge of town next to an industrial estate, not a typical rural setting. The developer has taken on board landscape issues and has made significant changes to accommodate visual impact.

The solar farm at Padanaram does not impact the landscape and is already up and running.

I think this will benefit future generations to come as we are trying to get away from fossil fuels and use wind and sun.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Mark Clark

Address: Grampian Growers Logie Montrose

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: As MD of a Grampian Growers Limited, a Farmers Cooperative based in Angus, I am fully supportive of this application at Suttieside Farm by Forfar. Farmers are being forced to diversify, due to escalating on farm costs, resulting in traditional farming becoming unprofitable. Scottish Government are striving for Net Zero in 2045, and the farming sector, albeit partly responsible for the problem, is also a major part of the solution. Electricity costs are crippling farms and farming related businesses, included our Cooperative Grampian Growers. Our own members have invested heavily in many forms of renewable energy over the last 10 years, and this application at Suttieside Farm is an excellent example of what our farming industry requires, to return a traditional farm to profitability, along with creating a sizeable solar farm which will benefit residential and commercial users of electricity.

I travel extensively in the USA and Europe on business, and solar farms, are becoming widespread on farmland across vast areas.

The next generation of farmers will have to work hard to generate a profit on their farms, and this project will create that element of future sustainability to the benefit of not only the farm but the local and wider community.

I wholeheartedly support this proposal

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Proposal: Proposed Installation of 29.1MW Solar Array with 20.8MW Battery Energy Storage System and ancillary infrastructure

Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Blair Lowson

Address: 23 Hillside Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I support the proposal for the installation of a solar array. There is a clear need to shift away from harmful fossil fuels and use clean, renewable energy. This proposal would do exactly that by providing clean solar power which could be used by nearby businesses, helping to reduce their ever-increasing bills. The installation would also contribute toward meeting Scotland's goal of net zero. I would urge the council to support this proposal and grant permission for the development to encourage the production and use of renewable energy sources.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Stephen Murray

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I do agree we need more green energy Solar being part of the jigsaw this proposal on prime agricultural land according to the Hutton institute is a shocking waste of productive land . At a time we should be looking towards food security as well as energy security for the UK this type of development belongs on unproductive land the only reason for the site that is proposed is its close proximity to the substation there for maximising the developers fat profits at everyone else's cost there has already been farm land given over to solar developments in Angus and I'm sure there will be more in the future. But it should be about siting them thoughtfully rather than allowing developers to site them on max profit sites. The farm land around Suttieside and the Benzil has always been a local amenity for not just the Forfar residents but visitors alike used extensively by walkers runners and cyclists also forming part of the Forfar path network most of these users comment on how beautiful the area is and this I'm sure contributes to its popularity which I'm sure will change for ever if we allow an open air power station to be built Most solar developments I have seen are not visually maintained and look very unsightly. All of this to produce the same amount of power as 2 offshore wind turbines At the cost of the tax Payers investing in the infrastructure to bring the power on shore. This proposal is so wrong on so many reasons

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Gavin Prentice

Address: 12 Kingfisher Avenue Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I feel the solar development could be situated in a more suitable location. On unproductive land, away from settlements.

We have a finite area of good agricultural land in Scotland, predominantly along the east coast and the more we encroach on it the more dependent we will become as a nation on imported food.

Post-Brexit this is becoming more challenging and at the detriment of British farmers. I'm all for renewables but in the right place!

Other reasons for objections would be:

- Impact on Forfar Path Network
- Loss of Visual Amenity for residents, road and path users

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Gregor Menzies

Address: Flat 11 54 Station House Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This project would completely ruin the beautiful landscape of the area. Whilst renewables are important, it is equally important these projects are situated in the right place where there is minimal impact on people's quality of life.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Hamish Menzies

Address: 3 Slatefield Place Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This is not the site for this "Green energy" apparatus. The town of Forfar will not benefit in any way whatsoever from this. Grade 2 agricultural land required for food production to help lead into food security for our futures. This should be thrown out at once!

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Fraser Anderson

Address: 7 Potters Park Crescent Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Object

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Ian John Baxter

Address: 7 Burnview Suttieside Road Dundee

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I was a resident adjacent to Suttieside Farm for 18 years and saw it as a Farm of Prime Agricultural Land producing a variety of grain crops, potatoes and turnips, cattle were bred and reared for fattening for beef and all of its produce put into the food chain.

To use a large part of its land to be used as a Solar Array I believe is wrong and must not be allowed to happen. In this present time of food shortages surely the land of Suttieside Farm must be retained for the ever increasing need to produce more of our own food and be less reliant of imported food. We already import 40% of our food and this need to be reduced.

The visual amenity of the area is very scenic and pleasing to the eye and to take this away is unthinkable. Many Forfar townspeople and visitors to the area frequent users of the Forfar Path Network and Suttieside Road as they enjoy the beauty of the whole area. The Angus Planning Department must not allow his application to be granted and spoil the visual amenity of the area for residents and visitors.

I'm not against Green Energy and support Solar but there are more suitable areas to site solar panels such as unused Brownfield sites, the roofs of Industrial Commercial factory premises such as the nearby Carseview Industrial Estate.

I ask that you take my objection into account when you consider this application.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Ms Anne Macintosh

Address: 2Duke Street Brechin

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Moving to renewable energy, and increasing biodiversity in the countryside, are national targets. Every business has an obligation to take steps to move to net zero, and roof-mounted panels on factories will not generate enough energy to replace oil and gas. In this application, the land is situated on the edge of town, next to an industrial site, and is not in rural Angus. The original plans have been altered significantly to take landscape issues into account and will be well screened to reduce visual impact.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Alan Walker

Address: Mavisbank North Whitehills Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to the proposed installation for the following reasons:

1 - Road Safety: site access route from Suttieside Road. This is a 60mph single track road that is poorly lit with no pavement and unmaintained verges. It is frequently used by pedestrians and cyclists to access the Forfar Path Network.

2 - Loss of Amenity: the proposed development is bounded on 3 sides by the Forfar Path Network which in Angus Council's words are "a great way to explore the countryside around Forfar". I would consider the industrialisation of farmland immediately adjacent to the Path Network to be incompatible with this statement and will be a loss to those that use the Path Network.

3 - Food Security: the loss of productive farmland that has cereals and potatoes grown in them. Brownfield sites and rooftops should be prioritised for solar developments not greenfield sites.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr John Oliphant

Address: Ivy Cottage Benzil Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I do not object to Solar power generation but do feel concern for farmland to be used for this purpose. Angus has a reputation for high quality food production yet the number of solar farm applications, either constructed, screening, or applied for now exceeds 1200 hectares - this is not sustainable

Unfortunately the Investors for Suttieside Solar are based in Spain and although the Company is UK registered it can be assumed that profits will go overseas.

Solar is just not as efficient as other forms of renewable energy and so large swathes of land are required to generate a moderate amount of energy. I acknowledge a need for a diverse range of energy but it needs to be efficiently generated.

The Suttieside development does not provide an economic benefit to Forfar as there is no job creation or any financial gain from the commercial enterprise to the Council, If these 'industrial' schemes are being encouraged there should be a financial benefit to the Council to help with providing services for the community as a whole. The community grant does not help the services of the Council.

In recent days Food Security has been highlighted as a concern by leaders of NFU Scotland and NFU England and Wales as a high percentage of food is imported to the UK. These leaders are advocating that the UK should be more self sufficient in food production. Our World has changed in the last 12 months and there is no doubt that many questions are being asked about energy, living costs etc.

Over 50,000 solar panels will be used in this development with battery storage and ancillary buildings. Surrounding the site 'screening' is to be planted of between 5 and 10 mtrs in height. Users of this rural amenity, so close to the town of Forfar, will be dwarfed by this screening. This will also have a visual impact from a low open vista to a densely planted screening, the like of which has not been seen in this area before.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Susan Oliphant

Address: Ivy Cottage Benzil Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: 1 of 2

It has to be commended that Murray Planning Consultants have listened to the concerns of locals and met with residents at their homes who have great concerns about this development. The plans have been amended more than once BUT I still feel that this development, so close to the town, is inappropriate.

I do not object to Solar, BUT the problem with the installation of solar arrays on an industrial scale to 'farm' energy is that a large amount of land is required to produce a small amount of energy. Efficiency is widely documented for Solar as an average 11-15% (Offshore wind is 40%) and between 6-8 acres of land is needed to produce 1MW of energy.

Over the past year our World has changed, war in Ukraine, energy crisis, cost of living crisis. It is worthy to note that the leaders of NFU Scotland and NFU England and Wales have expressed concern that the UK imports so much food-in fact the word used was 'naive' to believe that food security is not a major issue and that farmers should be looking to produce more food in the UK as a priority.

Biodiversity seems to be a 'buzz' word and enables developers to tick required boxes. It is not suitable for all farms, but regenerative farming allows hedgerows to flourish together with a band of ground left around the field to allow grasses and wildflowers to flourish.

Suttieside Farm has been classified as 3.2 - lower grade farmland. If 3.2 land is used for solar then where are the crops currently grown or livestock grazed going to go?

It is disappointing to see the report submitted by Soils Ltd - a purely desktop study - grades the

land as 3.2 but has used a screenshot from the website Scotland's Soils which 'shows' the land grading as 3.2 but Scotland's Soils uses 1:250,000 maps for the purpose. The James Hutton Institute advocates that maps 1:50,000 be used for Land Classification as this shows the land in much greater detail and the grading is printed on the map.

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Comment Reasons:

Comment:2 of 2

The Scottish Government's NPF4 says that the use of agricultural land may, where necessary, be used for renewable energy. Interpretation of this document is key and it should not be used as 'the rule' but rather the 'exception'. If all renewable applications were to be approved citing NPF4 as 'the rule' then no agricultural land would be left for food production!

The solar arrays are to be sited north to south and are of the tracker type. This means for periods of the day the solar panels at the eastern end of the development (Benzil area) will be facing uphill. Recommendations are that panels should not face uphill for glint and glare and although these panels are non-reflective this will not wholly eradicate glint and glare. As some properties at Benzil are in an elevated position they will possibly be affected by this.

It seems ludicrous that a 40 year timespan of a constructed industrial site can be termed 'temporary' and promises made today of what is to happen at the end of the term will be hard to implement. The planning consultants stated at the Public Consultation that it was likely that the current investors would sell on the company after about 10 years - what guarantee that the terms and conditions applied by Planning now would be adhered to in 40 years' time? It is also highly likely that the Company will be sold on multiple times.

Living at the Benzil I enjoy an open rural view on 3 sides of my home and regularly dog walk in the area. However should this application be approved or hopefully refused, what restrictions can be applied by Angus Council for (a) the number of Solar Farms in Angus and (b) further solar farm applications submitted in this area?

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Fiona Anderson

Address: 7 Potters Park Crescent Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: While I appreciate that renewable energy is important, I object to the use of prime agricultural/farming land for this nature. Especially during a time where we are experiencing food shortages and extreme inflation on the price of food importation. I believe there are other more suitable options that could be utilised to help us meet renewable energy targets which would not impact on prime land and our local food security e.g. commercial/residential/public building roof space, brownfield sites. The land in question has been used for farming for decades and with an ever-growing population in Forfar and Angus, we need to be looking to ensure more farming opportunities, not less.

Also, the visual impact of this proposed development would have a detrimental impact on Angus and the area in question. This proposed development is situated alongside a very popular path network route used by many local residents, including myself, who visit the area to take in the excellent visuals which would be completely spoiled if this development went ahead as planned. We need to protect our precious beautiful countryside!

I feel that there is absolutely no benefit to the people of Forfar specifically of this development and these developments seem to be being proposed/targeted left right and centre throughout our precious Angus countryside. We need to stop this now and set a precedent before they take over and spoil our local area.

In summary I would ask Angus Council to seriously consider rejecting this application and rather look at situating these types of projects in the right places, those which would have minimal impact on people's quality of life.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Michael Greenhill

Address: Mianza Suttieside Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to this planning application on the grounds of solar farms will negatively impact the local economy. I am concerned solar farms are taking farmers away from farming. Solar panels are using up agricultural land that could be used to produce food for the local community. Other sites to be considered should be factory roofs household roofs, brownfield sites, landfill sites etc This site is totally unsuitable for solar as it is perfectly good agricultural land and has been for decades.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Gareth Greenhill

Address: Mianza Suttieside Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I have lived next to Suttieside Farm for 31 years and watched cattle being bred and reared for beef. It is prime agricultural land producing potatoes, turnips and a variety of grain. Infrastructure such as this solar farm should not be permitted by Angus Council as benefits go out of the country. The ownership of this development is not British based.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Ian Armstrong

Address: Brae Farm Kintore Inverurie

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Solar panels are a vital part of achieving green energy and reaching net zero. The panels are well located in proximity to the substation. The land seems suitable as it is flat and accessible. The battery storage will be important to provide energy all year round.

8th March 2023.

Angus Council Planning Dept.
Orchardbank
FORFAR.

Dear Sir,

Proposed Solar Array at Suttieside, Forfar.
Application No. 22/00870/EULM.

I wish to state that I strongly object to the above.

Why are 50 hectares of arable land being earmarked for this development when only one-third is to be actually used in the solar array?

The Lemno Water already runs through the site and provides natural habitat for plants and insects etc.

This is a case of good arable land being wasted when it should be used for growing crops. Food production is being sacrificed for solar profiteering. A worldwide shortage of food is already affecting the shops and will only get worse, if the majority of our arable land is wasted on solar arrays.

Why not include solar panels on the roofs of all new-build schemes? e.g. factories, warehouses and other commercial premises, eliminating the need for good arable land to be wasted.

Far too many "Solar Farms or Arrays" are springing up all over Angus and the Strathmore Valley in particular. This valley is one of the most fertile areas for miles and also attracts tourists who will not want to visit the area once it becomes "industrialised" by solar panels. Vistas are being obliterated - areas which were rural idylls are being totally destroyed by this "industrialisation".

I trust the Angus Council will take a very serious look at what is happening to our countryside and way of life - including our food supply.

Yours faithfully,



A.J. McEwan



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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs JOHAN MCEWAN

Address: MILLPARK LOWNIE FORFAR

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:I OBJECT TO THIS DEVELOPMENT. WHY ARE 50 HECTARES OF ARABLE LAND BEING EARMARKED FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT WHEN ONLY ONE THIRD IS TO BE USED IN THE SOLAR ARRAY?

THE LEMNO WATER ALREADY RUNS THROUGH THE SITE PROVIDING NATURAL HABITAT FOR PLANTS AND INSECTS ETC.

GOOD ARABLE LAND IS BEING WASTED WHEN IT SHOULD BE USED FOR GROWING CROPS.FOOD PRODUCTION IS BEING SACRIFICED FOR SOLAR PROFITEERING.A WORLDWIDE SHORTAGE OF FOOD IS ALREADY AFFECTING THE SHOPS AND WILL ONLY GET WORSE IF THE MAJORITY OF ARABLE LAND IS WASTED ON SOLAR ARRAYS. WHY NOT INCLUDE SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOFS OF ALL NEW BUILD SCHEMES EG FACTORIES,WAREHOUSES AND OTHER COMMERCIAL PREMISES,ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR GOOD ARABLE LAND TO BE WASTED.

FAR TOO MANY SOLAR ARRAYS ARE SPRINGING UP ALL OVER ANGUS AND THE STRATHMORE VALLEY IN PARTICULAR.THIS VALLEY IS ONE OF THE MOST FERTILE AREAS FOR MILES AND ALSO ATTRACTS TOURISTS WHO WILL NOT WANT TO VISIT THE AREA ONCE IT BECOMES "INDUSTRIALISED"BY SOLAR PANELS. VISTAS ARE BEING OBLITERATED-AREAS WHICH WERE RURAL IDYLLS ARE BEING TOTALLY DESTROYED BY THIS "INDUSTRIALISATION".

I TRUST ANGUS COUNCIL WILL TAKE A VERY SERIOUS LOOK AT WHAT IS HAPPENING TO OUR COUNTRYSIDE AND WAY OF LIFE- INCLUDING OUR FOOD SUPPLY.

9th March 2023

Angus Council
Planning Dept.
Orchardbank
FORFAR.

Dear Sir,

Proposed Solar Array at Suttieside, Forfar.
Application No. 22/00870/FULM.

I wish to register my objection to the proposed scheme mentioned above.

Good arable land is being wasted all over Angus, in the name of Solar panels. These Solar Farms or Arrays are cropping up all over Angus to the detriment of our food supply chain. There is already a shortage of food in the shops and this will only get worse the more ground is lost to solar panels.

Surely the Strathmore valley should be saved from being industrialised by these solar panels.

Yours faithfully,



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Customer Details

Name: Mr Iain McEwan

Address: Millpark Lownie Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Ally McEwan

Address: Millpark Lownie Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:I OBJECT TO THIS DEVELOPMENT. WHY ARE 50 HECTARES OF ARABLE LAND BEING EARMARKED FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT WHEN ONLY ONE THIRD IS TO BE USED IN THE SOLAR ARRAY?

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Jennifer Gourlay

Address: benzil cottage carseburn by forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:1. Suttieside is prime arable ground

2. I have lived in the Benzil/Suttieside area for 51 years and I have seen many different crops and livestock over the past 5 decades

3. It will also have a knock-on effect for the wildlife in this area, of which I have seen deer, foxes and otters, not counting the everyday wildlife

4. Angus Council planning department refused an owner occupier to build a house in his walled garden (in the Suttieside area) so I think that refusal should be for the Solar Array

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Proposal: Proposed Installation of 29.1MW Solar Array with 20.8MW Battery Energy Storage System and ancillary infrastructure

Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Kevn Burness

Address: 73 Suttieside Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I strongly object to this project. The use of very valuable prime agricultural land for solar panels is just a complete waste of land. The council needs to look at the use of roofs and brownfield sites for this as I see the need for greener energy but not at the expense of valuable land especially when it is becoming very clear that there is a shortage of food and this will only get worse - so the council is being very short sighted if they approve this project. This is so wrong on so many levels and cannot be allowed to proceed. If this carries on we will have no land left and no beautiful views left - just barren landscapes.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Pamela Hamilton

Address: Silverhillock Lownie Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to the above because:

. Inappropriate siting of project. There appears to be a discrepancy between the developer and the Hutton Institute as to the grading of the land. 3:2/3:1

. Although Angus/ Scottish planning policy accepts prime land for solar, policy emphasis is on use of brownfield sites/ vacant land/ roofscapes etc. Taking agricultural land for solar for 40 years should be regarded as the exception rather than the rule.

. Impact on low carbon footprint food production vs expensive foreign imports.

. Impact on employment/ loss of farming skills over 2 generations.

Farming is Scotland's third biggest employer.

. Adverse impact from construction vehicles on minor roads and roads already in a state of disrepair. Will Angus Council insist on this company making good the road surfaces if approved?

. Negative impact on the Forfar Path Network due to the industrialisation of the area.

. Misleading application claim that only 14.1 Ha to have panels but at over 3.1 m height, the unobstructed visual area of coverage will be nearer to 28Ha as land between panels largely obscured.

. Loss of visual amenity due to industrialisation of a rural landscape.

. Noise impact due to tilt/ turn mechanism and generalised hum

Risk of flooding especially to area of battery storage. Global warming is increasing existing flood risks.

. Glint/ glare risk - not denied in planning submission referring to "screening proposed around panel areas is expected to obstruct views of panels ONCE SUFFICIENTLY MATURE ". Risk of glare for 5 to 10 years?

. Loss of habitat for migrating birds

. Community benefit fund. Is this a gesture to buy local support?

- . Suttieside farm no longer viable with the loss of 7 substantial fields.
- . Will this be decommissioned after 40 years? Loss to National grid if all existing plants cease production at once.
- . Cumulative effect of numerous similar plans in Angus
- . Scotland already overproduces clean energy. Private profit plan with no cheaper energy for the public.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Ruaraidh Noonan

Address: Swan Cottage, 81 Suttieside Road, Forfar DD8 3NH

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to this planning application for the following reasons:

My primary concern is the loss of vast tracts of prime agricultural land across the county, it is more evident than ever given recent global events that establishing our own food security is vital. The large number of recent solar array applications just within Angus, if all granted, will remove a significant portion of prime farmland for at least a 40-year period. The cumulative effects of such large industrial solar arrays are not to be taken lightly.

In particular converting a large proportion of Suttieside Farm to a solar array will compromise it as a viable farm unit.

I fully agree that we require further sources of renewable energy, and in that solar has its place, however that place is not on essential agricultural land. Scotland has vast renewable energy potential particularly with wind and tidal. Solar should be reserved for suitable locations, e.g. brownfield sites, land-fill and industrial or domestic roof spaces.

I note many of the comments in support of this application are vaguely well meaning, pro-renewable energy statements, these however do not consider the local area, what is being lost to this solar array and the nuanced approach required when deciding such applications.

The site itself is bounded to a large extent by the Forfar Path Network, a well used local amenity which is given value by its surroundings. This industrial solar array with panels over 3.1 metres tall and associated security fencing and cameras will significantly detract from that resulting in a loss of visual amenity.

I also have concerns regarding the glint and glare from reflected sunlight particularly in the early morning. The developers have stated that is mitigated by planned screening, however this is not expected to reach maturity for 7-10 years, it is not acceptable to expect nearby residents to suffer negative effects for almost a decade in the hope that it will eventually improve.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Laura Noonan

Address: Swan Cottage 81 Suttieside Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: My main concern is the loss of rich, prime agricultural land. We should be working towards establishing our own food security rather than further reliance on importing goods. With the grading this land has been credited, we should be ensuring that we are using it efficiently.

The site is surrounded by a local network path. This is extremely well used by cyclists, walkers etc. The current scenic views further give value to this local amenity. Health and wellbeing should be given great thought. Would the view of large solar panels be as calming and tranquil?

I also have concerns with potential glint and glare from the panels. Any noise that will come as a result of the panels, equipment for them or from vehicles accessing the site. I recognise that the company are installing screening, however this is not thought to reach maturity until 7-10 years. This is a considerable time for neighbouring homes to suffer any adverse effects.

I am not against the use of renewable energy but when it is to the detriment of prime agricultural land, I cannot support its construction. Instead, we should be utilising roofing space and derelict land for solar panels.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Jamie Donaldson

Address: 1 Taranty place Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Gets a bit close to residential housing

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Maria Ritchie

Address: 1 Clapham Lane Arbroath

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I firmly object on the grounds of this plan spoiling an area of natural beauty. Covering the land in black solar panels and spoiling landscape and the wildlife that live in the area.

The battery storage area is ludicrous and the health implications to the public has still to be investigated. Again, ruining the landscape for users and people that live in the area!

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Kenneth Ritchie

Address: 1 Clapham Lane Arbroath

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I would like to firmly object to this application on the grounds that this development will ruin an area of beauty used by walkers, tourists and the people of Angus. The vast array of wildlife that live in the area will be depleted. In a time when we should be looking after our land and wildlife I feel this type of development would be better placed in an area of wasteland.

Gas there been an archaeological survey done? This area has Pictish settlements and burial grounds.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Grant Philip

Address: 54 northesk road Montrose

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Object

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Valerie Webb

Address: 5 Smugglers Brig Road Crossford

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to this proposal because

- Scotland already produces a surplus of 'green' energy but the consumers are not seeing cheaper bills. This is a for profit project for speculative power companies and farmers.
- loss of farming jobs and expertise over 2 generations this land won't be farmed.
- the cumulative effect on the beautiful, productive county of numerous similar projects turning rural areas into industrial sites not in keeping with the environment.
- are other methods of reducing carbon footprints being pursued such as solar panels on buildings, better insulation, lower emission vehicles?

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Jean Mclellan

Address: 45 Adamton Road North Prestwick

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to this development as it concerns so much prime agricultural land in Angus is being swallowed up by numerous solar industrial power plants. I feel Angus Council need to look at this whole picture and carefully and seriously consider the consequences of giving these projects the green light. Scotland already produces an excess of renewable energy. The sacrifice of food security for two generations or more (will these plants be decommissioned after the 40 year period or will they simply be replaced so that agricultural land will cease to exist again?) is short sighted and reckless, when these power plants can be sited in less favourable ground.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Neil McIntosh

Address: 77, Suttieside road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: There will be little benefit to Forfar or Angus residents as the energy produced from this solar farm goes straight to the national grid.

If this proposal is approved it opens the door for the many other solar farms earmarked for this area. This is vital agricultural land much needed at a time of a worsening food crisis in this country. If we surrender our farmland to these developments, when their lifespan ends and they revert back to farmland, there will be no farmers to work the land.

The proposed site has only a single lane country road for access of maintenance vehicles and equipment. This road only just copes with the current level of traffic

The site sits in an area of stunning views of the Forfar countryside and the Angus glens which benefits countless people who walk this area frequently.

The planting proposed to hide the panels will take years of growth to become an effective screen.

The development will have an adverse effect on the wildlife and the biodiversity which already exists naturally in this area.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Thelma Stodart

Address: Craigview Braidwood Road Crossford

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to this plan because of the long term damage this and other similar schemes will have on our ability to provide food security for our country with the prospect of having to rely on expensive and carbon positive imports.

I am concerned about the potential for job and skill losses in farming, Scotland's third biggest employer.

The damage to existing natural habitat and potential risks to humans and animals from electromagnetic fields are also of concern - why do workers employed to clean solar panels wear anti static suits if there is no danger to health?

The emphasis put on biodiversity by the company is being touted as an improvement on what exists already but is only being offered to offset the damage the construction and operation of the plant will cause.

Scotland produces an excess of renewable energy. Could other measures to lower emissions not be used such as solar panels on existing buildings, using poorer quality land, adequate insulation, tree planting, lower emission vehicles instead of tearing beautiful, productive countryside apart?

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Ewan Drummond

Address: 1 Julia Place Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to this as this will have a negative impact on the local farming industry, the wildlife that habitat there and also ruin the lovely views too.

I have lived in Forfar over a year now and regularly walk around that area as its close to where I live as it is a peaceful walk, with the views to go with it. Obviously the walk would be less of a pleasure, with the installation of the Solar Array.

If planning permission was to be granted , I can only imagine the disruption this may cause for the locals who already live there, as it is only a little country road for all the HGV vehicles etc that will using it constantly everyday until installation is complete...

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Gavin Hedge

Address: 63b Suttieside Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: A 50,000+ solar panel and power storage site on prime agricultural land in an open aspect countryside setting which is utilised by many. This industrialisation will result in the loss of visual amenity for both residents, of which I am one, and the many who visit and use this area. Obvious factors leading to that loss of amenity include glint & glare, noise (power generation and motorised infrastructure), smell, privacy, effects on wildlife, visual aesthetic, interference with rainfall and drainage, all disastrous consequences for the local landscape whilst dramatically altering views of the countryside and its key features.

The impact on agricultural land and the ability for the UK to achieve self reliance and sustainability is significant from such a development with very little gain in terms of power production and efficient energy generation; solar is not efficient. In today's climate of geopolitical turbulence and the need for prime agricultural land to achieve food security is paramount over investor profit.

There is very little, if any benefit for the local community with an increasing portfolio of such developments across Angus only multiplying the effects of such developments and the impact on farmland and local amenity. Solar farms are not environmentally friendly and it is highly unlikely that decommissioning the site comes with guarantees and that the land will return to agriculture in 40 years.

Security & boundaries are a concern often resulting in CCTV, lighting, industrial grade traffic and light pollution all impacting the local amenity and the privacy of its residents.

Whilst I'm not against the advancement of carbon friendly renewable energy technologies, the reasoning behind site location must be considerate to food security and local amenity in order to strike an effective balance between energy and food sustainability for the future.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Gwen Fenton

Address: 1 Applehill View Wellbank Dundee

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: As a local resident in Angus and keen walker and horse rider I strongly object to Angus Council supporting the installation of solar farms across Angus. Not only is this a waste of financial resource, it is damaging prime agricultural land especially when there is a food shortage, and we in this country seem to be more interested in importing than supporting ourselves. BHS and top equestrian riders in England opposed solar farms due to glint and glare to horse riders and the effect that this can have and the loss of equestrian business, not only are horse riders being forced off the roads as it is too dangerous for us to ride, you are now taking over the area in other ways. Also the impact on path networks for people to walk and enjoy the area in a world that is meant to support mental health and you are destroying this beautiful area of Scotland. Do you really think that people will want to come to the countryside to see solar panels (really) actually think about this and come up with a plan for renewable energy that supports us all, not taking our historical area. A noise impact assessment has been completed for other sites that still read as red, where is the mitigation in this, no real assessment has taken place it's just ticking boxes. There is evidence to support that solar panels can increase rain fall is that what we need in an area that is a flood risk? I would also like to know what will happen to all these so-called solar farms in 20 to 40 years, how will you dispose of the plastic and damaged panels? How will this help with the environment, all I see is terminator movies for my grandchildren in years to come, through the negligence of people in power who are making these decisions. I understand that we need renewable energy and think there is another way that this can be worked out, by using another means for solar, look at Japan and their cycle paths, that's real design and logical thinking, you are just destroying Scotland and Tourism

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Jennifer Hedge

Address: 63B Suttieside Road FORFAR

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I believe this development, so close to the town, on prime farming land and in close proximity to the Forfar Path Network to be wholly inappropriate. Further sites should be considered such as brownfield and not one which is close to residential properties and a highly popular walking area in the beautiful Angus countryside. Angus has been targeted by these developers and research shows wind power is much more effective than solar. With the plans for in excess of 50,000 panels each with a maximum height exceeding 3 metres and no apparent plans for decommissioning this appears a form of greenwashing to gain profits for a company out with Scotland.

With food insecurity being a problem in the UK and 46% of our food in 2020 being imported surely UK farming land should be utilized for farming and placement of solar panels on alternative sites (such as roofs).

Loss of visual amenity and the incompatibility with local surroundings will majorly impact this charming area of Angus countryside, with the planned screening likely to take many years to grow. The glint and glare from a portion of the 50,000 plus panels is likely to impact our household when the light is at a low angle.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Sam Murray

Address: Runswick Benzil Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I agree with producing more renewable energy in Scotland but I don't agree with where the solar sites are being proposed. Due to the farmland being good quality it's important to keep good local farmland producing local products so we don't need to rely on overseas produce for products that can be grown locally and this also keeps costs down due to not having to be shipped or flown over to Scotland which will help keep the cost of food down. I. The proposed site is directly in front of where I grew up and continue to stay and many people walk around the Benzil and Suttieside area as it's part of the local path network which, if solar site is approved would massively impact the use of the local path network due to the unaesthetic of the industrial looking solar farm. I think this could also negatively affect the existing wildlife in the summer geese flock to the fields and with there being a small stream running along the site this could potentially stop deer from being able to drink from the stream.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Ryan Hedge

Address: Not Available

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to the proposal of a solar farm containing 50,000 plus panels along with battery storage facilities and all the associated negative impact such as noise, glare and dramatically altered views to the local rural countryside, residents and users.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Violet Cadenhead

Address: The Rowans Muir of Lownie Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to the cumulative impact of solar development on prime agricultural land in Angus and questionable return to food producing land after 40 years. The impact on amenity of Forfar Path Network and on tourism facilities. The loss of visual amenity particularly for residents but also for tourists and path users.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Daniel Hedge

Address: 29 Waterside Monifieth

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I lived in this area for 17 years and visit regularly. I object to this development as I do not believe the negative implications on landscape, land use, biodiversity and residential interference of this site have been considered.

Use of farming land previously utilised for growing crops and cattle grazing will be eradicated. The landscape, accessed by thousands every year will be negatively impacted with 50,000 solar panels at a maximum of 3 metres each.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Ken Hamilton

Address: Silverhillock Lownie Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment:* Developers inaccurately state the proposed site is unproductive land. Local farming history can disprove this.

* Food production, arable or livestock is more important than green power production. We can't grow crops or graze our livestock offshore!

* Industrial power production, by way of solar panels, has flexibility in its situation, unlike crop production which requires good quality land the availability of which is finite.

* The current geo political position of the world indicates that we require to be more self sufficient in both energy and food. Where does Angus Council's priority lie? I believe that food is more important. Without food you die.

*The benefit to the local community is minimal when balanced against the disruption caused during construction and ongoing maintenance.

*Are the council satisfied that the health risks associated with solar arrays and battery storage (Ref WHO and BMJ) are to be disregarded in our county town?

* Negative visual impact and loss of visual amenity. Effect on Local Tourism and people using the Forfar path network. Paths will adjoin an industrial power production plant.

* Negative biodiversity impact to 'The Lemno water' and adjoining wildlife 'corridors' during construction and ongoing impact unknown. EIA deemed as unnecessary!

* There is a plethora of information on Scotlands present and potential ability to produce electricity and figures are out of date by the time they are produced, However this information proves that Off shore wind turbines are far more effective than solar production.

* I urge the council to consider the negligible contribution that the Suttieside solar power station would make to the national production and balance this against the loss of the land to agriculture and associated disturbance and inconvenience to Local folk and especially neighbours in addition to the points stated above.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Shona Murray

Address: Runswick Benzil Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Concerned re this proposed development, application states not prime land but has been verified as 3.1 and not 3.2 as stated in application, a mistake or misleading ?

Green renewable energy is required but surely in the correct place, brown field sites, roof tops, the council owned site at Orchardbank, land is nearly unbuildable, I know as had a survey for a potential build in that area, ideal location, already screened from main road and surely the council could have the rent from the land which would benefit everyone in council area and not a select few. Developers may say not feasible due to distance from substation but other solar developments in the UK have cabled much further so is possible, perhaps objection is that it would yield less profit, for a company based in London with directors registered abroad.

Site, should be flat and south facing, it is neither, to accomodate the less than ideal lay of the land, tilt and turn panels are proposed, therefore no animal grazing. 50,000 panels with their own motor, connected to battery storage and transformers, there must be a noise level associated with this, then there is the Benzil wind which roars down the valley which will cause a whistling sound 24/7. 3m deer fencing and CCTV, what impact to the privacy of the local residents? Panels sited immediately adjacent to Forfar path network so walkers and visitors to this area will be facing a wall of green (after 10 yrs) with no view to hills as skyline will be unseen. There is mention in the modelling plans of planting up to a height of 10m, this was never discussed at the consultation meetings. The modelling plans submitted do not give a true reflection of what the view will actually be. Solar panels, associated metal work and battery storage could prove to be an incentive for thieves to the area which is concerning for the local residents and businesses.

I urge you to refuse this application for many reasons and consider sites that are not prime agricultural land.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Catriona McNicoll

Address: 7 Turfbeg Drive Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I grew up at Lunanhead so Benzil was a place where I cycled, walked and played most days. Now living in Forfar, I walk most weeks at Benzil - it is such an amazing place on our doorstep. I'm a person that supports nature and want to help in fighting climate change but don't agree with this development - I'm a community worker and have learned through my work about food sustainability, I'm involved in projects that involve community growing as we don't grow enough of our own food in this country. The loss of so many fields to this solar project is frightening - once these fields are gone, they are gone. Greenspaces are vital for the local community for all sorts of other reasons including our health and well-being. The landscape will be spoiled by this project. I understand projects like this play their part in a zero carbon world but it needs to be placed in the right location.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs judith hughes

Address: 103 Frederick Street WIDNES

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I would like to strongly object to the proposal of a solar windfarm at Suttieside. I was brought up in Kirriemuir and I have been frequenting the area for over 30 years to stay with friends and family. I am concerned about the proposed development site being built on prime fertile farmland. The area is used by many, it is a tranquil and beautiful part of Forfar where residents take enjoyment from cycling and walking on the quiet roads and pathways. The solar farm will detract from this natural beautiful landscape. There is the added concern of the disturbance of wildlife on the site. Geese, birds, moles, badgers, insects, are just a few to mention that will impact their habitat. I believe it is important that such proposals should not be placed in an area where it has such a negative impact. These areas include; tourism, farming, environment, ecology, visual impact are just a few to mention.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Jemma Simmonds

Address: 52 Dale Grove Timperley Altrincham

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I strongly object using this prime agricultural land for the use of solar panels that would more ideally be placed on the top of buildings that will not be used for anything else. It is a waste of good land. Food prices are high - solve it by using fields and plan for the future by helping the country become more self-sufficient. The price of power is high - solve it by using buildings and invest in more efficient ways of producing power in Scotland. People need jobs; young people are studying agriculture at colleges across the country - solve it by leaving the farm and its land available for rent. These fields are used by a variety of wildlife, including deer and a variety of game and wild birds; people are destroying the environment - leave the land alone for nature; use buildings and brown field sites instead. As a country we need long term thinking, planning and investment, using prime agricultural fields for solar panels is not this.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Elizabeth Crichton

Address: Parkford Finavon Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Progression with renewable Solar Farms appears to be growing at a great pace in Angus.

I welcome this form of cleaner green energy but only when developed in a less rich and prominent site.

Angus is renowned for its beauty and has been fortunate to accommodate thousands of visitors over the years because of its spectacular views.

Thus boosting our local economy and providing much needed employment.

I feel that if this planning application is approved it paves the way for other sizeable developments to follow suit.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr jeff meek

Address: 73 strathmore avenue forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I don't think there is any need for this to be built in such a lovely area and so close to houses

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs jennifer meek

Address: 73 strathmore avenue forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: No need for this monstrosity to be build so close to houses

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Elsie Robertson

Address: 59 Suttieside Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: It used to be said Scotland made a lot of money from the tourist trade.

People come for the beautiful scenery which is being blighted over the land and the sea by turbines and solar panels.

Little wonder how that business is failing.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Jude Murray

Address: Runswick Benzil Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: While I support the development of renewable energy sources, I believe that the construction of a solar farm directly across from my home in the countryside is not the best solution. The negative impact on the environment, wildlife, property values, and the community outweigh the potential benefits. As a resident of the area, I urge those responsible for approving the construction of the solar farm to reject this and seek alternative solutions that will achieve the same renewable energy goals without the negative impacts on the local community and environment.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Stephen Cownie

Address: 6 mavis croft forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to the proposed solar farm as it brings no benefit to the local community and only detracts from the beautiful countryside

I feel we should also be protecting agricultural farmland as its a finite resource

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr William Robertson

Address: 59 Suttieside Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I would like to ask why all our arable land is being filled with solar panels or wind turbines.

The valley of Strathmore used to be known as the fertile valley of Angus.

When shops are forecasting rationing of fruit and vegetables, when the fields that used to produce same are either housing areas or full of solar panels or wind turbines.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Ahmed Mahmood

Address: 106 Drumaclie Park Brechin

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I strongly object to the proposed solar farm as I am a keen photographer and especially enjoy capturing the Angus country side and feel this proposal will be a blight on the picturesque landscape

I find it wholly inappropriate that the proposed site will be on prime agricultural land also

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Fraser McIntosh

Address: Suttieside Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I feel this development will impact on the residents and visitors to this quiet part of Forfar where people enjoy exercise in a rural setting.

The use of this land for anything other than farmland seems to be such a waste at a time where there are food shortages.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Hayden Murray

Address: 101 Warddykes rd Arbroath

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: i object to the solar farm as i feel there is better locations which arnt as close to the town or use agricultural land

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Brenda Cownie

Address: 2 Jeanfield cres Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: i feel this is too close to the town and houses in the area and an alternative site should be sought for solar farms instead of taking away prime agricultural land

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr George Bertie

Address: Lochside Lodge Garth Farm Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to the proposed solar farm as the site identified will further reduce the available prime agricultural land, currently we import 46% of our food which will increase year on year with the land available for food production decreasing

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Graham Kennedy

Address: 12a St James Rd Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The solar development should be situated in a more suitable location, on unproductive land, away from settlements.

We should protect the Angus countryside at all costs and especially farm land

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Michael Cooper

Address: 14 robert st forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The town of Forfar will not benefit in any way whatsoever from this and I strongly object, solar farms should not be impacting the local community with no benefit

Alternative sites should be sought away from towns and not using agricultural land

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Lawrence Macgregor

Address: 8 Wyllie street Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Do not see the point of placing these eyesores in such a public place and using up perfectly good arable land

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Customer Details

Name: Miss Rachel Stewart

Address: 82 Norham Street Shawlands Glasgow

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I support this development, Scotland needs more renewables.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Elizabeth Scott-Watson

Address: Wooden Farm Kelso

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: We have solar panels on our farm and I think this is a very environmental friendly and sustainable way to produce energy - Scotland has plenty of sun!

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Karen Dagg

Address: Crailing Tofts Kelso

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Investment in renewable energy is vital for our nation.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Alastair Stewart

Address: The larks Mountholly Jedburgh

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I support this clean energy development to help Scotland's just transition to net zero

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mr Steven Murray

Address: 63a Suttieside Road Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The amount of power produced by these panels is insignificant compared to the land that they take up especially when it's good agricultural ground. They are a blight on the landscape and I feel that other green alternatives should be pursued especially given how many of these solar desert projects are being proposed within Angus and Perthshire. I also believe that the money made with these panels would not stay in the UK given the Spanish director of the company installing them.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr John Stirling

Address: Arbikie Farm Inverkeilor Arbroath

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I fully support green renewable applications such as these and actively encourage Angus and representatives to actively support. Recent World events have highlighted that we need energy resilience desperately. We need to move away from all Nuclear and fossil fuel solutions and embrace green energy to play our part in supporting carbon targets.

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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Jennifer Hughes

Address: Greystones Harrietfield

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I support this development

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Andrew Seager-Rooke

Address: 14 Ennerdale Gardens Low Fell Gateshead

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Having Family roots in the local area ment i spent the vast majority of my childhood summers in Forfar and still to this day over 50 years later i holiday 2-3 times a year in the local area. The last thing i want to see is the Angus contryside that ive grown up enjoying and now my own children enjoy being destroyed by the various proposed solar farms.

The proposed site is wholly innapropriate as its part of the Forfar path network and one of the many walks around angus we enjoy.

The use of prime agricultural land for industrial installations is abhorrent, we should protect our food sources at all costs

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Claire Seager-Rooke

Address: 14 Ennerdale Gardens Low Fell Gateshead

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I frequently holiday in the Angus area and have done for around 15 years, I love the Angus countryside and hope everything is done to protect the amazing views

This industrial installation is far too close to Forfar and will be prominent on the Benzie walk I enjoy every time I'm in the area, this will negatively impact the rural setting with glint & glare, noise, smell, effects on wildlife, rainfall and drainage, all disastrous for the local landscape whilst altering views and experience of the countryside and its key features.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Mathew Seager-Rooke

Address: 14 Ennerdale Gardens Loe Fell Gateshead

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This industrial installation will be an eyesore and drastically alter the Rural setting of the area.

The use of prime farmland for such installations is very dangerous to food security as more and more proposals are popping up all over Britain, we should protect prime farmland where possible and industrial installations should be restricted to brownfield sites only.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Martin Kinmond

Address: 25 mary countess way Glamis Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: The location picked for the solar site is purely based on profits due to ease of access to substation. Good arable land used for generations by local farmers for various cereals etc should not be used for a solar farm, a less unobtrusive location should be considered.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Neil Kinmond

Address: Caldhame Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Miscellaneous

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I am all for the development of renewable energy but only in the correct locations. This location gives no consideration to the residents that have homes that had a rural view of the Strathmore valley now looking directly into solar panels which will cause reflection into their homes as well as the value of their property decreasing. There are areas of poorer quality land that would not impact on local residents that would be a better site for the solar farm.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Andrew Milne

Address: The Coach House Kelso

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Solar panels must be the 'way forward' for Scotland.... I fully support this application.

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Case Officer: Stephanie Porter

Customer Details

Name: Mrs Karen Kennedy

Address: 3 Callander Cottages Gowanbank Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I would like to object to this plan. This is an area I loved for over 25 years and grew up at Suttieside. I believe this is detrimental to the visual and countryside.

Additionally They should be able to supply customers much more cheaply than the insane electricity prices (even with caps), so this looks like a winner.

This is a tiny development though. We need solar/battery projects 100 times this size, all over the country.

People may have noticed(?) that California has just avoided large scale blackouts, despite unprecedented heat, notwithstanding predictions of rolling cuts. This is because California (PG&E) has just (including this year) added massive solar, and particularly battery, capacity to their system. If Scotland can scale up battery parks (with solar or wind ideally), problems of excess demand at peak hours can be addressed without paying for extra gas generation to cover just those peaks (called peaker plants, logically enough). This will save a fortune, and address climate concerns.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Michael Scott-Watson

Address: Wooden Farm KELSO

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Solar panels are a great way to reduce our carbon footprint. I have solar panels on my farm and they help power my electric car with zero emissions. Use the free energy!

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Customer Details

Name: Miss Zoe Hargraves

Address: 2 merlin grove Forfar Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: This residential area is an area of natural beauty popular with locals walking due to being countryside right next to the town. Angus and the surrounding area has vast areas of land which could be used with no impact on property prices. It is utterly shocking and underhanded for this to be approved at the detriment to the local community.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Will Seager-Rooke

Address: 14 ennerdale gardens low fell gateshead

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: i object as its too close to the town and will effect food production

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Ryan Hedge

Address: 63B Suttieside Road FORFAR

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: I object to this on the grounds of the negative visual impact it will have on the panoramic views across the Strathmore Valley in Angus to the hills beyond. Thousands of people walk around this area each year which is good for health and wellbeing.

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Customer Details

Name: Mr Christopher Cownie

Address: Cosy Neuk Forfar

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: My objections are as follows:

Prime Agricultural Land - The proposed solar farm would take up valuable prime agricultural land that is currently being used to produce food. This would have a negative impact on local food security, as it would reduce the amount of land available for farming in the area. It is important to protect prime agricultural land, as it is essential for food production and supports local economies.

Environmental Impact - The proposed solar farm would require clearing a significant amount of land, which could result in the loss of habitat for local wildlife. Additionally, the construction and operation of the solar panels may also result in soil erosion, water pollution, and other negative environmental impacts.

Visual Amenity - I am concerned that it would detract from the natural beauty of the area. The visual impact of the solar panels may also affect property values in the area and have a negative impact on the tourism industry.

Cumulative Impact - There are already several proposed solar farms in the area, and I am concerned about the cumulative impact of these projects on the local environment and community. The construction of additional solar farms in the area may further exacerbate the negative impacts on prime agricultural land, local wildlife, and visual amenity.

Health Concerns - There is ongoing research about the potential health impacts of living near solar farms, including noise pollution and exposure to electromagnetic fields. I am concerned that the proposed solar farm may put my family's health at risk.