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Oaklands Solar Farm – DNS/3245503

It is difficult for a Community Council to comment on such a large, complex planning application. The council has agreed to make a few comments.

Existing solar sites (such as Whitton Mawr, Weycock Cross and Sutton Mawr) must be included in the cumulative impact, as well as sites in the planning process (in pre-planning stage and those not yet determined) and those with approval to be built.

The Community Council would like to know what would be the cumulative impact on the local farming community should the proposed development proceed? What would be the impact on the viability of local farms/agriculture?

The impact on the local environment, particularly visually, would be significant with the site visible from the public highway and dwellings at Bonvilston and from the Historic Landscape Area.

Concerns remain on the uncertainties associated with the panels and local ecosystems around hedgerows and woodlands.

CUr Ian Perry

For and on behalf of St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council