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Parc Dyffryn Solar Farm – DNS/3267575

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.

The Community Council has concerns over the proposed working hours in relation to noise, particularly on a Saturday morning. Noise travels unrestricted over fields and can amplify when it hits and bounces about housing development/villages – the problem worse in summer when windows are open. This is of particular concern due to the length of time the construction work.

Construction in winter can be particularly problematic with the ground churning up, damaging the soil.

What will/might be the impact be of soil compaction and erosion during installation, operation and removal of the solar panels and associated infrastructure? What grade would the land be should it be restored for agriculture? What types of agriculture would the land be fit for? Forestry? Would arable and livestock farming, if still viable, be as productive as it is today?

Will any right turns be permitted from the A48 into the site and proposed visitor car park?

There are concerns related to the diversion of public rights of way across the site, the value of countryside walks through banks of solar panels and whether the footpaths will be accessible for people with disabilities (kissing gates are barriers for many people) and potential for the diverted path to become waterlogged through the old quarry.

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For and on behalf of St Nicholas with Bonvilston Community Council