

We write to object to the proposals by Brynrhyd Solar Farm Ltd wholly owned by subsidiary of Island Green Power Ltd, to build a 160 acre solar farm on good quality agricultural land in the village of Llanedi

We already have a solar farm on the edge of the village called Clawdd Ddu on Heol Troeon Bach, this solar farm has been in situ for many years. Apart from the noise which can be heard from this development it also causes solar glare for the village of Garnswllt which is across the valley from Llanedi

Permission has now been granted for a second solar farm (Tycroes solar farm DNS 3227364) which will border the existing Clawdd Ddu solar farm. The proposed Brynrhyd solar farm if granted permission would be the third solar farm in close proximity of our village and would have detrimental effect on both Llanedi and Garnswllt

There is no shortage of industrial or brown sites in East Carmarthenshire where solar farms have been placed where the land is not suitable to be built on or used for farming. Why can't such sites be used instead of ruining the beautiful village of Llanedi and its surrounding countryside?

Points to consider for rejecting this development

Impact on biodiversity.

1. The developers state there would be little disruption to the biodiversity of the area. We have many species in our locality which would have their natural habitat destroyed by the solar farm these include red kites, butterflies, bats, curlews, owls badgers and hedgehogs
2. We also have the area of SSI of Caeau Afon Gwilli which has rich grasslands and meadows which support flora diversity as well as notable species of reptile birds and invertebrates Natural Resource Wales have recently visited and stated it is one of the best sites in Wales, this area runs adjacent to the proposed solar farm, the stream running down to this area will be affected by the area where the developers propose to wash the HGV lorries. The other concern I have with this is if or when the solar panels are put into place they leach lead into the water table which will also have a detrimental effect on the flora and fauna growing in this area

Visual impact

1. The developers claim there is no visual impact on the village, the solar panels will be clearly visible from many properties in the village and from the B4297 (Ebenezer Road) which runs through Llanedi it is the main road from Pontarddulais to Ammanford. The residents in Garnswllt who already suffer solar glare from Clawdd Ddu the development would suffer even greater problems were the new development allowed to go ahead
2. It would turn the beautiful countryside into one big mass of glaring glass which we would have to endure for the next 40
3. We have a lot of tourism in the area who wants to come and see fields after fields of solar panels

Impact on the residents

1. This development if granted would surround several residents in the community with solar panels, this can/will affect the mental health of those families being faced with multiple solar panels for the next 40 years. Some of these residents have always lived in the village, others moved to the village for its beautiful rural location certainly not to be surrounded by fields solar panels
2. As solar farms are quite a new concept there is little research into the effects of solar farms on human beings living close to these developments. Solar farms emit electro magnetic waves, some research suggests that some residents suffer more headaches and get sicker more frequently. They used to say living near electric pylons were not harmful but many years later they discovered that people developed more cancers. What is not to say that the

same thing will be discovered about solar farms, surely it is safer to build these farms on industrial/ brown sites away from humans

3. Since the pandemic last year many villagers have started walking, running and cycling for their mental health and well being, we are encouraged by the government and health professionals to get out and exercise, Heol Troeon Bach is the only safe place in the village where they can do this

Economic benefits

1. There are no benefits to the community, when asked in a recent meeting with Carmarthenshire County Council Island Green Ltd they admitted there was none The only people benefitting from this development would be a multi national developer of solar farms and the main land owners Sir John Venables-Llewellyn and David Richard Mount. This is a cash grab by developers who clearly have no connection with the area and care even less about its well being and the well being of its residents both in Llanedi and Garnswllt

Impact on tourism

2. As already mentioned there will be a negative impact on leisure activities and tourism in the area. People come to stay in Llanedi to enjoy the peace, quite and beautiful scenery of the countryside and walk the public footpaths and roads/lanes around the village . no one is going to want to go for a walk on an existing public footpath or cycle in the middle of hundreds of solar panels. Those offering accommodation in the area will be adversely affected by this

Construction

3. Access to the solar farm would be via two very narrow lanes, the disruption caused by the high volume of HGV lorries that will need access will be considerable. I live on Heol Troeon Bach which is one of the access points and when the liquid gas line was developed across the village many years ago the volume of lorries damaged the road and many people boundaries
4. This disruption will go on for 6-8 month, 7 days a week, not only with the disruption effect residents living in the lane what about the noise, dust, dirt and exhaust fumes we will have to endure will this development takes place

Myself and the other villagers are not against green energy I know we have to find a solution to the problems we have with climate change but placing such a development on top of the existing solar farms in this area is a huge mistake and will have a negative effect on the residents, nature , leisure/ tourism and biodiversity of this beautiful part of Wales

Before you make any decisions on this development please feel free to come and visit the area and see the negative impact this 3rd proposed solar farm would have on this area

Thank you for your time, we are only a small village and I hope you can help us fight against this development