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Dear Sirs,

We have seen a proliferation of Solar Farms in this area. I was given to understand that such developments were only to be sited on low grade agricultural land. Yet for the sites adjacent to the M5 at Sampford Peverell and South of Cullompton this does not appear to be the case.

Why are we using good land for this purpose? When acres of roofing is available on the great number of agricultural and commercial buildings that have been and will be built in the area.

Positioning the two sites mentioned above, so close to the main gateway to Devon can not be considered to be the best first impression of the County for tourists.

It should be a condition of local planning that any agricultural or commercial building over a given size, with a roof of the correct orientation to the sun, must be fitted with panels. This leaves the land in tact and makes efficient use of buildings which have absolutely no aesthetic value. It would be cheaper for panels to be installed at the time of construction, would reduce the power costs of the owner and, if tariffs continue, eventually cover the additional cost

Yours faithfully

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