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Planning guidance requires ; Consideration of ;

1.0 Minimal Visual Impact.

1.1 To date it is obvious that that requirement has not been successfully adhered to.

2.0 Land quality / use

2.1 Industrial or Brownfield sites preferred. Obviously not adhered to.

2.2 Low Quality agricultural land preferred. Obviously not fully adhered to.

3.0 Maintenance.

3.1 Grazing ; Requires Height [affecting item 1.0] Also requires supervision / management - so not likely.

3.2 Mowing / strimming ; Requires Height , Also expensive so not likely

3.3 Spraying ; Must be avoided ! Obviously ,will be the chosen method

4.0 Screening

4.1 Lifespan of panels probably equals the mature growth time of adequate hedging / trees. Obvious that that requirement is merely a sop as the 'screen' will be effective when the panels are scrapped.

5.0 Lifespan [CONSIDER]

5.1 Panels consist of numerous parts / sealants. All degraded by SUN and FROST ! ie limited life.

5.2 No enforceable means of ensuring demolition, removal of underground foundations and cables or land reinstatement.

5.3 No enforceable means of avoidance of acres of future scrap and contamination

5.4 No means of recycling !

5.5 Life determined by financial forces and inadequate technological materials.

It is abundantly clear that this fad is being forced upon us simply to provide the Government with a sop for whoever requires it.

Long term answers are not yet available for clean energy so very expensive and inadequate sticking plaster methods are now the fashionable method rather than applying those funds to proper research .

However. we are all subject to this edict [inc., Planning Officers] so all that can be done now is for us to ensure that proper and legal safeguards are in place which must prevent the countryside becoming unsightly - immediately - not when so-called screening may appear !

The foregoing items indicate some requirements intended towards this end but as usual Planners are easily satisfied with a few assurances even if carved in stone ! BUT, ARE NEVER ENFORCED ONCE THE FILE IS CLOSED !

This consultation should now provide the opportunity for the proper local consideration of the means available for tough ,enforceable measures to be put in place ad infinitum. Such means should be backed with a secure financial Bond.

Should there be any concerns with the Council regarding compliance with imposed conditions or opposition to a Bond then the simple answer would be to reject.

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