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MDDC Consultation on landscape impact of solar PV proposals.

Hittisleigh Parish Council has considered the comprehensive proposals and asks that greater detail is included within the *plans for reinstatement* and *plans for decommissioning*.

Planning consent is granted for 25 years but the economic value of the installation will change and the renewal and maintenance costs will rise. We suggest that a review period is built into approval of an application so that unviable installations are not left to decay in the countryside, with potential risks to livestock and wildlife from degraded materials and inattentance to landscaping that reduces the visual impact. We suggest a review after 5 years and each 5 years thereafter. If the review indicates that the installation is no longer meeting the production targets then enforcement of decommissioning and reinstatement of the land is carried out.

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