

I attended a drop in session at Felsham Village Hall on 22nd April regarding the solar farm that has been proposed on land belonging to Valley Farm which lies between Hesselton, Drinkstone Green and Felsham. The attached information is fairly explanatory and the map clear. I asked why that location had been chosen in particular and it boils down to the ability to connect to the grid (apparently the area is undergoing upgrades) along with a landowner who is happy to rent out their land.

The concern I raised (which I fed back within their feedback forms) was the traffic and suitability of local roads when it came to construction. Whilst the route is not through Drinkstone we all use the village roads that form our network. I also asked if the solar farm would at any point be extended and I was informed this would not be allowed.

The solar farm cannot be connected until 2031 and construction would take around 11 months so it will be a few years before anything (other than the planning process) takes place.

Please see the information attached.

Councillor Elnaugh