A&HPC object to this project for the following reasons:-

1. This proposed installation would have an excessive cumulative impact on Alverdiscott parish which already has 5% of its land area covered with power generation infrastructure. This project would increase this to 10%.
2. Lack of consultation by the developer. Only one two hour meeting in Lovacott Village Hall with minimal information available and only very small scale plan drawings available for explanation. Alverdiscott & Huntshaw Parish were not formally notified or invited to the meeting despite the fact that 38% of the project is within our parish boundary.
3. Proposed installation is too close to existing dwellings particularly at Bulworthy many of which are listed buildings.
4. The 25% of the proposed installation will be on Class 3a Agricultural land and much of the land is within the Unesco Biosphere.
5. Extremely poor access arrangements for the site that will lead to severe road issues as the developer has seriously underestimated the size and number of vehicles that transport companies will use. Experience from the Gammaton Solar Farm construction leads A&HPC to be highly suspicious of any positive assurances made by contractors who fail to properly follow through on their promises and assurances.
6. No detailed management of highways is included in the planning application and Devon Highways cannot be relied upon to plug the gap or enforce approved plans. Contractor assurances are generally worthless on this subject.
7. The land that is subject to this application is generally quiet rural farmland where the usual noise levels are in the region of 35dB. There is no proposed provision for noise mitigation during the construction phase of the project. Our experience of the noise issues during the construction of the Gammaton Solar Farm leads A&HPC to demand that strict noise limits be placed on all construction work such that is does not exceed 50dB at the boundary of the works at any time. Positive steps would need to be taken to mitigate the noise produced when driving metal stakes into the ground utilising modern “Push Techniques” rather than antiquated Hammer Driving techniques which produce excessive noise. The installation is proposed to take 12-18 months and it is unacceptable to expect residents to tolerate the noise emissions from hammer driving so close to their dwellings over such a long period. During the construction of the Gammaton Farm nuisance noise was regularly experienced over a 1000 metres away so this matter must be addressed by a proper in depth noise study for the affected properties and the full mitigation recommendations adopted.
8. There is little in the application that sets out how a battery fire would be prevented or dealt with or how the impact of such an event would be mitigated. The fire service expressed considerable concerns about the impact of such an event in their submission.
9. The historic viewpoint at Higher Kingdon with its Iron Age Settlement and Roman Marching Camp would be seriously affected.
10. No National Grid connection is currently available or been committed to this project and Westminster is of the view that the existence or lack of one should be a ‘Material Consideration’ in any planning process.

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