

Community News

October 2024

Radford Semele

Solar Farm proposals

Community Meeting

Wednesday, 16th October
8pm

Radford Semele
Community Hall

Given the Solar Farm developer is expected to submit its planning application very soon (in the next couple of weeks), I'm hosting a public meeting this coming week. It will be chaired by FORGE and will be a chance for residents to express their views and I will also update you on what I've been doing on this (summarised overleaf).

Please RSVP via the QR code below or at bit.ly/3ZYJBBI to confirm attendance.



Please note that only those who have RSVP'd will be able to attend due to security reasons.



In June I held a meeting to introduce myself to the Radford Semele community. It was quite clear that many - though not all - had concerns about proposals that had come forward for a large solar farm adjacent to the village. At that meeting, I promised to hold a follow-up meeting to specifically address residents' concerns. I hope to see you

*Thanked and best wishes,
Matt*

my update...



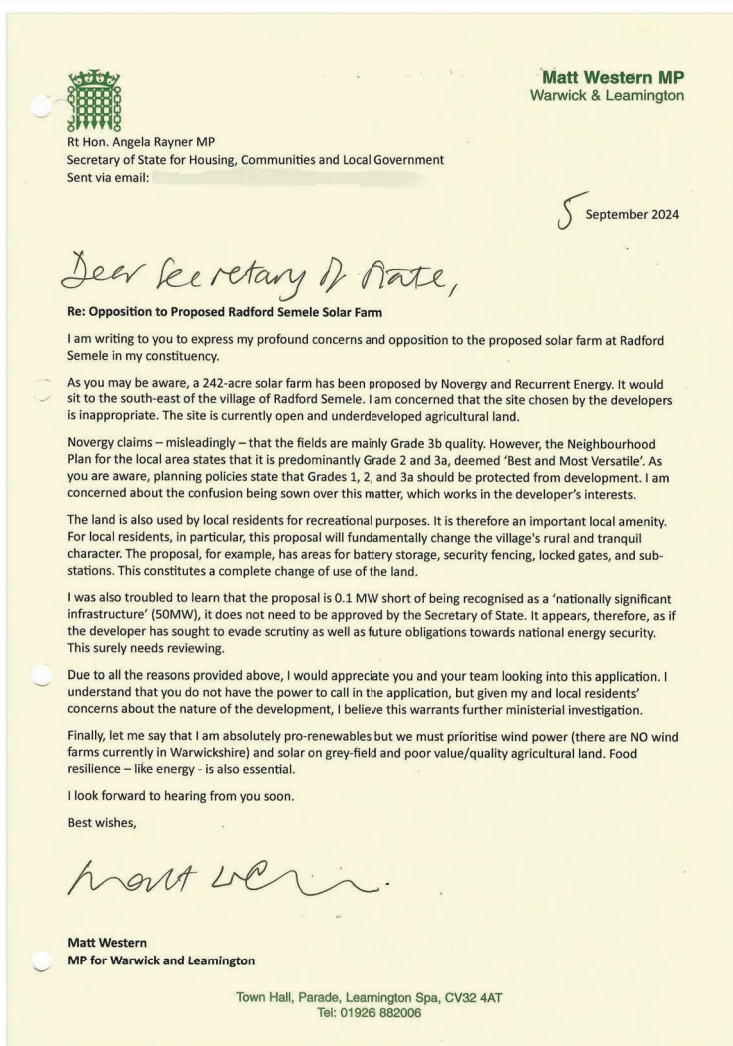
June 2024

I visited the site to see first-hand the land that the proposed solar farm would be on and the vast scale of its potential impact.



June 2024

I hosted a community meeting to hear directly from residents about issues including their concerns about the proposed solar farm.



September 2024

I wrote to the Secretary of State to stress my opposition to the proposals. I raised concerns around the developers stated grades of the fields - claiming Grade 3b vs the Grade 2 and 3a in the neighbourhood plan meaning they should be protected from development.



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I raised the issue in Parliament this past week. Whilst we all want to accelerate the switch to renewable energy, I believe developments should not impact directly and immediately on a community's amenity.