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Public comment regarding a the proposed solar project next to our [house.To](#) the Siting Board
Birch Solar Project
Shawnee Township, Ohio

The solar birch project that had been in the works for months and then one day is just dropped on the adjacent landowners in a letter has created worry, fear, anger, and helplessness.

Why put a project so close to homes when it could be put miles away? One reason, Birch Solar says is it the availability of the power substation on Sellers Road. A lot of the panels will be miles away so being close to the power station doesn't seem to be a necessity for the project. What will miles of solar panels do to Shawnee Township that is thought as a premier location to live?

Who will put in writing that they are responsible for any underground wells that are compromised in the next 25+ years? What recourse do we have if our properties are flooded?

Thousands of prime acres of farm ground in Ohio are being used for turbines, solar panels and ethanol for extended periods instead of for food for animals and humans. No one knows the future. What does this do to the grain business and all those businesses it supports? How productive will the land be when the panels are removed? Where's the data on that?

We have been told that the value of our property would decrease anywhere from 17% to 50%. 17% would mean a decrease of \$50,000. We believe no one will want to buy our property with solar panels in view, so that makes the value \$0. We now are not in control of the value of our property.

Are we being used as a test case to see if permits will be granted so that solar farms can be put close to homes in other Ohio counties?

Solar panels belong on homes or unused ground. New technology will provide better ways to provide solar power. The current solar panels will be obsolete in a very short time. To use productive farm ground is irresponsible. We can do better and I believe it's in the future.

Some day, people will wonder what in the world were people thinking. Using prime ground for supplemental energy, just like ethanol; using prime ground that could feed people but instead putting it in the tanks of cars.

I feel let down by our government officials.

Please tell Birch Solar to move their project out of harm's way of families.

Because something can be done doesn't mean it should be done. This is not green, it's greed. Our tax dollars are being used against us.

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