Report from William Gragg - Sheepfarmer

On recently viewing a solar panel project for potential use as sheep grazing.

- Not enough grazing as very little growth beneath the panels.
- Lower stock levels due to lack of grazing plus supplementary feed required in greater quantity than in an openfield
- Daily shepherding is required which would prove problematic due to lack of visibility and would be very time consuming
- Herding of the sheep would be extremely difficult even with sheep dogs due to the solar panels preventing easy access.
This needs to be done on a regular basis in order to worm, shear and medicate.
- Sheep do jump up at obstacles and will chew exposed cables.
- As an experienced sheep farmer it is not, in my opinion, a viable proposition to graze sheep in a solar panel zone due to the above difficulties.