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Dear Secretary of State,

Please read this submission regarding the Sunnica solar farm decision.

We represent over a 1000 residents opposing 13,000 acres of industrial solar development around Gainsborough, Lincolnshire. These 13,000 acres cover 5 NSIP schemes which all fall within a 6 mile radius, potentially making this one of the largest solar complexes in the world.

We believe the visual impact caused by the Sunnica proposal would be massive and unnecessary. Like other Developers Sunnica think their scheme is a done deal on the back of Net Zero threats. This mad rush for solar on farmland needs to stop. Solar has the lowest electrical yield and is the most land inefficient form of generation we have, so why are we covering so much land with it? We need a "Rooftop Revolution".

2,500 acres of land for 500MW of installed solar capacity, which only provides a yield of 11% or 55MW and thus would be just a 0.15% contribution to the UKs 300,000,000MWh demand.

This a criminal waste of land that will neither deliver Net Zero nor contribute to a secure and productive electricity sector.

We could lose 300,000 acres to solar without one meaningful rooftop scheme being implemented.

Sizewell C would generate 3,200MW or 7% of the UKs electricity and cover just 170 acres! Now that is efficiency and delivering for the nation.

Fifteen foot or 4.5 metre high panels are being proposed for Lincolnshire, these will ruin and industrialise the area at a rate never seen before. 13,000 acres is far bigger than our City of Lincoln and all its boroughs!

Meaningful agriculture would cease to exist on giant solar farms such as Sunnica, contravening EN-3. The visual harms would be significant in perpetuity. Additional poor grade sheep grazing and Planting a hedge will not solve these issues.

In the nation's interest, please make the right decision regarding these electrical follies.

Rooftops for Solar!

Simon Skelton for the 7000 acres group.