

Why has Lincolnshire been selected as the coverage area for solar projects?

Why have solar projects been prioritised over wind farms? Wind farms can generate more power than required hence why they get turned off when they have produced too much. Would it be not be more of an investment to have wind turbines.

Coverage area of solar panels needed to generate the power required is far greater than one static wind turbine. Solar is fully dependent on weather and light and at night time they become redundant. A solar farm in winter can only work on potential daylight for an average of 8 hours. Wind turbines can work day and night.

This seems like a highly ineffective and inefficient use of our productive farmland and I strongly object to this project and the three other large scale projects planned for the area.

I have seen far more innovative installations of solar panels. For example, the full length of motorway central reservations with a roof of solar panels covering a cycle path underneath, ground level car parks having solar panel canopies, providing shade for cars, also canals having solar panels built over the top of them, reducing evaporation. All using existing infrastructure and with dual purpose rather than decimating more and more green space. Disused MOD sites could be alternative spaces as these large sites are often abandoned with no plans for alternative use and already have public restrictions, fences, security in place with could be upgraded to suit.

This whole process is very difficult to follow and participate in. There are 4 proposals all in the vicinity all with different deadlines and opportunities to comment. Why have two of these proposals been made by one developer, Island Green Power? Why is the hearing for this proposal being held in a hotel in Lincoln instead of in a venue nearer to Gate Burton or somewhere like the Lincolnshire Showground which has free parking? Why is it being held on a weekday in the daytime when many will be at work? This seems like a tactic to ensure the minimum number of people can attend.