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This is 1 of 4 applications that are very close to each other in both location and timescale. It is difficult to track the timing of the proposals and know what to do when. This is compounded by two of the proposals being from the same developer.

Having the hearing in Lincoln itself is not helpful. Parking is difficult and expensive. There are venues that are closer to the scheme that would ease travel and parking.

Having the hearing go through the holiday period makes it difficult to engage in the process.

The organisations that submitted the proposals have treated them as separate items when it suited them but issued joint communications on other occasions. It would make sense for these proposals to be considered together, rather than separately. Why should the developers be able to choose when the do things jointly and when they can do things separately?

I would like to be assured that proper significance will be given throughout the process with respect to the 10,000 acres of prime farm land that would be put out of commission. Also that the country's need to be able to feed its inhabitants will be properly considered?

How does the Inspectorate intend to consider whether these proposed solar sites can be built, maintained and decommissioned by the developers that submitted the proposal? At this present time, there is insufficient silver to support the demands of the solar industry, no means of recycling panels etc. What will the Inspectorate want to have the developers produce to guarantee that they can deliver what they say they can? As far as I am aware they have no track record in this.

There is plenty of space on alternative sites - how will the Inspectorate consider the use of commercial roof space and brownfield sites when the developers have not put these forward in their submissions?