

I feel the proceedings of the examination are heavily developer advantaged. The process and weight of documentation is confusing, especially to those of us that have no legal knowledge or in-depth navigational skills in online research. Many have felt left behind in the process feeling that they have been legislatively pushed aside. Even simple questions posed at the consultation periods were unanswered, fudged or trivialised, with the result that people feel they have been purposely put off further interaction with the developers & the planning process. With over use of "the Rochdale Envelope" to avoid answering the majority of questions most people feel the developer has not consulted in good faith.

I believe there should be more in-depth consultation, that requires the developers to honestly & openly consult with communities affected, opportunities to present sn opposition based of facts to counter the wildly inaccurate claims of the developers and allow residents & interested parties to make an informed decision on wether to oppose or support the project.

I feel that the chosen venue for the hearing and it's timing are a further disadvantage to residents & interested parties, travel to & from Lincoln is difficult either by public transport, which is infrequent, or vehicle where car parking is expensive and sparse. I feel there would be a much better attendance if the venue was at The Lincolnshire Show Ground, which is large enough and provides free parking. The geopolitical proximity is also closer to the area of all proposed sites.

The timing of the enquiry also spans peak holiday times and further disadvantages communities & individuals oppose the scheme.

I am concerned that the examination does not wholly take into account the fast moving situations internationally, particularly with the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. Both combatants have traditionally been amongst the largest suppliers of wheat & grain to most of the world, with the ongoing conflict & political sanctions exports of wheat & grain are restrictive, a situation that has been exasperated by the wanton destruction of the Kherson dam and the ensuing flooding of formally productive farmlands, a situation that will not be rectified for years to come. With world wheat & grain prices rising due to these situations, worldwide demand increase on remaining suppliers and a fragile transportation routes the UK needs to look at reducing our dependence on importing evermore expensive farm produce and increasing our national food security, sacrificing good quality arable land for inefficient solar pv would hamper this goal.

I have concerns that no real due diligence has been applied to the issue of the threat of increased surface water flooding in some areas, a consequence of rainwater runoff on ground compaction clay substrate. The presence of toxic elements in runoff water and contamination of former fertile land, river & streams, promised reports from developers were never made available despite promises.

More investigation is required into the validity of claimed mitigation for a "net biodiversity gain" with much wildlife living on the area of this project, it is difficult to see how the destruction of huge swathes of ancient hedgerows and trees cut down can improve on the already present wildlife habitats, bio diversity is naturally occurring and very difficult to manufacture, planting wild flowers around the edges can be achieved now the area of panels is normally devoid of real vegetation bar brambles. Therefore habitats will mainly be destroyed, bird like Skylark & Lapwing, that return annually to nest, will in probability never return net biodiversity gain cannot I think be guaranteed, and no proof to the contrary has been offered.

There has been little or no discussion on the effect that this (& collective projects) scheme will have on tourism in the greater area, including Lincoln. views of the hitherto rural Trent valley will

be lost under PV Solar affecting small & medium businesses.

I believe there has not been any consideration given to the adverse effect on residential and some business property values. Already sales have fallen through due to the impending threat of solar pv siting in the areas around the project. The property market presently is particularly difficult for sellers but the spectre of unsightly solar arrays up to 4.5 m high and the angst of construction traffic, noise & dirt.

Consideration should also be given to the loss of rural jobs, not only locally but also in rural supply, transport engineering etc. these jobs will be lost impacting in a local job market that has few opportunities, very few of these jobs if any will be replaced working in or on this solar project, particularly post construction.