

This project is one of four applications in our immediate locality and there are many more both in Lincolnshire and across the country. These industrial solar parks are threatening the very future of this country's ability to feed itself as they are taking productive farmland out of action for potentially the next forty years. I think solar energy is absolutely great in the right place which is on industrial buildings and brownfield sites and should be on every new build. So that begs the question why is it not? There is no joined up energy policy from this government and all these solar 'farms' are nothing but money making ventures as can be seen from the vast amount of money being thrown at trying to get them passed.

The four separate schemes are each involving an enormous amount of time and studying for ordinary inhabitants to take in whilst following their own busy lives and work. Many people will be unable to commit to examining all the evidence and yet these schemes will have an enormous effect on their lives, livelihoods, property value, physical and mental health and many other aspects of their existence in what should be a peaceful rural area. Our human rights would be infringed severely. The format is difficult to follow and keep track of and participate in. Why is the hearing in Lincoln which is expensive and not easy to access and is in working hours for most people?

I and my family, who have farmed in this area for 4 generations are absolutely appalled at the prospect of the devastation these projects will bring if passed. One would be bad enough but four is unbelievable. I feel that something is extremely suspicious and sinister as to why these projects are suddenly being thrown at this area and many others on good farmland.

My daughter who lives in the village and is an environmental consultant has not had time with her busy job to submit any objections but feels as I and my husband feel that this and the other solar projects would be a grave waste of food producing land, involve a massive destruction of the natural environment and be a threat to the health and welfare of local people and their families.

The construction traffic would be a major blight on our lives, the inherent fire and pollution risks would be a constant worry.

This IS NOT green energy although it is being promoted as such. The carbon footprint of the solar panels themselves is huge. The heavy metals in the storage stations are dangerous. The ongoing maintenance and replacement of broken ones over the next forty years will be a constant drain on the environment.

I could write further on why we should not have any of these projects but I sincerely hope that the examining body will come to realise how truly awful this rape of the countryside would be. We need a properly thought through energy policy for this country but this is not the solution.