

We moved to Lincolnshire in 2016, from the North East of Scotland. One of the main attractions of rural Lincolnshire was to continue to live amongst the open countryside and 'big skies' we had experienced in Scotland. We have also previously lived in rural Hampshire & Wiltshire and the rural areas of both of these counties are characterised by extremely tall hedges which obscure views and not only give an unpleasant feeling of enclosure, they make driving on small rural roads more hazardous. In the applications for the vast solar farms (of which Gate Burton is only one), the main mitigation to the impact they will have on the local views is to plant high hedges and trees. This will irreversibly change the current open landscape of this area of Lincolnshire. In addition, these hedges will take many years to grow, meaning the unwelcome change from an agricultural to an industrialised landscape will be visible for much of the proposed life of these solar farms.