

Having attended the Open Floor Hearing on the 22nd August, I very much wish to add to those heartfelt comments made by residents that evening. I myself am a local resident and have lived here 25 years. Every time I drive either south to Lincoln or north to Scunthorpe, the gently curving Lincolnshire edge provides a vista out west across the Till Vale, and because it's curved, you can't help but see the stunning view whichever direction you are heading. The nature of the landscape, being large agricultural fields broken up by hedgerows and copses of trees, changes with the seasons, which is beautiful. The importance and unique historical character of this landscape setting is recognised by the designation as an 'Area Of Great Landscape Value'. This designation is designed to protect important views, and I wish to stress that the 'Value' is to people who live here and travel in the area. It breaks my heart to think that the stunning view from the cliff will be replaced by a sea of grey glass, as far as the eye can see. People who live in the countryside chose to make sacrifices in order to enjoy a rural lifestyle. We sacrifice access to regular transport, to the highest speed broadband, to theatres and cinemas and restaurants, and the list goes on. Our chosen lifestyle would be destroyed in one fell swoop by the industrialisation of our neighbourhoods, our quality of life would be hugely impacted in a negative way, and many people who live in the 30 villages affected will be dead by the time this monstrosity completes its own lifecycle. The dreadful harm and significant impact upon our communities needs to be heard and understood. However many hedges and trees are planted, and however quickly they grow, none will mask the dreadful scene that will be viewed when driving along the B1398. I implore the Planning Inspectorate to refuse the siting of these solar farms across this landscape and to prioritise the health and wellbeing of the people who live here over the pockets of the developers who wish to █████ our countryside. Please ask yourself, would I want to live here in the middle of 10,000 acres of solar panels?