

This is in reply to statements made by the Applicant low carbon at the ISH 3 on Landscape and Land use, item 5. On the 23rd of August 2023.

There should be no weight given to any form of continued agriculture on the GBEP.

The token gesture of any sheep grazing, as seen at many other solar farm applications is just planning propaganda and a photo opportunity.

It has been clearly demonstrated that any kind of sheep grazing on solar farms brings many negative issues to the operator and farmer, and many operators have indeed halted this practice after planning approval has been granted.

Cable and panel damage, rounding up difficulties and other husbandry issues being the main reasons for the cessation of this limited secondary function.

The heavy and wet land in this area is not conducive to sheep welfare. Hence this being an arable landscape, famed for growing cereals. Lincolnshire is after all "the Breadbasket of the UK."

Another obvious issue is the lack of sheep in the area. With the site being under sown with a biodiversity grass mix and not of forage quality, this Agri-proposal is purely an option of no substance.

Consideration should also be given to the fact that the landowners new and multiplied income stream moves him away from any need to invest in any marginal farming enterprises.

Agriculture would cease at the GBEP.

The notion of sheep farming should not be entertained.

Therefore, no weight should be given to continued agriculture at this site.