

I am writing to give my comments on some of the developer's statements made during the issue-specific hearing. The developer claims that this landscape is already industrialised because a distant power station can be viewed from Middle Street (B3198) across the vast expanses of farmland in the Trent Valley over 15 km away. This is ridiculous. The developer must be desperate to resort to such a flimsy argument that the sight of one power station amidst all the fields around it and at such a large distance makes this an already 'industrialised' landscape. The sight of acres of solar panels leading all this distance to the power station is what would make it industrialised. This is a desperate response to the valid concerns of what this development would mean to local residents and shows no engagement or empathy for their feelings. This vista would become heavily industrialised for more than my lifetime. It would take a generation to allow the proposed modest planting to grow sufficiently to have any mitigating effect.

Additionally, battery storage facility concerns me from a health and safety perspective as well as the noise emissions that will pollute this quiet rural landscape. In my view, the developer hasn't done enough to mitigate public risk.

The developer's claim that solar farms produce large amounts of low carbon energy is a solar industry myth. In reality, the large amount of land taken - productive farmland in this area - is disproportionate to the small amounts of inflexible electricity generated. The land should be kept for food production not wasted on an inefficient source of intermittent electricity that doesn't work when needed most (dark winter nights). Solar only generates for half its life, is not efficient and is wasteful of land resources.

This scheme is just one of four proposed in this area of Lincolnshire, compounding the destruction of this rural, agricultural landscape for decades to come if allowed to go ahead. An entire generation and more will be affected by such land grabs.