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Having attended and spoke at the open floor hearing at the Lincolnshire showground, I can only hope that the emotion and sadness for the local community was apparent in the room.

My personal commitment to oppose the mass destruction of our local landscape and community continues.

To reiterate, my personal priorities and concerns are the following.

- 1- Flooding. Our house has been flooded 3 times in 15 years. The cause of this flooding is surface water. Studies have proven that solar farms do cause additional flooding, due to the changing of the land, and in addition, the high run off of rain from the panels. In an area which is already a high surface water flood concern, building so close is going to make this problem for the residents along Kexby Lane so much worse. If this project is built so near, it will cause more flooding issues to the local community, and we will be left to pick up the pieces for a project that should not be purposely built in a high risk area.
- 2- Safety. Approaching the proposed fields on Kexby Lane south direction is a hill. No screening will hide the panels, even once matured so when driving down the hill, drivers face being blinded by the glare from the reflection of the panels. My other concern for drivers as the road is a 60mph road, the disruption to the many wild Deer and other animals that will be displaced by this take over of the local wildlife habitats. There is a high danger of animals being struck by cars as these animals are displaced by the usual thruways being taken over by the solar farm.
- In addition, I will have the same impact from my house. Every window to the west of my property will look out on the the panels, not only causing glare, but also the feeling of being in a solar farm ourselves. This will have a huge impact on our health and wellbeing. Experts are now saying solar farms should be at least 1-2 miles away from residential property's for wellbeing issues.
- 3- My last point here is this solar farm on paper is 1. But it is very apparent that there are several more in the various stages of planning at this point in time. All these projects neighbour each other, thus becoming 1 massive solar farm, over 10,000 acres. Not only will this community, but many, many more will be effected by this industrialisation of the villages and countryside around this area. This has never been done on such a massive scale before. If this development gets to happen, there will be no undoing it years down the line. Food security is already high. This is not a gamble we should be making on prime, fertile, food producing land. Solar for wind, and panels on rooftops, not on our farmland.