

Analogy Revealed - the 100-plus medieval Lincolnshire villages that were wiped off the map (not shown below) . Monasteries, hamlets and farms have been lost in the mists of time.... Quote: Richard Watts, senior historic environment officer (records), who manages Lincolnshire's database of deserted medieval villages, said "it's not strictly accurate to lay the blame solely on the Black Death". He said: "The Black Death and other plagues often had a significant effect, but a large proportion of these sites had actually already been deserted before the illnesses even hit, or were deserted many years after when the effects had largely passed."

Mr Watts added that it was all about the money.

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He said: "The generally accepted reason for the desertion of the majority of these sites is usually economic. England was a major producer and exporter of wool during the medieval period, and the raising of sheep was one of the biggest industries here at that time."

"Essentially, raising sheep was far more profitable than growing crops, and many landlords converted their arable villages to pastoral sheep farms, kicking the vast majority of the village's inhabitants out, thus abandoning most of the settlements". Unquote

Can you see the analogy? 30 more of today's villages will be 'wiped off the map' below as property values drop with 10,000 acres of solar panels surrounding them and for the very reason that the Medieval villages were also eradicated it's all about the money. The Developers, Overseas Investors - these solar projects will be sold on.

The map below is self-explanatory. It contains all the villages that will be affected by the proposed four solar developments, Cottam 1, 2, 3a and 3b, West Burton1, 2 and 3, Low Carbon Gate Burton and Tillbridge solar. This map shows the extent of the wonderful heritage already discovered and yet there is more below the surface of the BMV productive farmland still to be discovered. This heritage and wealth of history brings in tourism in great numbers to Lincoln and the economy. Tourism benefits the small businesses in the surrounding villages, tea houses, b&b accommodation and so much more. Tourists will not wish to visit this vast area that really will be destroyed by solar panels and all the horrendous hardware. This is one part of a whole host of reasons why these developments should not proceed on a scale of this magnitude. Thank you for taking the time to read this. Pat Mitchell, Sturton by Stow. I will register with the Planning Inspectorate also.

