

I cannot fathom how this project is not seen for what it is - a huge solar farm project, in conjunction to the other three. It will change the area in which I live to being unrecognisable and not the area I spent time to find a house and bring up children. All the comments below are compounded when they apply to all four projects.

The developer claimed that the landscape is already industrialised because of the power stations we can see on our horizon. I cannot see that a valid argument. We have fields of farmland, grassland verges, conservation areas, an abundance of wildlife, all of which does not tie in to a landscape that would be described as industrial. That doesn't take into account the AONB - The Lincolnshire Wolds, that sits on our doorstep. These imposing fields of thousands of solar panels will transform the area to a steel city of fences, security, batteries and solar panels. The power plants we can see are a distant visual in an area of hugely agricultural rural English countryside that is quite obvious to anyone who comes here.

Tall hedges may indeed be useful in some way to screen the 800,000+ solar panels, security fencing, and 5-meter-tall security cameras but as someone who would be living on the doorstep of these fields, these tall hedges will take decades of growth to reach suitable screening heights, and even at full height they would not prevent the industrial view you'd get from a distance. When walking or cycling, which I do a lot round here, our landscape would be transformed to initially a construction site, then an industrialised environment and later, tall and imposing hedge corridors with no rural view. Why would anyone want to live in an area like that? No one would want to enjoy an area like that. Visitors - of which we have many - regular charity vintage car / motorcycle drives would choose other routes. Together with the hum of these enormous batteries, I don't think anyone will be fooled that the area is anything but an industrial energy farm....one that doesn't deliver much energy in the winter, when we need it the most.

One huge worry for me is battery storage, the number of which is staggering. To have so many batteries scattered throughout the fields and their known fire risk and consequence, I am very nervous living so close to them and fear very much about the inextinguishable fire these batteries can cause.

The developer has claimed that the solar farm will produce large amounts of low carbon electricity. Speaking to energy experts who understand solar energy, this statement is untrue. In reality the large amount of land taken by solar is out of proportion to the small amount of electricity produced when demand is low during daylight hours and summer. 4 hours of battery storage will not help our energy needs in winter when we need it most. To use food producing arable land for solar energy is mind blowing when we find ourselves at the mercy of current geopolitical events escalating world wide food security. We should be holding onto as much arable land for food as possible. Don't forget, this country was almost starved out twice during the 20th century, the population is considerably higher today.

I am also concerned that these panels are coming from China - a country whose CO2 is enormous compared to ours. The possibility of slave labour to build these is a concern and then there is the energy spent transporting them here - not to mention supporting an economy that is more and more being reported as a strategic competitor. We should not be giving them any further potential for control within our energy sector.

There is room for solar - on every new build house, warehouses, car parks, railway embankments, motorway 'dead' land. All these places already have cabling as they are already attached to the grid.