

It is clear that all the current NSIPs are interlinked and as such they should be considered as one. Therefore to say that the impact of the Proposed Development would be negligible is absurd as the cumulative effect of all proposals is huge. No matter what precautions and assurances, it will not be possible to deliver and install millions of solar panels, pour thousands of tonnes of concrete, as well as containers with batteries and switchgear, all surrounded by miles of fencing, without damaging habitat. And this construction would take up to 4 years to complete.

Furthermore, it is my understanding (from The Times) that the life span of solar panels is about 20 years so they will need replacing at least once and the old ones will need recycling (by who?) or just scrapped (where?). After 40 years how will all the panels be removed and recycled? How will the concrete bases be dug up and where will it all be dumped?

Does anyone really believe that after 40 years the fields will be viable as agricultural food producing land – how can the applicant guarantee that the land will be as fertile as it is now and how will this be achieved?

Why has a continued management plan has not been secured beyond the initial 5 years when vegetation planting is anticipated to mature at year 15 of operation and who will be responsible for this on an ongoing basis?

Why does the applicant wish to remove of the ability for local residents etc to seek Statutory Nuisance redress?

Why has a HIA not been undertaken and submitted?

We have yet to see the Agricultural land classification survey (and be satisfied that it has been carried out independently) and would note that information submitted initially regarding land classification has already been amended.

The application from the developer with regard to a request for works to construct and operate the underground cable and associated development represents an extension of the order limits to the south of Torksey Ferry Road (adjacent to Cottam power station) and west along Torksey Ferry Road. This also includes land to the north of Torksey Ferry Road. This is an important access road to the river Trent and is used for recreation such as walking and horse riding. This will be yet another part of the development that encroaches on wildlife. The area is great for bird and wildlife watching with hedgerows, woodland and badger setts. This further highlights the Developer's unprofessional approach to the planning process and regard to rural communities.