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Dear sir/madam

Yet another deadline. I shall attempt to voice my many objections to this appalling project.

The current policy statement makes no mention of solar but the emerging policy statement still states there should be 'the guiding principle of good design' and 'consideration for the environment'. The huge area and the bulldozing through of cables would show no sensitivity to the communities affected. The adverse impact will not be offset by the limited benefits of intermittent solar power. Are our communities to be the scapegoats; do we have to make sacrifices for the greater good? I dispute strongly that the end result will provide any greater good other than huge profits for the Applicants involved.

The policy statement states alternatives should be used before agricultural land. This includes brownfield sites, rooftops etc. has the Applicant demonstrated that these alternatives have been looked at? I think not as they would not produce the profit margins they are looking for.

The cabling has to be taken under the river Trent to reach the old power stations.

Lincolnshire is a food producing area not a power producing one.

It further states a typical solar park would be 50MW and 125 to 200 acres. Gate Burton solar is proposed to be 10 times that size. Totally inappropriate for close knit rural communities to cope with. That is without taking into consideration the other three local solar proposals. There are many other massive scale solar projects in the pipeline for Lincolnshire and across the country.

What exactly is the aim of these proposals? Is it a case of energy at any cost? Is food security and the environment and human rights of rural people not to have their communities changed to industrial areas now way down the list?

Is it to meet decarbonisation targets?

If decarbonisation is the goal what is the balance sheet for all the inputs, import of materials and the provenance of how they have been produced (China is opening more coal power plants and importing coal from Africa at a rapid rate) the damage to existing environments and the long term impact of eventual decommissioning against the actual supply of power?

The Gate button solar application is too big a scale and totally inappropriate for our area.

If I have inadequately expressed good reasons for denying this large scale industrialisation it is because I don't have the luxury of time or resources to study the endless amounts of documents and deadlines that these proposals are throwing at us but I do know it is entirely the wrong way to deal with our environmental and energy crisis.

Yours sincerely

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