

Although the emerging policy statements of November 2023 are pertinent and important they do not apply to Gate Burton as it is covered by the current policy as the development went into examination prior to the November emerging policy. The current policy makes no mention of solar and the emerging policy mentions a typical solar farm which is at least 10 times smaller than Gate Burton. It does not mention solar farms of the Gate Burton Size and scale.

The principle of guiding good design remains and therefore the environment should be taken into account and is included in the emerging policy. This is not a good design. The secretary of state is showing concerns regarding the design of Sunnica and those panels are only 2.5 meters not 4.5. The flat lands and open fields of Lincolnshire are not the place for this industrial landscape as the visibility impact is impossible to mitigate. From the Lincolnshire Cliff we will see an industrial solar city not our agricultural landscape. The benefit of what energy will produced can not mitigate for the impact on the local environment and countryside It is stated that the applicant should use contaminated land, brownfield land, industrial land and that agricultural land should only be used that is essential.

There has been no demonstration from the applicant that the applicant has explored all other land classes.

The Cottam Power Station to be decommissioned is currently for sale??? Its just easier to take our agricultural land.

There is no demonstration of a need for this size and scale of land grab for such insignificant energy production from the developer. It makes no sense to have something of this size and scale and inefficiency for producing the power we need in the winter months. The panels will be dormant in winter and in the summer the grid will not be able to handle the power as it will be generating when we dont need it and we will be paying the developer for power we don't need. They are completely over planting panels. The best alternative which we can have now is placing this on rooftops. This is a deliverable alternative that has little impact on the surrounding environment and will deliver the power to the source. We must not allow limited connections to the grid to be taken by such inefficient power generation.