

I still have two concerns about the use of agricultural land for solar panels.

1. As a retired self-employed consultant engineer educated to Ph.D. level, I am familiar with undertaking assessment on major UK and World infrastructure projects (for example, in transport). I have yet to see a detailed financial analysis of the cost vs return of this project. What is the total loss of income from all affected parties from the removal of agricultural land from production in this area of West Lindsey? What is the real return when the energy produced is at its greatest when least required and importantly when put in the context of the impact on other possible local alternative means of clean-energy production?

2. I am deeply concerned about UK food security in the future, given the possible volatility due to a) global warming; and b) political uncertainty. This proposal appears to be in conflict with the UK parliament petition 635465 on “Ban the use of agricultural land for solar panels” of which I am a signatory only and which is backed by the UK government “Environmental audit committee”.