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Throughout this examination it has been a great concern to me that there has been no acknowledgement or assessment of the fact that never before in the "world" never mind the UK have solar array developments of this size and scale been built so close to communities. Never before has a solar city been created of this size and scale.

The fact that I am living in the UK one of the worst places for solar to generate electricity and in a country that is supposed to look after the well being of its population beggar's belief.

Whilst I fully accept that during this examination the developer has provided documents a lot of historic evidence including precedents from past developments, I fail to see how any precedent can be used for a development of this size and scale that in actual fact has no comparison or precedent to glean from anywhere. I therefore feel that the examination has had information used that cannot possibly be enough to grant a development consent for a development for this size and scale as there is no evidence to back up that it is the right thing for the UK to do to get us to net zero.

The data used for health and well being is historic from over a decade ago and is not fit for the purpose of a development in 2024 of this size and scale. There has been no proper deep investigation on the well-being of the population surrounded by 4.5 metre high solar arrays. There is no knowledge of how these panels being so close to human habitats, and what effect they can have with the electric magnetic forces on the human population.

Further more there is no precedent to call upon that show's what will happen to the well-being of thousands of people who are used to living in large open spaces when they are going to b elocked in on a 6 miles radius with 8ft high fences, 5 metre security cameras and the view of open fields taken away from them.

This winter has been a very wet winter, the fields in this area have been flooded with roads in passable. Yet I have not seen any proper assessment of the flooding that these villages will see when we are predicted to get wetter warmer winters.

I have not seen any proper consideration for the run off of water on the panels, the fact that the ground will not be so porous, that there will be no crops to soak up the water.

The villages and houses in the next 60 years will be desecrated but who cares, lets put money for developers in front of common sense and protecting the community from flooding for a supposedly renewable energy that will create nothing in the winter when we most need it.

In the current National policy statements, there is no mention of solar and it is clear with regard to land used that there is no document that shows the need for solar of this size and scale and no justification for the land uses.

It is clear that in Lincolnshire that agricultural practices compliment and contribute significantly to our quality of life and character.

Whilst there is an Emerging NPS the current one should apply to this development. The developer has not demonstrated the necessity to use agricultural land of this size and scale neither is there a demonstration of where and how they have tried to use the poorer quality land such as brownfield land rooftops, brownfield land and contaminated land.

There has been no demonstration that the energy contribution from solar with its poor constraints to produce only in the warmer and lighter months can outweigh the harms that this development will deliver to the community.

It should also demonstrate good design. This cannot possibly be a good design with the size and scale of the panels and the visibility to everyone from the Lincolnshire cliff.

I have not seen any evidence the cumulative effect to this area, the economy, the wellbeing of individuals, wildlife, environment and tourism has been assessed correctly.

There has been no demonstration that there are not better options, like roof tops, brown field land, wind and nuclear that will all save our land which is a finite resource. All are fully achievable within the timescale to build this development and all will be far more efficient and a less intensive used of our land.

Solar development of this size and scale taking away food producing land, takeing up a grid connection that can then not be used for a much more reliable source of power should not be allowed to happen. It will overload the grid in the summer and still generate not enough power and generate nothing in the winter. A complete folly.