

My name is Mark Wardle and I am a local resident. I vehemently oppose this development and the 3 other solar developments that are local to the West Burton Energy park. The reasons I give for not supporting any of these projects is the misuse of viable and active food growing arable land which in todays world of uncertainty should be used to help feed the nation. The wanton destruction of miles of hedgerows to enable this project to be built which provide irreplaceable habitat and wildlife corridors for the resident wildlife. In this country we take pride in protecting our biodiversity a mega project such as this and the others that are projected to be built in very close proximity of this particular project would decimate all manner of flora and fauna resident in this area. The thought of living amidst millions of large solar panels and associated equipment fills me full of fear and dread, the word often used is a "solar desert" devoid of all the benefits of living in a rural location. The safety of the battery storage has been questioned by numerous experts in the field of firefighting. In the event of a fire these would be left to burnout polluting the location with unknown contaminants, with no local water source to enable the firefighters to try and protect the local area this would potentially threaten local communities with uncontrolled wildfires.

The answer to solar developments is to use brown field locations, warehouse roofs and home solar panel systems. Finally I believe the venue for the public hearing is a distinct advantage to the developer representatives do to the location which is not local and the difficulty getting to the venue due to parking restrictions in Lincoln. A better venue for all would be the Lincolnshire Showground.