

I continue to need to know what the plans are for the recycling of the spent panels, given that technology changes rapidly, the panels have a life of approximately 20 years and currently there is just one facility (in Holland I am given to understand) that processes the spent panels.

I continue to question the use of arable land for this purpose when the agriculture secretary spoke at the 2023 Lincolnshire show of the county being the food production county of the country.

Use of arable land for "solar farming" reduces the area available for food production which in turn will increase the country's carbon footprint due to the need to import yet more foodstuffs.

The UK has a power sharing facility in the Viking Link and also an agreement with Holland for said sharing.

Solar panels are not without their own carbon footprint as no doubt all components will be imported - the panels themselves will probably come from Canada and they in turn will have imported components from China who will have produced them using fossil fuels, possibly also the use of child and young person labour which is far from acceptable - how many will die mining the necessary minerals needed?

Solar panels are a long way from environmentally friendly and a long, long way from Carbon Zero, never mind the human costs.

BROWNFIELD sites, where the land is unsuitable for housing or any other development would be far more appropriate than arable land in the FOOD COUNTY OF THE COUNTRY.

Why is there a need for "solar farms" when housing developments are now incorporating solar panels into the roofs of the properties being constructed?

The electricity is not going to be needed for the electric vehicles that we are all supposedly going to be driving as they are less environmentally friendly than petrol and diesel vehicles and EV's are not going to be the way forwards - Hydrogen powered vehicles will supersede them before long therefore dispensing of the need for solar power production.

Government are so very short-sighted and obviously have fiscal interest in solar power companies - hence their desire for these facilities.