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To whom it might concern

I am a local resident and I wish to record my objections to this proposed development.

This is one of 9 Nationally Significant Infrastructure projects totalling 27,000 acres with 5 (13,000 acres) falling within a 10 km radius in our area. These solar schemes have been divided into multiple smaller applications but their likely impact must be considered together. All of these proposals will remove valuable existing agricultural land out of production. Existing policy grants an automatic presumption against approving such proposals on agricultural land graded 1, 2 or 3a. Land grade 3b is just as good for growing wheat and grain. This would be a prime example of bad planning and be foolish at a time when food distribution networks worldwide have faced ongoing disruption owing to the war in Ukraine. This would also have a huge and negative cumulative impact upon this part of the country

There are additionally at least 4 more to the south of this area. This will make Lincolnshire, currently one of the most rural and agricultural counties in the country, into an industrialised wasteland that nobody will want to visit, let alone actually live in. This would have a major impact upon local communities, tourism, economy, infrastructure, ecology and the environment and I ask that planning for this proposed development is denied on the grounds outlined above.

Yours sincerely
Aliso Wood

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