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Dear Sir/Madam

I have expressed my fear about the impact that solar farms will have on individuals, wildlife and the environment many times. I firmly believe that they cannot be justified on farmland until many other surfaces have been utilised first.

I do not know what Governmental incentives exist that gives so many "players" the confidence to apply to place solar panels on farmland and I do not understand why such ill conceived profit -based proposals are assigned to national infrastructure status.

We can all agree the need for green energy but not at any cost and not without first, the highest scrutiny on who is applying, how will they manage the schemes, what the carbon footprint will be at the production and decommission stages, how much green energy will be produced, who for and who will be affected? As the cost will be too much for those affected to bear, your role in this is crucial.

There are now about 27,000 acres of Lincolnshire farmland supposedly "up for grabs" for solar development and this figure is growing. As a small family farm at the heart of it all, we were recently approached by yet another "player" looking for another 500 acres to infill between the larger developments already under consideration.

Such rampant greed and opportunism must be stopped in its tracks. Surely lessons have been learned that the private sector rarely delivers social results as its sole purpose is to make huge profits. Any "environmental" or social consequences will most certainly be played down and the impact, as always, will never be theirs to bear.

Permission to proceed will mean the end of the countryside as we know it, along with the livelihoods of those trying to make a living in it. There has to be another way, a better more sustainable way of capturing the suns energy than covering 30,000 acres of countryside and bringing to an end the pleasure, leisure and wellbeing even simple fields can bring to those who live and visit the open country

Regards

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