

This whole process of making a comment appears to have been designed to be so complex that no one can navigate the process and show any form of objection. It appears that the planning inspectorate are blinding ordinary citizens with an impossible situation in order to prevent them from making objections. We are the owners of a cafe in the centre of the village of Sturton by Stow and the conversations we have had with villagers have revealed that local people find this is a pre-determined process and that there is no point in making objections to massive industrialised solar farms surrounding not only the village but also the whole way to the nearest town of Gainsborough. This will be a scar on the countryside for miles with hideous unsightly solar panels ruining the farmland which will never be restored and eventually become brown field sites. Lincolnshire has always been the 'bread basket' of England and now it will be totally industrialised. This is such a short sighted development just 'oiling the wheels of commerce' and big commercial companies making profits at the expense of the inhabitants of the area and cynically robbing farmers of their land because farming is no longer supported. We already have hungry people in our community and especially in Gainsborough where food banks are relied upon. This massive loss of land to agricultural use can only impact food prices ultimately and cause them to rise. The need for cheap imports will increase and this will impact our environment as food miles increase. Cheap imported foods do not have the food standards of those produced in the UK. The whole process is immoral because cheap imports then deny the poorest and most needy people in the world of food.

The views from the air we have seen of these massive solar farms show that beautiful medieval landmarks will be completely surrounded and there are significant buildings in this area such as Stow Minster (older than Lincoln Cathedral) and Coates church which is older than the Catholic Church in this country. It is truly heart breaking and soul destroying that all these sites are being proposed and considered in such a mass in our location and the removal of our beautiful landscapes from our community. There are surely many more suitable places for solar panels than a whole region of Lincolnshire - roof tops of industrial buildings and every house top and brown field sites but not land that could produce food.