

WBSP ExAs 2nd questions.

2.2.1 Future agricultural use.

The token gesture of any sheep grazing, as seen on many other solar farm applications is just planning propaganda and a photo shoot opportunity.

It has been documented that sheep grazing on solar farms can bring many negative concerns to the operator and farmer, and many operators have indeed halted this practice after planning approval has been granted.

Cable and panel damage, rounding up difficulties and other husbandry issues being the main reasons for the cessation of this limited secondary function.

The heavy and often wet land in this area is not conducive to sheep welfare. Hence this being an arable landscape, famed for growing cereals. Lincolnshire is after all "the Breadbasket of the UK."

Another small issue is the obvious lack of sheep in this area. The site is likely to be sown with biodiversity mixes, not of forage quality that would offer only poor grazing.

This Agri-proposal is purely an empty option of no weight. The UK does not require hundreds of thousands of acres of additional low-grade sheep grazing on solar farms and I know that within this small 6-mile radius there is no requirement for 13,000 acres of extra sheep grazing.

If a single sheep ever sets foot on one of these huge proposals, then it would be purely as a tool to keep the weeds down, nothing more. Agriculture would cease to exist on these multi thousand-acre proposals, all of which will consume our finite "croppable" farmland. What a waste.

Finally, I ask. Why the Applicant with seemingly such high climate morals would be promoting the expansion of livestock production that could exacerbate climate change?

"One sheep can produce about 30 litres of methane each day.

According to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, methane has 28 to 34 times the impact of carbon dioxide in a 100-year period and over the first 20 years after it reaches the atmosphere, it's 84 to 86 times more potent."