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My name is Mark Wardle and I reside in Marton village.

I wish to reiterate my total objection to the West Burton Solar Project and other Island Green Power developments that will destroy vast tracts of active, productive and irreplaceable arable farmland.

It is paramount that the nations food production is protected in uncertain geopolitical conditions, to destroy our farmers ability to help feed the nation is pure folly.

The decommissioning of huge areas of arable farmland to build such known inefficient infrastructure at the expense of food production, wildlife habitat and blight local communities with millions of solar panel and associated equipment is totally irresponsible and unacceptable. The noise of pile driving during the construction phase, the massive increase in HGV traffic and closing of of local highways and byways will make living in the area horrendous and after the final construction phase the continuous noise pollution from the inverters will drive any local wildlife away and will be unbearable for those unfortunate enough to live near them. Their homes will become valueless in a short space of time.

The developers have intimated that they will require miles of established hedgerows within their development boundaries to be dug up. This will have a significant impact on local wildlife that use hedgerows as breeding ground and wildlife corridors.

This whole area of West Lindsey will become one huge solar desert when you combine all 3 Island Green Power and Tillbridge Solar developments.

I urge His Majesty's Planning inspectorate to ensure that these developments do not destroy a huge area of precious and irreplaceable countryside, so that future generations can continue to enjoy the countryside and all it has to offer for countless people's wellbeing.

Regards

Mark Wardle

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