

Objection to Cottam Solar project proposals for the following reasons:-

1) I object because this proposal is just one of four huge proposals total size of the development (s) 10,000 acres, would be equal to the metropolitan area of the city of Lincoln. The our developments are close to each other, impacting over 30 villages in West Lindsey. The developers are working together and sharing resources and cable routes and I believe the same legal team. Therefore these developments, the impact and unsuitability, should be considered as a whole entity and not as four single developments.

2. I object to the project because I feel the developers have failed to consult in good faith with communities or individuals. Questions have remained unanswered, promises of information have been withheld and the project has been kept deliberately vague by over use of the "Rochdale Envelope"

3. I object to the project because of the cumulative loss of best most versatile (BMV) arable land and the loss of crops for many decades. In particular at a time when the world is experiencing diminished availability of wheat and grain ,due to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, coupled with a global fall in the rice harvest yield.

4.The agricultural industry locally and nationally will be impacted by these huge sites, tenant farmers stand to lose their homes and livelihoods, there probably will be a reduction in agricultural employment well into the future, in the agricultural service sector too, agricultural engineering, seed and fertiliser suppliers. Loss of crop GDP and consequently higher food imports.

Whilst work opportunities on a solar park beyond initial construction will be minimal.

5. I object to the source of PV Solar panels, batteries, and associated equipment. Manufactured in China, under alleged forced labour, and utilising the exponentially increasing use of power generated from Coal Fired plants. I have further reservations as China becomes more belligerent and threatening to the West ,that the UK should not become reliant on China for it's Energy Security.

6. I object because of the loss of habitats of so many species of wildlife that live and seasonally visit. The enclosure of sites and sub sites will prevent ranging species such as Fox & Deer from passage, forcing them to enclosure perimeters and roads increasing risk of animal/vehicular collisions, bird population such as Lapwing / skylarks and a myriad of species will be in danger of decline as hedgerows, trees and field habitats are replaced.

7. I object to the project due to the impact of increased traffic over a 3-4 year construction period, (a period that would potentially be repeated every 10-15 years as panel life requires replacement) would exponentially multiply over rural roads that are unsuitable for the increased volume of HGV, light goods, plant , abnormal loads & daily workforce traffic. The detritus carried from field to road would cause danger to other road users, horse riders, cyclists etc. in addition to causing damage to an already sub standard road surface verges paving and kerbs

8. I object to the project because I believe that the developers have deliberately misled by project output claims and therefore carbon offset claims too. Questions about details of percentage output posed at the consultation meetings remained unanswered despite follow up promises.

9. I strongly object to The Cottam project because of the probable increase in surface water flood risk. Properties adjacent to the project May will be at greater risk of property flooding. Plans to cover this area with Solar PV panels would potentially increase the flood risk due to



the increased runoff & concentration pooling onto a clay substrate with a slow permeable rate from panels during periods of heavy rain.

10. I object to this project due to the potential impact on local tourism. Many small lodge and fishing holiday parks have opened in the last few years and these would lose visitor appeal once surrounded by mega solar sites. The cumulative effect of 4 huge solar industrial sites would cover most of the Trent valley running toward Lincoln, the views from Burton cliff, Lincoln's spectacular Cathedral along with the Castle and uphill Lincoln all favourite tourism attractions would be impacted by the loss of rural vista.

11. I object to this project on the grounds of safety. I have concerns that the lithium batteries (BSS) have an inherent dangerous tendency to explode and burn. Fighting these fires is difficult and I believe the local fire stations do not have the requisite equipment to contain and extinguish these fires. In addition the toxic fumes from these fires has potential to cause harm to humans and livestock. Chemical and mineral contamination would inevitably be leached into the hitherto fertile land and or watercourses, causing environmental and health problems.

12. I object to the project because of the adverse impact on communities, the impact already being seen with reduced property values and cancelled sales due to the spectre of solar development. There is undoubtedly an impact on peoples mental health. Village interaction is in jeopardy of being curtailed as villages are encircled by acres of Solar PV and the thread of rural community is severed.

13. I object to the project on grounds of noise caused by piling, workforce, construction, plant movement & operation and traffic movement. 12 hours a day 6 days per week for 3-4 years. Then noise of site operation, cooling fans switch gear etc. promised information following sound sampling, we're withheld by the developers.

14. The proposed area of the site is predominantly rural, the inclusion of security fencing will not only impact wildlife but with intrusive perimeter lighting and CCTV cameras it will alter the area from rural to industrial landscape. Additionally there are concerns about privacy, not only personal for those living along side or near each enclosed site, but also those transiting the area. Who has access and what is footage used for? What are the guaranteed data protection safeguards? No answers have been received despite attending consultation. The other major concern is the origins of these cameras, world wide Chinese made cameras are being removed from sensitive sites due to possible security issues, no information has been given.