

My primary concerns are:

1 There are four very large schemes under consideration, all within the Lincolnshire bank of the Trent Valley. It is not reasonable to segregate all these as defined projects given the common objectives for each scheme. The imposition on local residents of four different but concurrent enquiries places an unreasonable burden on local people. By containing this enquiry into the terms of reference imposed across all four schemes, which are likely to have common objectives, if it is agreed to progress each one, the impact on the local community and landscape will be enormous, resulting in a huge area under glass - if all four schemes are approved, we shall have 10 million solar panels which will have a very detrimental impact on those living in or even near these developments. While appreciating that your Terms of Reference are restrictive to this particular scheme, I would appeal to all the Chairs of the four schemes to liaise and consider the wider impact should all these schemes be approved. The reality for local residents is that collectively these schemes are - in practice - one massive solar farm that would be the largest in Europe.

2 An appeal for living space. Outline plans indicate that solar panels will be positioned extremely close to villages and settlements. Open spaces and access to the local countryside will be denied and we face the prospect of becoming "islands" in a sea of glass. Medical advice confirms that this will have a negative impact on the mental and physical health of the local residents. The panels are very large at 4m high. My suggestion is that there should be provision for a "cordon sanitaire" around each settlement of one square kilometer and wider provision for existing public footpaths. In addition, property values will plummet and it seems reasonable that all residents adversely affected should be compensated for their losses.

3 It appears that wildlife will be "culled" to enable the development. The area currently supports a healthy population of deer and hares are widespread. The developers should be obligated to restore wildlife in dedicated areas within the scheme. Similarly, many miles of hedgerow loss must be replaced to restore biodiversity. This should be mandatory and not optional.