

Objection to the Green Island Power proposals for up to **10,000** acres of land being used as a solar 'farm' in West Lindsey, Lincolnshire.

I am absolutely appalled that these proposals are being put forward. Solar, as part of the mix of a source of renewable energy is not a problem but there are 600,000 acres of south facing building roofs in the UK and this is where solar panels should be installed.

The sheer scale of this project is immense ; it will have a huge effect in many areas –

1. Agriculture – the land under proposal is Grade 3 and is currently used for growing crops for food production. We have a war in Europe with problems of supply. We should be focusing on growing more food in the UK, not less. The landscape will be changed for 40 years + and may never be returned to farmland again.
2. Environment – many hundreds of indigenous species of wildlife will be destroyed including mammals, insects, birds, trees and plants. Acres of hedgerows will be ripped out and the wildlife will be decimated.
3. Public health – The effect to the community's mental and physical health will be immense. People have lived in these communities for many generations. Currently, it is a peaceful, quiet, rural area. As a solar 'farm' it will become a vast industrial site with no access to footpaths and the countryside as it is known will disappear. Just the planning process of these proposals has caused a huge amount of stress, worry and depression. That's just the planning process!
There will be more heavy traffic on narrow roads and there will be a constant 'hum' from the solar panels.
4. Battery storage BSS – this potential fire risk is a particular worry to residents of small villages close to these sites.

Plus, is solar the right choice anyway? The summer of 2023 showed that overcast skies, low hours of sunlight and heat were not effective for generating power.

I would urge you to halt these proposals.