

I object to the application on three counts:

desecration of good farmland;

unreliable source of energy;

visually unacceptable to the local population.

At a time when the world is in increased turmoil, the greatest security in the production of food is surely within our own borders. Loss of reasonable quality farmland on such a scale does not make any sense.

Solar power is not a reliable source, being heavily dependent on weather conditions. It is short term because long term storage has proved problematic. From personal experience solar power is readily available during daylight hours in summer months, when it is least needed, but does not produce energy during colder periods or in darkness, when power is vital. There are more efficient means of clean energy production which could be researched.

It is proposed that Cottam, Gate Burton, West Burton and Tillbridge will together cover some 10,000 acres of land. Being in close proximity to each other, the four proposals should be regarded as one. These areas are rural; that amount of industrialisation will completely alter the character of the area. From the Lincoln Edge the view will be horrifying. The argument that these panels can be screened is ludicrous. The small amount of woodland screening proposed will take many years to take effect. Aren't there enough vacant roof expanses both domestic and industrial, where their ugliness will be less obvious.