

**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 renewable energy is not a problem, it's just the condemning of vast areas of farmland to become an industrial landscape.

There are 600,000 acres of south facing building roofs in the UK, 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 –

**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.

**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 habitats decimated.

**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, the countryside as it is now 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!

**Battery storage –**

The scale of land required for this is immense.

The implications of living near this facility will affect the mental health and general lives of people living in the area. There must be environmental problems just in the manufacture of these batteries, let alone disposal.

**Transport Issues-**

These are vast schemes, requiring vast logistical issues. The road infrastructure just isn't capable of coping with the amount of heavy traffic which these schemes will generate. The small villages in our area will be blighted by the procession of goods vehicles.

The impact on the community will be life changing.

The advent of mini nuclear power stations will render schemes like these obsolete. In fact, by reserving grid connection for solar might hold up their development.

If these schemes are allowed to go ahead, you consign a vast area of rural England to an industrial, soul less wilderness, you will have changed our countryside forever.

I would urge you to halt these proposals.