

Why has Lincolnshire been selected for so many solar projects?

Why have solar projects been prioritised over wind farms? Wind farms can generate more power than required hence why they get turned off when they have produced too much. Would it be not be more of an investment to have wind turbines. The coverage area of solar panels needed to generate the power required is far greater than one static wind turbine. Solar is ineffective and is fully dependent on weather and light and at night they become redundant. A solar farm in winter can only work on potential daylight for an average of 8 hours. Wind turbines can work day and night. Ian W Gordon made some excellent point about the inefficiency of solar in his registration comments.

This seems like a highly inefficient use of our productive farmland and I strongly object to this project and the three other large scale projects planned for the area, totalling approximately 10,000 acres.

The amount of land proposed for this project is vast, literally stretching Saxilby in the South, Aisby in the North, Glentworth in the East and Knaith Park in the West. Approximately 15 miles North to South and 8 miles East to West. I have attached a map showing the locations of these projects. As they are so closely intertwined I strongly believe these projects should be treated as one.

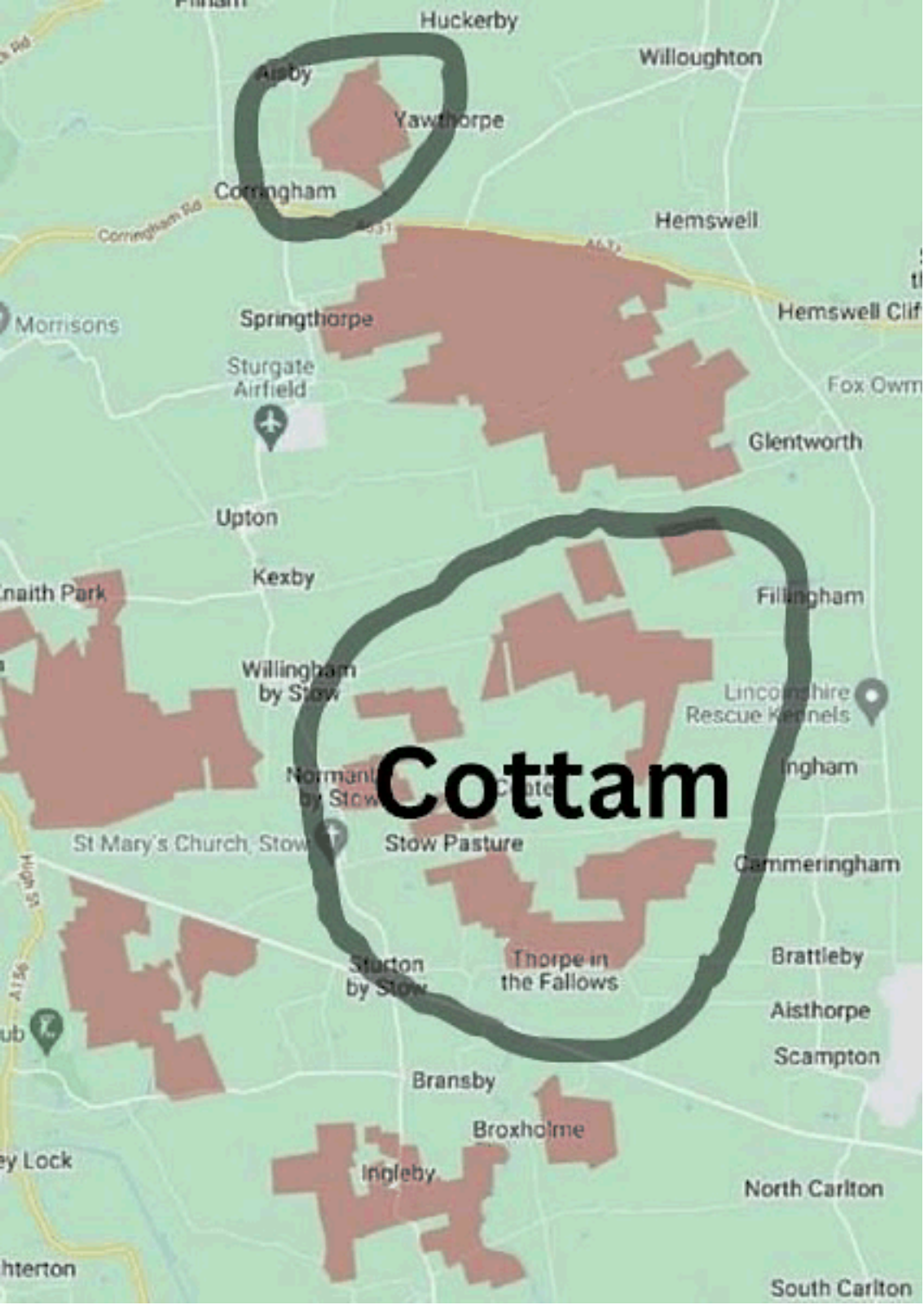
These projects engulf some houses and will be able to be seen from all angles ruining many views across the fields when walking and driving.

I have seen far more innovative installations of solar panels. For example, the full length of motorway central reservations with a roof of solar panels covering a cycle path underneath, ground level car parks having solar panel canopies, providing shade for cars, also canals having solar panels built over the top of them, reducing evaporation. All using existing infrastructure and with dual purpose rather than decimating more and more green space. Disused MOD sites could be alternative spaces as these large sites are often abandoned with no plans for alternative use and already have public restrictions, fences, security in place with could be upgraded to suit. Have a look at Enlil wind turbines. Enlil is the first vertical smart wind turbine. It has been designed to both harvests the energy from the natural wind, as well as those created by passing vehicles.

Solar panels should be added to transportation such as cars, buses, lorries, trains so they effectively will power themselves meaning charging points would not need to be used as much and electric trains for example would take less power from the grid. All business with roof space such as warehouses, supermarkets, commercial retail parks and industrial trading estates should have solar panels enforced as part of the planning process.

Cottam power station is decommissioned and covers an area of 620 acres. Why can this not be demolished and the site filled with solar panels. We are in a cost of living crisis with many people unable to afford food prices which seem to be ever increasing. Where is the sense in destroying food producing agricultural land and taking away our countries food independence. We import many things already, why potentially increase this further.

Having read the relevant representations, including those submitted by 7000 Acres, I support all of the statements objecting to the scheme. 7000 Acres is a group I follow as they are doing an excellent job keeping us informed about the proposals. The statements they have made are factual and I agree with their thoughts and feelings on the project. The only people benefitting from this project are the developers and the farmers willingly exchanging their land for money. It should not be allowed that food producing land can be used for this purpose.



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