

Dear Planning inspectorate

I live in Thorpe in the Fallows, a small hamlet, that will boarder onto the proposed Cottam Solar Project site

I am not going to repeat all that others have said regarding the impact of the proposed site etc I strongly agree with all the opposition. We seem to be living in times where big decisions are being made on "knee jerk reaction" rather than long term thought strategies. As technology moves swiftly on these solar eyesores will be outdated far sooner than their operational life and Lincoln will be left with scrap yard on a massive scale

I am writing this as someone who is certainly an affected party but the objections and concerns I put forward are probably the same as would affect others in a similar situation

My property Clandon House is located on the north side of Thorpe lane (incorrectly marked as being on the south side on the O/S maps)

I retired to this location due to its remoteness and natural beauty. Looking from the rear of my property are open views of farmlands and woods as far as the eye can see.

Should this project go ahead those views will be lost, probably forever.

The fence at the end of my garden would be the adjoining fence with the site. Anywhere in my garden would be looking directly at panels. It would become an eyesore. It would not be a place to retire and enjoy but a place of sadness and depression.

A natural pond is located in one corner of my land that is home to abundance of wildlife including newts, frogs nesting birds and insects. Bats are often seen hunting in the evenings. Unfortunately the pond is also on the boundary with the proposed site. What affect will the disruption have of the wildlife with the noise and dust that will be created during construction? I often have birds of prey and owls around my land, what will happen to their hunting grounds when the fields are full of reflective mechanical scarecrows?

Is it worth destroying this diverse natural landscape for the profit and greed of a few who use "saving the planet" rhetoric as a disguise for lining their own pockets?

The land around my property has a very high water table has any consideration been given to the runoff from the panels? Who will take the responsibility if my property floods or the land becomes waterlogged?

Should this project go ahead what consideration has been taken into account regarding the value of properties in the local area?

I purchase clandon house with every penny I could muster. I wanted to retire to the country with views and seclusion now I could be left with a property that has been not only considerably devalued but probably unsellable.

What responsibility has the developer to compensate for those huge losses? These questions I am sure are not unique to me.

Has the developer taken any consideration to the affect it will have on my quality of life. I really object to a high fence being erected with what I understand to be security lighting and CCTV cameras. It would literally feel like being in a prison and should cameras be installed what about my right to privacy. I object very strongly to having any CCTV anywhere near my property or is my privacy being taken away in favour of the big profit making company planning the project.

What is the developer planning to prevent this unsightly view and the associated glare that it would cause on the few sunny days that we get in the UK

The area of land that is my garden holds a Saxon settlement and as such it is listed and cannot be built upon. It seems very convenient that this settlement ends at my fence but allows development of the adjacent field

I have never had any site visits on my land as far as I know by any of the inspectorate.

Because of my location and proximity to the project could I please be considered for a site visit so that my issues can be seen firsthand?

I apologise for sounding very selfish in my concerns but others have outlined in great detail why this raping of the land should not go ahead and I support them fully

Mike Timson