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Good morning,

We have been asked to put in writing what the speakers said at the Open Floor hearing on Thursday. To recap, I spoke about how our countryside and farmland is being affected by 'development' and, now, these solar farms, and how, as a result, good arable land (of all grades) is disappearing.

My concerns were also about how we are not being listened to.

The 39 houses being built opposite our home in [REDACTED] were neither wanted nor needed, we all protested as a village but no notice was taken and a prime arable field opposite us is now under concrete.

At Scampton we have had 2000 'asylum seekers' (so-called) scheduled for the disused RAF site. This too met major protests by residents and the Council but the plan was waved through anyway. The huge increase in the country's population, mainly caused by immigration, puts an even greater strain on our ability to grow our own crops. Food security has become a major issue, and this has been recognised by the Commons' Environment Audit Committee which has designated food security as a public good. Hopefully the publication later this month of the Land Use Framework will put an end to these ill-thought out plans.

Mr. Phillips, the solicitor for the applicants, gave a speech at the end of the meeting which totally disrespected the statements of the speakers and tried to justify the application as bring a much-needed environmental measure. Of course it isn't.

He even had the gall to tell me, when I questioned him on house prices and whether we would even be able to sell our house in the future, that people would love to buy a house in the middle of 10,000 acres of glass panels! Maybe he'd like to buy it? But he doesn't live around here so isn't affected. The opening speech by Sir Edward Leigh MP trumps Mr. Phillips' patronising attempt at justification.

Please LISTEN to the residents. We do NOT want these panels and their erection cannot be justified.

Yours faithfully,

Cheryl and Richard Felix,

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