

The applicants response given by Gareth Philips.

In his response he suggested that taking out 20% of available agricultural land in the country if all solar projects went ahead would not have a significant effect on food security i find this difficult to believe.

It was also suggested or implied that Lincolnshire was a centre for energy creation due to the large number of power stations this is not true there is possibly one power station in Lincolnshire the others that can be seen from this county are not in Lincolnshire. Lincolnshire is primarily rural area dedicated to the production of food. The proposed solar farms will change what is a rural landscape in to one of an industrialised area which will devastate the visual appearance of the area and the existing diverse natural habitat. It can not be proved that the scheme will have a net biodiversity gain.

He also alluded to the ethical procurement of the panels from China being an issue for local planners why is this the case. To suggest because people get other items from China then there is no reason to question how the solar panels are made is not acceptable if there are issues with how the panels are made then it should be addressed.

How can the issue of mental health be addressed when no one knows what impact a scheme of this scale will have there are no other solar farms of this size in the country affecting so many small rural villages. The impact of one solar farm would be devastating four would be unimaginable and would destroy the landscape for the foreseeable future to compare these to golf courses is folly.