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Subject: Solar projects in the Lincoln / West Lindsey area

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Good morning,

I am a resident of [REDACTED] Lincolnshire. I am also a business owner of a rural business near Saxilby, a smallholder / small scale farmer with a tiny amount of land near Sturgate airport and an employee of an education based CIC in Gainsborough. Together with my husband and two primary school aged children, you can see that we are very involved in life in the whole area in which solar farms are being considered.

I am pro renewable energy, but I am hugely opposed to the sheer number of solar developments being planned within a relatively small area. The impact of the proportion of developments (believed to be around 13,000 acres) within this 6 mile radius is going to be devastating to the local residents, walkers, cyclists, horse riders, children trying to engage in recreation. Is there a reason that solar farms can't be placed on brown fields instead of useful agricultural spaces? Or solar farms be combined with industrial developments? For example, a huge warehouse and services has been developed at Blyth on the A1 but solar panels are not evident.

A new housing estate has been built at Marton, in the middle of some of the proposed solar farms, and thankfully some of the houses have solar panels fitted as they are being built - why is this not more commonplace, or even a condition of planning consent?

Please keep solar out of our fields and green spaces!

Rebekah.