

I'm hoping Planning has watched the aerial footage of the four solar farms, initially West Cottam, West Burton, Gate Burton and Tillbridge. They originally were said to cover 7,000 acres but this grew to 10,000 acres. With two new farms, Stow and Steeple Renewables, (area not covered in the footage as it is early days for these yet) it would be 13,000 acres (almost double the original figure) all within a 6 mile radius. All along the residents have said that four farms so close together should be considered by Planning as one. That has clearly been ignored. I don't think it was previously possible to imagine what 10,000 acres would look like. Even I am stunned. It's appalling. Would you like to live here if plans are passed? I moved here less than 2 years ago from Leeds [REDACTED]. At that point no plans had been submitted so they didn't show up in searches. If they had I would never have bought this house, this house that has had a lot of expensive work done on it. What is my house going to be worth surrounded by solar panels? Will I even be able to sell it? I'm pension age so money doesn't grow on trees. Also [REDACTED] be far worse. It has been said that the batteries hum. I came here for peace and quiet!

Speaking out about the aerial footage made me realise that I had never made a submission against West Cottam so excuse me for doing both together. I have been against these farms since the beginning, for the loss of good farmland, the loss of hedgerows and the habitats of many other animals. For the fact that these hideous panels will blight our beautiful countryside, and will be seen from Lincoln Cathedral. For the fact that they will damage the land beneath them so it cannot be used for farming again for at least 40 years and also the batteries can and do explode which may cause damage to property and/or loss of life. The nearest a farm comes to my house is a battery. Solar panels belong on industrial roof tops, on disused land or car parks, anywhere but where these money greedy companies are hoping to put them. Solar panels obviously only gather energy from the sun. The last four months I have never seen so much rain in my life. All the flood warnings. Also if farmland is used how are we going to feed ourselves when it is no longer there? By costly imports from other countries? I have run several successful companies in my life and this is a complete no brainer. Throw this application where it belongs. In the bin.

Thank You