

Hello, Hello is anybody listening?

I am extremely concerned that the Cottam solar energy development along with all the other similar proposals, are not being considered in a fair and pragmatic way. The process doesn't appear to give any appreciation or understanding of the impact all these projects will have on our countryside and their associated local communities. The hearings themselves are all too complicated and far too extensive given that all the projects are simultaneously being heard and since they are all at different stages it becomes virtually impossible to keep abreast of the proceedings.

I suspect this is intentional and for the sole purpose of limiting objections.

We have arrived at a situation where locally the overall density of the proposals for Tillbridge, Gate Burton, West Burton and Cottam 1, approaches 50% coverage of the overall landscape. This is scandalous when there is an overwhelming objection to the proposals. There are certainly many better alternatives to achieving our drive to zero emissions than destroying 15,000 acres of fertile farmland, presently used to provide food for the nation.

The planning process for such development should be with consent NOT imposition. As it stands it is forcing local communities to rally around themselves in an attempt to defend their historic way of life against the onslaught of moneyed big business supported by all their representation. Totally inequitable and frankly reprehensible given that these companies are considering such massive changes to people's lives in such a cavalier manner.

When will the Government wake up and realise that generating solar energy at this latitude is just one big con., purely a money making exercise. The companies blatantly shout about how many properties their schemes will provide power for, yes that may be correct for a few days in midsummer, but the schemes certainly won't achieve that in winter or even most of the year. Analysis of some existing schemes will prove this and prevent vast swathes of agricultural green belt being needlessly turned over to an industrial wasteland.

I thought we lived in a democratic society this doesn't appear to be correct, it is bordering on autocracy!