

Please see the attached map showing 9 solar NSIPs, with 5 falling within a 10km radius!

The 7000 acres group was initially named after the first 3 solar applications in the area, covering some 7000 acres of farmland. Its name, now being out of date with an unprecedented amount of solar proposals in this single 10km zone. This area has now almost doubled to around 13,000 acres, with new schemes seemingly being announced every few months. As a voice for the rural communities affected, we urge that any decisions made regarding so much farmland being given over to this inferior and inefficient electricity generator, are based on the full facts of net zero, food security, climate change and affordable electricity. We believe solar on farmland would hinder all of these ambitions.

This map is shocking evidence of an opportunistic and out of control industry. The brakes must be applied.

Solar in the UK, on this scale and in this form is damaging and does not have a compelling case.

The schemes shown include;

- 1.COTTAM SOLAR PROJECT
- 2.WEST BURTON SOLAR PROJECT
- 3.GATE BURTON ENERGY PARK
- 4.TILLBRIDGE SOLAR
- 5.STEEPLE RENEWABLES
- 6.VOLTIS SOLAR (scoping)
- 7.ONE EARTH SOLAR
- 8.FOSSE GREEN
- 9.GREAT NORTH ROAD SOLAR

1-5 fall inside the 10km Gainsborough solar complex.

6&7 fall just outside the 10km zone.

8&9 are also shown on this map and this is by no means the full picture, with at least 4 more solar NSIPs, South of Lincoln; SPRINGWELL, HECKINGTON FEN, BEACON FEN and MALLARD PASS.

