

I would like to raise the issue that the cumulative effect of this site with 8 other nationally significant infrastructure projects amounts to 27,000 acres in the countryside around us and 13,000 acres fall within 10km of our area. This amounts to mass industrialisation of the countryside of Lincolnshire. This is not even the complete picture for Lincolnshire as there are at least 4 more to the south. (Spring Well, Heckington Fen, Beacon Fen, & Mallard Pass. This seems to be an incredibly short-sighted proposition when the loss of agricultural land in the 'bread basket' of England would not be redeemable due to contamination of the ground in the event of a war for example. When the current state of the world's politics is considered it is not beyond the realms of possibility that the country would very quickly become insecure for food as was the case in world war 2 which led to all the developments in agriculture. In any event the loss of all this agricultural land is bound to add to an increase in food prices because much of it is currently used to grow cereals. Rick Stein's recent program Food Stories focused on Lincolnshire and gave aerial views of the rolling fields of Lincolnshire and gave insight into not only the cereal production but also how it is used to produce pork and poultry. It is actually heart-breaking to think that in 40 years time this land would be considered as brownfield sites. What a terrible proposition that this could lead to all sorts of unwelcome development. The visual impact of all these solar farms would be unbearable and soul destroying and have a terrible detrimental effect on the well-being of our family. Surely the place for solar panels is on roof tops especially because for a large proportion of time (at night and low light of winter) they are not generating any electricity at all. It's a sad country where the only way farmers can get an income is to give up the land to solar panels and destroy wild life habitats and a community's surroundings.