

Please find my response to the Secretary of States request for comments by interested parties to the replies given by parties to his questions of the 19th July.

It would appear that EDF and the developer have not yet come to an agreement regarding the compulsory purchase of land, and the developer just wants the ability to purchase whatever piece of land they need.

We should not be allowing willy-nilly compulsory purchases of land allowance to developers, and if development is granted, it should hold the developers to account and have bib and braces documentation pin pointing exactly where.

However, I do strongly believe we should not be allowing compulsory purchases for something as inefficient and land-intensive as solar.

Interms of EMF and the risk to endangered and protected fish, as a layman, it seems to me that currently the developer has not come up with any satisfactory solution and we should not be granting consent until a specialist in this area can confirm at 5 m EMF will not be an issue. Guesswork is just not acceptable, and it should be encumbant on the SoS to ensure we are working on factual information only and not letting the developers mark their own homework.

It has been muted in the press that the SoS wants to be a rooftop solar champion, and I fail to see why we need to trash rural communities and agricultural land when we have so much available roof space and brownfield land. While I fully understand we as a country want to get to Net Zero, I fail to see why we can't do it in a more holistic manner.

The cumulative effect and clustering of these projects in Lincolnshire should be a key reason why this project should not be allowed to go ahead. The SoS has already accepted Gate Burton Energy Park which is on the door step to Cottam. The SoS should now turn down Cottam because of the Cumulative impact.

Trashing our countryside for ever is totally not necessary. There are much better options that are far less land intensive, and the public will not forgive this gungho approach to going green. Wind and Nuclear is they way to go in a Windy dull weather country.

Why do we need to have unprecedented sizes in solar panels at 4.5 m high?

If the government wishes to unnecessarily use our land for ineffective projects such as this, then we should be limiting the amount in each county, but better yet, we can achieve it through an ambitious roof top policy! We need to be more innovative instead of just accepting trashing our land and giving this finite resource better protections.

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