

98% of the proposed land for this solar farm is BMV land, highly fertile land is crucial for the country to grow its own food, every solar farm given permission on this productive land reduces our ability to do this.

Low grade land should be found to put solar farms on, the proximity to Drax should not be a factor in siting this farm. This site is very close to the homes on West Bank, it is literally, planned to the ends of their gardens with no screening in place. The impact of this is vast, both for the wellbeing & mental health of the residents, the noise impact and the devaluation of property.

I am highly concerned about the impact to wildlife, there are bats, barn owls, large birds of prey in the area. Bristol university did a study which stated there is a detrimental impact to Bats when solar farms are built.

The siting of this solar farm would significantly impact the area changing it from rural to industrial.

I am also concerned about the cumulative impact, there are already two solar farms approved in the area, and a very large battery store.

The proposed area is a flood risk area, not turning the soil will increase the flood risk, this will increase over time too. The area is very flat with no natural drainage, it is totally reliant on a network of dykes. Additional drainage & flood precautions would need to be put in place.

Many of the traditional lanes in the area, such as Race Lane, Stockwith Lane, Bull Alley Lane, and Brick Lands lane are used regularly by walkers, Horse riders, cyclists, regularly means several times a day. The concern is these will become inaccessible, either through the Enso blocking them or just because they are unsafe during the building of the site. I have used them for 20 years and have neighbours & friends who have used them to horse ride on for over 50 years.

The noise close to these would make it dangerous riding horses along these tracks & there would need to be safety zones if machinery was coming for the horses to safely get out of the way.

This scheme is offering no highly skilled or well paid jobs for the local communities, they have said the only jobs would be temporary or low skilled. So no benefit to the local communities to see a continual benefit.

The roads in the area are not designed for high numbers of HGV traffic, there are lots of pets, children which I worry about, all the new houses have had a significant impact on the roads making them very busy, it is now difficult to exit [REDACTED] into Carlton, and the main road between Selby & Goole now has continuous traffic, the road has become too busy for the width of the road.

The fire risk from the large number of battery storage facility is also a concern, there is already a large storage facility close to Drax. Over 100 containers is a huge site, with the prevailing west wind & the lack of provision if there is a fire, there is great concern about evacuation & impact to local residents.

I am also very concerned about the noise, during construction it will be unbearable for residents, severely impacting our day to day lives. Then the ongoing noise from the site, both the high pitched hum from the solar to the noise from the battery storage facility which they have requested the acceptable levels are increased so they can achieve these.