

My objection to the Tillbridge Solar Scheme relates principally to the damage it will do to mine and many other peoples enjoyment of the wide and expansive views from the B1398 between Harpswell and Glentworth and along the un-named road between Harpswell and Heapham. These views have been protected by the Area of Great Landscape Value (AGLV) designation of the Lincoln Cliff scarp slope for many decades. This may only be a 'local' designation rather than a national one, but this does not mean that it is any less valued by the residents and visitors to this part of Lincolnshire.

If the Tillbridge Solar scheme did **not** extend any further east than the high pressure gas pipe marker on the Harpswell to Heapham Road (what3words : /// secret.abandons.streaking), then I would have no objection to it.

The Tillbridge Solar Scheme, is just one of a number of similar massive solar farm developments planned for the West Lindsey/North Notts area. All of these have been enabled by the closure of the coal fired power plants at West Burton, Cottam and High Marnham. These power stations provided good quality well paid employment to thousands of local people. If all of these planned solar farm developments are approved it will transform the landscape of the local area, covering vast swathes of the countryside in solar panels but with very little benefit to the local communities.

The small rural settlements closest to the Tillbridge Solar scheme, have very few amenities. Most people who live in these communities take pleasure from in living in "the countryside" and would like to continue doing so rather than living in a "sea of glass".

Local walking groups have spent countless hours over many years, trying to get a public right of way (Bridleway) between Harpswell and Glentworth, re-instated. Their mission is nearly complete, the case is at the final appeal stage and when finalised, will restore an historic trackway which links the 'spring-line' villages which sit at the foot of the Lincoln Cliff scarp slope (AGLV). All of this effort has been carried out in order to allow locals and visitors to enjoy walking in the countryside between the historic spring-line villages. They should be able to enjoy the views which have been protected by the AGLV for decades.

As a former Secretary of State once said in the HoC about Solar Energy, in the context of protecting the local and global environment. "**Meeting our energy goals should not be used to justify the wrong development in the wrong location, Protecting the global environment is not an excuse to trash the local environment**". I agree with this statement.



View from B1398 looking West towards Heapham



View from B1398 looking North towards Harpswell



View from Harpswell to Heapham Road adjacent gas pipe marker post  
(what3words : [///secret.abandons.streaking](https://www.what3words.com/secret.abandons.streaking)) looking towards Lincoln Cliff scape  
slope AGLV