

**INTERESTED PARTY REFERENCE NUMBER: 20049933**

**TILLBRIDGE SOLAR PROJECT – DEADLINE 1 – 29 OCTOBER 2024**

Although I was unable to attend the Open Floor Hearing and Issue Specific Hearings on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 held at Thonock Park, The Belt Road, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire I have viewed and listened to the recently published recordings of these on the Planning Inspectorate's portal.

I concur and fully support those Interested Parties who spoke so eloquently against the Tillbridge Solar Project and I also wish to register again my objection to this solar development, which I expressed in my Relevant Representation dated 30 July 2024.

In brief I was pleased to note:-

- That as part of the Examination, the Examining Authority will look at crop yields produced from the fields on the Tillbridge Solar site rather than just the grading of the soil as has been the case previously and the ExA has made a request for people to forward statistics regarding crop yields to them.
- Concern was raised by a number of people regarding health and how having our countryside and rural communities transformed into an industrial landscape is affecting their well-being. One lady who spoke at the above Hearing, whose health is being affected by the Tillbridge Solar project was upsetting to watch but she echoed how we are all feeling *yet the developer/applicant continues to state there will be no negative impact !*

It cannot be denied that mental health is on the increase in the UK but access to mental health care is in decline. This reduced access to care will have long-term implications on mental health and put even greater pressure on the individuals concerned yet the Tillbridge Solar Applicant, as in the case of Gate Burton Solar, Cottam Solar and West Burton Solar has continued to state there is/will be no negative impacts on people from their project and the further solar projects covering 13,000 acres within a 6-mile radius. I fervently disagree as these projects are ruinous to these communities and my own community and have been affecting the physical health and well-being of so many villagers for the past two years and still are raising their stress and anxiety levels. They don't know what to do as they feel abandoned and dismissed by the complex examination process and fear having to live the rest of their lives every day surrounded by solar panels and associated hardware which will change their lives, their villages and the entire area for the worse forever.

Notwithstanding the above I have participated in the Examination process yet I find the hundreds and hundreds of pages of documents for these projects difficult to navigate and changes almost impossible to track, feeling exasperated, obstructed and constantly stressed during these past two years through no fault of my own.

I ask that as part of this examination process the ExA include a Health Hearing.

P Mitchell

29 October 2024