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Dear Sirs

My statement from the open hearing.

I'm from a 4th generation family farm of 300 acres on grade 3 land. Our 300 acres might give you a sense of scale of potentially over 13,000 acres of solar industrialisation of quiet countryside within a six mile radius.

I agreed with every one of the compelling, educated representations as to why these plans are abhorrent so I won't repeat all their arguments here.

We all know this is not clean or green energy when you factor in the manufacture, transportation and construction and it certainly won't be cheap to the domestic consumer. It seems Lincolnshire and indeed other highly productive rural communities are expected to bear a heavy burden for 'the greater good'. This is not just solar but pylons, BESS, substations etc, etc.

The cumulative effects on food production, nature and the environment will be catastrophic.

This year has seen one of the worst harvests ever and fears are growing for next harvest with the heavy rainfall this year. Confidence in the agricultural industry is at a real low especially after this Government's spiteful and short sighted budget.

Harvests are not a given and land is a precious finite resource. Food security should be at least as high on the agenda as energy security.

There has been a cynical and deliberate drip feed of applications for solar which are a gross misuse of the NSIPs procedure.

The purpose of these applications are, I think, to feed a power hungry new raft of AI data centres in the south and nothing to do with domestic consumers.

Tillbridge is the biggest application so far at almost 3,500 acres.

Solar has its place but that place should be on rooftops and brownfield sites NOT on open rural areas.

The cumulative effect of the many and increasing demands on our countryside and the industrialisation of our precious green spaces will be disastrous in years to come.

We need clean, green energy but this is not it.

In my 64 years I have lived and worked in this area and it is too precious not to fight for.

West Burton solar 1946 acres

Cottam solar 3137 acres

Potentially

Gate Burton 1690 acres.

We grow mainly cereal crops which yield between 3 and 4 tonnes per acre depending on the stage of rotation, disease levels, weather etc.

Yours faithfully
Sue Bingham

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