

I would like to register my deep concerns on the burgeoning effect of cumulative ground mounted solar developments on the health and wellbeing of local residents, food security, energy security, local amenity of access to the countryside for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and tourists, traffic upheaval during the construction, and the removal of hedgerows and trees.

Twenty three local parish councils responded to the proposals by making their own representations against the various projects and supporting the 7000 acres campaign against the proposals. There is no local appetite from residents for ground mounted solar in the scale proposed.

There has been virtually no efforts made to determine the potential effects on people's health and mental health. These projects will hugely transform the countryside into an industrial complex. No one who chooses to live in the countryside wants industry on their doorstep.

Food security is a major concern as we already import circa 50% of our food and Lincolnshire is known as a huge contributor to the nation's food production.

Ground mounted solar will do little to improve the country's energy security as famously solar typically capacity only produces around 11% of the nameplate capacity of any given projects. In other words a 500 mw projects will on average supply around 50mw and that will only be at the time when there is least demand ie hot summer days and virtually nothing in winter periods of high demand.

No sensible person would argue against decarbonising our economy, but it cannot be at the expense of our economy, food security, energy security etc. The rush to achieve an arbitrary target of net zero by 2030 is unachievable and will only add to the already high cost of energy for our country. We have the highest energy costs of any of our major competitors and that cannot be good for our economy or national security.