

I live at [REDACTED], and have done for 34 years. I built the house myself and chose the location for its private rural location.

I made objections as a Rule6 party and all of those I stand with today.

My further concerns have been the lack of any major changes by the Applicants through the consultation process. Very little if anything has been modified in respect of the numerous objections. In fact the proposal has in fact increased by around 500 acres.

The vast size of this application if permitted will damage our local community for ever. The scale of change will be devastating to the local area and my own life both mental health and wellbieng.

When I built my house in 1990 I overlooked open fields used only for agriculture. In the very distance from my bedroom window on a clear day I could see Boothferry Golf Club. Lovely, just what I wanted and paid for.

Over the years our lovely home and the local community has suffered several industrial developments which already damaged my expectations of our rural location.

From my home I now see wind turbines directly behind my house, a massive great mast associated with these. In addition to these I can clearly see an aerobic digester plant complete with massive chimneys.

This is not what I wanted or expected in open countryside. Its turning our locality into an industrial park. Traffic has increased massively already due to waste been deliver to the AD plant and then furthermore by traffic created by spreading of the treated digestate on local land. Many of the fields digestate is currently spread on are in the application for the solar farm. So where is the digestate going to go then if this approved, further afield ? This is not going to remove this traffic on local roads it will increase it as journey times of turnaround will be longer so more vehicles needed to remove the same amount of waste.

Enough is enough for this local community. We have been already blighted with more than our fair share and allowing this application would destroy our rural setting irrevocably for ever.

I understand the Inspector is shortly to do site visits in our area and would like to offer my home as a property worth a visit in able to assess the impact and harm the solar farm would have on myself and the local community for the rest of our lives.

My main objection to this application is its simply just too big. Wrong location, many roadside fields that cannot be adequately screened and the devastating visual impact of the area. If permitted I would have a new entrance created on a blind 'S' bend on an unclassified road directly up to my boundary. This bend already causes numerous accidents each year, on average about 3 a year I would say based on the 34 years I have lived at [REDACTED]. To allow construction traffic of this bend and then maintenance traffic for another 40 years is surely going to result in further accidents.

As part of my business interests I also farm [REDACTED], Foggathorpe. I have been approached for around 100 acres of my land by another solar farm developer who already has a grid connection at Thornton to rent my land for a 40 year period [REDACTED] per acre per annum index linked. Very tempting compared with farming profits but I have declined their offer as the value of maintaining our rural community is far more valuable.

Please consider my representations at this stage and my previous objection.

Thankyou

David Fielder.