

The Foggathorpe Parish Council strongly objects to the proposed development and would like the Examiner to take into consideration the following comments when conducting his examination.

The area especially around Gribthorpe and Spaldington will become an oppressive area like an industrial area for people to live with high security fencing and cameras along the roads with no alternative routes to use. The panels will be higher than the fencing and the hedging will take some 15 years to grow to the height of the fencing which is not really screening. All the fields in the scheme are very versatile and will be a huge area to lose from food production causing a great blow to our food security especially in the current climate of worldwide events. A landowner close to the proposed site has told us that there is poor quality land away from houses and roads that would be suitable however he was never approached. We query as to whether the applicant has fully researched the site.

The scheme will destroy the countryside way of life which is the main reason for living in the area which will in our opinion affect the wellbeing of residents both physical and mental.

The wildlife like the numerous deer, small mammals like hedgehogs, birds etc will leave the area because of the loss of open land, the noise, the movement of the panels, cameras etc. The corridors and ecological land area will not be sufficient.

The local area has many other burdens and blights, we have wind turbines in Gribthorpe and Spaldington, recycling facilities in Brind and Spaldington the large anaerobic digester plant in Spaldington which we understand is seeking planning permission to extend and other various anaerobic digesters in Spaldington and Home upon Spalding Moor. We understand that some of the final product is spread on the proposed land in question, what will happen? We have referred this to the East Riding County Council who we are sure will make comment.

The local roads are mainly single track and unsuitable for more traffic as there are few proper passing places, vehicles have to go off the road onto the verges and some services run alongside the roads. The road surfaces are also not suitable for more or heavy traffic as they are sunken cracked and falling away so in a poor state of repair.

Regarding the project and the Carbon Impact that it will have surely any report should be compiled by independent consultants not those working for the Applicant. How long before the scheme is carbon neutral? Is it green taking into account the global affect not just the UK? What is to happen to the damaged/obsolete solar panels throughout and at the end of the 40 years, we understand that currently they are not recyclable and cannot be sent to landfill.

We understand that government guidelines indicate that in any one area only 3% should be given over to Solar, we think that this scheme is nearly double this amount.