

I live in the village of [REDACTED], which will be entirely surrounded by the proposed East Yorkshire Solar Farm. Everyone, I'm sure, understands the need for greener and more efficient ways to create our energy needs but the huge scale of this development will not only create a blot on our beautiful countryside but will also reduce our lands food production, at a time when self sufficiency should be high on the UK agenda.

Our community is based around 2 miles down single track roads, with no passing places. The idea of this becoming an industrial zone with lorries, during construction phases, and other maintenance personnel using these tiny roads is a danger within it's self. Our local roads are already in a huge state of disrepair but these would be make so much worse if industrial traffic was allowed to use the roads every day. Our village is at the end of a dead-end road, If anything happened on the road to our village we would have no way of getting our children to school or ourselves to work. Emergency services would not be able to access us.

When our household applied to convert the barn attached to our house and integrate it into our home, we were told that we could but would never be allowed to build a separate residence in the village due to the access roads. We are also not allowed to operate a business from our home address due to the roads. I do not see why an industrial enterprise should be allowed to operate in our area.

Our neighbours also had planning permission for a small Juliette style balcony on their house refused as it, and I quote from the East Riding Planning Department "is considered to be an alien feature to the dwelling... and it is considered to detrimentally impacts upon the character and appearance of the dwelling... are not considered to be in keeping with the existing building and would have a dominant appearance" and also that "The proposal is also considered to be contrary to guidance with the National Planning Policy Framework which discourages development of poor or inappropriate design, rather it advises that development should establish a strong sense of place and respond to local character, reflect the identity of local surroundings". I would appreciate if you could explain how an industrial solar farm is to be considered to reflect it's local surroundings. It should not be one rule for some and another rule for others.

My final, and possibly most important, point is that of the huge inefficiency of this proposed scheme. The current largest solar farm in the UK is Shotwick Solar Park in Wales and it creates 72.2MW of electricity over an area of 220 acres (approximately 140 football pitches). This equates to 0.32MW per acre of land used. The East Yorkshire Solar Farm is hoping to produce 400MW but will be using 3570 acres (over 2000 football pitches) which is just 0.11MW per acre. Why does so much of our farmland needed to be turned over to this scheme if it is producing almost two thirds less energy than smaller schemes.

I ask on behalf of our fragile local community that you seriously consider putting a stop to this industrialisation of our countryside and farmland or at the very least reduce it so that is does not create such an impact on our homes, lives and countryside.