Submission ID: 28576

Hi. I do not wish the solar farm to happen. I am all for solar power and the move to renewable energy however there are far better places for solar panels. Why are they not covering car parks? on new build properties? covering cycle paths like in Korea/Asia? The farm land that Boom are currently earmarking for the solar farm is not top grade farm land however it is used to grow crops that feed animals that ultimately end up on most peoples plates so they are indirectly used for human food.

Another concern is all about wildlife. We are very lucky in Spaldington to be surrounded by such a wide variety of animals - be it tiny bugs, beautiful pheasants, deer or birds of prey. My children love going through the fields and seeing what they can find. Children nowadays spend too much time in front of devices and so I can't understand why councils/the government want to discourage kids from getting out into our beautiful countryside. Children (and most adults) should be encouraged to get outside and off their bums to try and tackle the obesity crisis that is currently crippling our NHS. The views are obviously going to be affected which has a direct impact on people's mental health. Nobody who moved into the countryside wants to look at metal and have to put up with the noise from the panels.

I know some people think that the panels will help smaller animals avoid being eaten but the crops will do the same thing! The construction part of the farm is also causing great concern as Boom have admitted that a significant amount of hedgerow will have to be removed for them to access their proposed site - will the hedgerow be replaced? The roads around here are slightly wider then single track and we regularly experience issues with water pipes bursting amongst other essential services being disrupted - this is because the wires/pipes run down the side of the road and so having HGVs regularly racing down them will cause no end of problems such as loss of services and road closures. This results in no end of problems for those that work from home as well as the more vulnerable members of the community. Boom are wanting to put in numerous temporary traffic lights in the area which impacts everyone's day to day movement. Very unfair. The construction phase is also of personal concern due to the vibrations from the drilling and digging required. I suffer with and moved to the countryside under medical advice. I have no idea how badly I will be affected and if I will be able to continue working during the construction. How do I support my kids/family if I can't work because of Boom?

The destruction of the immediate surroundings will also have a direct affect on house prices. My husband and I have put everything into our house and so what happens to my kids inheritance when the value of our house plummets? There is also concern about safety and crime rates rising. During the construction phase (which will no doubt have delays) there will be copper piping in the area which typically attracts unscrupulous people that are wanting to steal it. Can I still allow my kids to play outside? Their day to day lives will be dramatically affected by the risk and our financial situation will be affected due to house price plummeting and the inevitable rise in home insurance as insurance companies won't like the copper.

My husband suffers with and the fire risk from the battery storage so close to houses is simply unacceptable. If the batteries catch fire then what do we do? The fire station at Howden is only part time so how much nasty will be released into our close proximity with the delay in getting firefighters to the scene?

I worry about my health, my childrens lives and my husbands health. This farm will have a hugely negative impact on our lives. Please say no!