

I fully object to the Boom Power Solar Farm application - I attended two of the consultations that Boom held, and they failed to adequately address the questions and issues I raised.

They had no knowledge of the types of panels they would be using, stating just that they would be around 4metres high. This leads to a further query I had, about the way the site would eventually be decommissioned and cleared - again they did not provide an answer to this. They did however say that the panels would need concrete supports - and that (point of consultation) 900,000 panels were proposed, so that's 1,800,000 deep piles of concrete that would need removing, along with the panels.

I would also like to raise the issue of the devastating impact a solar farm would have on the well established wildlife - I regularly ride and walk through the area proposed, and always see and hear wildlife aplenty. Owls, kestrels, deer, hares, rabbits, skylarks, many other birds, huge flocks of migrating geese... the list goes on - however, again at the Boom consultation at the Shire Hall in Howden, I was told that there is no wildlife at all in the area, and that the installation of the solar farm would bring biodiversity! I asked about the destruction of long established hedgerows that would be carried out to facilitate the installation of the panels, due to vehicle and panel size - and was not given an answer, the consultant for Boom simply walked away from me.

I truly believe that the accumulative impact of so many solar farm installation plans across the whole of the Yorkshire, and Lincolnshire, regions needs to be taken into consideration. The amount of food producing farmland that will be lost is unfathomable. And at such a fragile time, with world events as they are. Solar panels should be on roof space, domestic and commercial. Where I live in Howden, a huge warehouse has just been built two fields away - and as far as I can see there's not a single panel on that roof. There is also an industrial estate next to it, and it's the same there - plenty of roof space, and no solar panels. Make use of this space first, car parks etc, and if necessary use only brownfield sites.

The Boom Power application spreads across vast amounts of crop growing/productive farmland - it is not the appropriate place for solar panels - when food security is such a pressing matter in the current climate, it is abhorrent that farmland should be considered for these industrial factories of solar panels.

I am seriously concerned about the disruption, the noise, the oversized traffic on narrow country roads, the destruction of habitat, the use of productive farmland, the impact on local families, the impact on the town, the devastating impact on wildlife, the destruction and the eyesore and the changing of a rural landscape into an industrial one.

This area is already dealing with a rapid population growth due to huge housing developments, wind farm placements and flooding issues. Now a proposed solar farm on a scale that is hard to comprehend.

Adverse affects on hedgerows, trees & wildlife; residential amenity; visual amenity; loss of farmland/food security; traffic/infrastructure; at the very least two years of construction; entire villages surrounded by panels; transforming a rural landscape into an industrial landscape; fencing & cameras/privacy; effects on horses; adverse impact on public rights of way; 40 years is not most definitely NOT temporary.

Quite certain surrounding areas would see a reduction in house values, as who would want to live close to a huge industrialised and scarred landscape.