

Having attended the site visit with the Planning Inspector and representatives from Boom on the 11/7/ 2024, I was shocked and horrified at the the extent of this 3.500 acre proposal. The reality of our rural life being desecrated by this project hit home. My concern is the risk of fire from the panels and storage facilities.

The overwhelming fear of being trapped in a village with a single track road with a dead end to fields and the road surrounded by acres of panels is terrifying. The only escape route would be by road or the fields at the end of the village by foot. Some elderly residents would not be able to make a quick escape.

We read in the press of other solar fields in the country sustaining fire and smoke damage. With the proximity of the Solar Farm to dwellings in Gribthorpe there is a genuine belief that we are most certainly at enormous risk to life.

I still feel the light pollution within our area hasn't been satisfactorily considered. We enjoy dark night skies and the use of security lights around Gribthorpe will be another detrimental effect on our wellbeing.

The risk of theft in our rural community is a real concern as we read of increased instances of this from other projects in the UK.

I'm not satisfied by the way Boom representatives just "bat away" our concerns on: noise pollution, light pollution, fire risks, the "claustrophobic" effect of the sheer scale of this project, loss of views and the impact of living the rest of our lives surrounded by solar panels. It will destroy what life we have created for ourselves and families with very little concern for our wellbeing.

I also wonder if the current Planning Process is fit for purpose as any recommendations presented by the Planning Inspector (i.e. Sunnica) are dismissed by the Minster of State for Net Zero in such a cavalier fashion.

Finally, as a NSIP there has been no realisric consideration for resident's loss of value to their homes and life choices. We have worked hard and contributed to society and retired to the countryside, paying for the privilege of a rural life to now find that it is extremely likely we'll have difficulty selling our properties as the industrialisation of the landscape will deter potential buyers.