

Following the Open Floor Hearing held at The Parsonage I continue to have many concerns about this proposal. As the sole shareholder of this project, is Boom in a position to set up a decommissioning account with sufficient funds to ensure the correct removal at the end of the project lifespan and to return the land to its former state suitable for agricultural use? Removal of all concrete piles etc? This should be in place before any work commenced. I would question if the amount of concrete / panels / machinery used would even make this a 'green' project. In terms of CO2 impact, what would be the payback timeframe? Would this even be 'carbon neutral' after its full term?

Is this proposal going to be 'sold on' to foreign investors to yet again make profit from the UK population?

At no point has any 'benefit to the local

Community' been discussed. There is a huge cumulative impact from renewable energy in the local area. Many wind turbines, recycling plants and the prospect of many more solar farms all within a relatively small area, surrounding the quiet rural villages and hamlets. I am aware our location close to Drax Power Station is a key factor, but there are far more suitable locations within the area which should be considered, away from residential areas.

The recycling plant at Spaldington received permission due to a clause stating the waste would be used on the land surrounding it. If these fields are to be covered in solar panels then where will this waste be distributed and is that not going against the legislation set out at that time?

On top of these concerns is the issues this development would cause to the infrastructure in the area. The roads are not suitable for HGVs or any increase in the volume of traffic. Limited numbers of passing places and services to houses all located within the soft verges at either side of the narrow roads. Closing roads would effectively cut off access to the villages and hamlets within the area.

Consideration must also be given to the impact a development of this scale would have on house prices, potentially making some properties 'unsellable'. How will homeowners be compensated for this? It would effectively change the area from a rural, tranquil environment to an industrial landscape.

Reducing the number of fields, and using only those well away from any homes would be some improvement on the proposal.

All these concerns are on top of the effect this proposal would have on the wildlife in the area as well as flood risks, sound levels, electrical pollution etc so close to homes.

This is not the right place for solar panels and not the right use of agricultural land. If we continue covering crop producing land with solar panels it won't be long before, as a country, we will be unable to feed ourselves and become solely reliant on imports, which will contribute to our CO2 usage!