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To: Cottam Solar Project
Subject: Cottam Solar farm/blight on the landscape!

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Dear sir,

Like others living in the area set to be blighted by a huge and totally unacceptable solar farms in the area surrounding Gainsborough, I wish to make it clear that I am MOST UNHAPPY about the proposals. The area intended to have solar panels on it has grown, like Topsy, from 7000 acres to almost 13000 acres now, and that is not including other proposals that have not been included in the latest batch of information distributed to local residents - where will it end? This almost doubling of a proposal is just not on. This region is a very important food growing region and, at a time when food prices are rising inexorably, it is completely wrong to render agricultural land completely unfit for growing the requisite food this country needs - imports of food are growing at a time when we should be doing everything we can to increase local food production. The life of a solar farm is said to be about 25 years, but it seems obvious that once despoiled by industrial activity good farmland can never be returned to food production. The tremendous rise in immigration, both legal and illegal, make it imperative that food production is prioritised.

It would not be so bad if it were not for the fact that solar electricity production is extremely inefficient, creates a huge amount of greenhouse gases in manufacturing the panels, and those panels are mostly made in China, a country we should be doing as much as possible to thwart in its rise to pre-eminence as a world power. Of course wind power is equally costly and inefficient as a means of making electricity so that too should be fought tooth and nail!

The government should direct its powers to developing hydrogen power and, for example, supporting Rolls-Royce in developing and bringing to market their Small Modular Reactors. We need to support British industry, not 'export' jobs to China and France, EDF being the obvious firm to complain about. Britain was once a world leader in nuclear power and now we seem to be unable to do anything for ourselves. Solar electricity production will line the pockets of a few already immensely wealthy people and companies and do nothing to benefit the people of Lincolnshire.

Yours sincerely,

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