

Formal Objection to Proposed Solar Farm Development.

Dear Mr Sword,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed solar farm development. My objection is based on both the significant impact on the local community and relevant planning considerations.

1. Impact on residents and community:

- The development covers over 1,900 acres, effectively surrounding our villages and permanently altering the rural character.
- The scale of the project is likely to have a significant negative effect on residents' mental health, causing stress and anxiety due to the loss of open space and the transformation of our environment.
- Property values are expected to decrease, making it difficult for homeowners to sell. Many residents could find themselves unable to move or downsize, leaving them effectively trapped in their own homes and villages.

2. Technology and sustainability concerns:

- By the time construction is completed, the solar technology may already be outdated, raising concerns about long-term efficiency, obsolescence, and maintenance.
- The environmental benefits must be weighed against the loss of farmland, disruption to wildlife habitats, and the visual impact on the landscape.

3. Policy and planning issues:

- The scale of the development may conflict with local and national planning policies designed to protect rural landscapes, maintain biodiversity, and safeguard communities.
- Alternative, less intrusive sites do not appear to have been adequately considered.
- Traffic and construction impacts over several years could pose safety risks and further disruption to the community.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to reconsider this proposal. The cumulative effect on residents, the environment, and the local community is disproportionate to any potential benefit.

Yours sincerely,

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Resident of Little Staughton