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The area of farmland that is proposed for the Tillbridge Solar Development is totally unsuitable for this idea.

This farmland is excellent food producing land and is essential for the UK to be able to produce local Good Quality food for local people without incurring excess mileage, transporting food across the country or even from abroad.

Any attempt by the developer to categorise this land as unsuitable for agriculture is complete rubbish. This land has been excellent producing land for hundreds of years, it does not flood, it is well drained, it is easily accessible to modern machinery, it is the correct type of soil for the type of foods that are grown on it. (This includes a wide variety of above and below ground crops). In general, it is very good agricultural land and must not be taken out of the food production requirements of the country.

Most of the small minor roads included within this development area are totally unsuitable for this type and volume of construction traffic that will be necessary to not only install such a project, but also to maintain it and remove it when it has become obsolete.

. Who is going to pay for its ultimate removal? In 25 (yes before the planning period runs out) Years when it is worn out/obsolete will the UK Government guarantee that it will not be abandoned by the developers who will declare bankruptcy leaving behind an Industrial Wasteland?

The view Westward from the Lincolnshire Edge (also known as the Lincolnshire Cliff) as is generally defined by the B1398 in the vicinity of this proposal, has been a protected view in the eyes of Planning Proposals for many many years now, as it is characteristic of what Lincolnshire is, and is a view worth protecting. To allow this proposal to go ahead would make a mockery of all previous planning decisions related to this view and would also set a precedent for other future developments that would also significantly impact this sacred view.

Lincolnshire also has many airfields some of which are formally World War II airfields and are still used today by commercial and private aircraft. The impact of this development on the attraction of people coming to Lincolnshire via small aircraft should not be underestimated. Not only do the pilots not want to be blinded by the reflection of sunlight from these unsightly panels but also the tourists and passengers want to see Lincolnshire's contribution to food production and the wildlife that goes along with the open fields and variety of crops.

The impact of this outrageous proposal on wildlife must not be underestimated, this area has a variety of Wild Deer roaming the area as well as Foxes, Badgers, Rabbits, Hares, Water Voles, and many other small mammals on the ground, as well as a huge variety of birds that make this area their home due to the abundant hedge rows and nesting sites as well as a huge variety of birds of prey, including Red Kites, Buzzards, Sparrow Hawks, Kestrels all of which are at danger of leaving the area due to the fencing that will be required around each area to protect the panels. Once this freedom of movement of

wildlife is infringed, they will move away, and one of the few benefits of this area will be lost forever.

Initial perception of the proposed development may appear to be away from the local villages. However, the impact upon them cannot be underestimated Harpswell Grange, Corringham, Springthorpe, Heapam and Glentworth will forever, have their character irrevocably changed for the worse. These villages have on the face of it, very little to offer the residents, however, the current open countryside more than compensate for the lack of infrastructure in this area. We live here because we can be away from the industrialised areas concentrated around towns and cities. To call this project a solar "Farm" is a bastardisation of the English language. The solar project is industrialisation on a massive scale and can only be seen in such the light.

Many surveys have proven how ineffective solar panels are on good farmland, and the sacrifice simply isn't worth it. The amount of sunlight we get in this area makes a mockery of the fact that somebody will try and harvest it for 12 months a year and claim it is efficient. Solar Power on rooftops at the point of use (that doesn't involve miles of cable runs) is the way best way to minimise electricity consumption during the sunny 6 months of the year.

In summary I am totally against the Tillbridge Solar development.

This Area currently has very little to offer other than the open countryside, we have very poor bus routes, The state of the highways in general is not good, we struggle with broadband. Potentially this area could become a new site for hydraulic fracturing of the bedrock (fracking) to release gas trapped within it and potentially poison the local environment, there is also planning permission already in place for a crude oil drill site that will significantly impact traffic in the area, The mental stability and peace of mind that the countryside currently give to the residence is most definitely under the threat! We have paid more to live in the open area due to higher house prices and all we are going to do is end up living in the middle of an industrial area (which will essentially be forever for those that) if it ever is removed and the installers do not go Bankrupt.

Please see sense and stop this happening,

Yours,