

TILLBRIDGE SOLAR PROJECT – DEADLINE 6 – 1 APRIL 2025

It has been and still is a highly stressful period challenging the many areas of concern that I and other IP's who are strongly against this project have experienced, especially the labyrinthine of vague/ambiguous responses from the Tillbridge Solar Project Team and their 'advisors/experts' contained in the many thousands of pages of information that has been published throughout the examination process.

Tillbridge Solar, along with the three consented industrial scale solar projects (Gate Burton Solar, Cottam Solar, West Burton Solar) within a six mile radius totalling in excess of 10,000 acres of agricultural land/farmland are not going to protect our countryside, our environment, health and well-being of our families and our children, our so much needed agricultural land, our so much needed food security and OUR FUTURE ! Farming and rural communities are being targeted on every front. The people of Lincolnshire have not been listened to by a Government most definitely not to be trusted with our future, a Government that doesn't care about the human impact. A Government that doesn't care about the intergenerational impact, a Government that doesn't care about the tenant farmers which means they just DON'T CARE about the people living on this tiny island with its finite land called the United Kingdom. The Government is failing to tackle the rocketing sky-high energy bills to the consumer and risking power shortages in its ruthless and uncompromising race to net zero. We learn the National Energy Security Office have stated that large-scale solar will not give us enough energy security and the World Bank report states that solar power has minimal potential to produce electricity in the UK so what is the point of all this really. I read only Iceland is less suited to solar energy than the UK. Lincolnshire is being disproportionately impacted by energy schemes. Solar should be on rooftops of buildings, this should be a national policy, NOT on the beautiful Lincolnshire farmland that produces 30% of the Uks vegetables, the breadbasket of our country.

These industrial scale solar projects will be shown to be a full-blown disaster.

SOLAR PANEL PROCUREMENT FROM XINJIANG REGION OF CHINA – SUPPLY CHAINS - SLAVE LABOUR

The Government should be giving zero tolerance to slave labour but instead it has been confirmed that Labour MPs backbenchers were forced to vote down the amendment to the GB Energy Bill to stop using supply chains where there is credible evidence of modern slavery with little recognition of the human implications. It has been reported that solar panels feared to have been made with forced labour could end up on the roofs of hundreds of our schools and NHS sites. Shipping goods from China to the UK is highly energy-intensive. Beijing, the world's largest polluter, will earn circa £200 million from state-owned GB Energy to make new solar panels which may be made using coal for the UK's public sector. Mr Miliband, the Secretary of State for Energy and Net Zero, has admitted this publicly despite concerns over human rights and impacts on the environment. ***What kind of message does slavery and pollution send to our school pupils ?***

Landscape and Visual Impact

11 March 2025 - Q.3.9.1 Mitigation and Q.3.9.2 – Year 15 :

There will be an enormous brutal loss of views over the landscape – this is already having a detrimental effect on my health and well-being and others as we see images of the scale of destruction of landscape by industrial solar schemes that have been completed elsewhere in the UK and overseas which do not cover the 10,000 acres that we will be confronting. There really is no mitigation by the Applicant that can counter this brutality at any point let alone at Year 15.

11 March 2025 – Q3.9.4 – Visual Effects

I agree completely with the comments made by LCC. I consider the scheme can only destroy the views that already exist therefore the visual effects at both during construction and beyond to Year 15 will be significant. There are no benefits only adverse effects.

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11 March 2025 - Q3.9.5 – Decommissioning

I agree with the comments made by 7000 Acres WR (Rep2-018)

I too am very concerned that de-commissioning of Tillbridge Solar (and each of the above-mentioned industrial scale solar projects) will be given low-priority as time goes by and therefore will not be implemented to a satisfactory level at the end of the lifetime of the scheme. There will be further destruction to the land, landscape and including wildlife and the environment.

11 March 2025 – Q3.11.1 – Socio-economic effects - Residential Amenity

Notwithstanding other matters referred to in this section, there will be increased construction traffic from the three already consented solar projects Gate Burton Solar, Cottam Solar and West Burton Solar, increased noise levels from said construction traffic and operation which will impact enormously on the 30 affected communities with additional disruption from the construction traffic also to the hundreds of commuters passing daily through and along the A1500/B1398 and the narrow country lanes if construction of all projects go ahead at the same time. I do not see how the impact of this can be mitigated by Tillbridge Solar and the other schemes above during the years of construction and disruption.

11 March 2025 – Q3.14.1 – Water storage for fire-fighting purposes

We are all now becoming increasingly aware of the number of BESS BATTERY fires that have occurred in the UK to date and the likely increase of these as more solar projects are consented making the areas where these batteries are located a perilous place for those living nearby. We are being advised, should such a fire occur that we are to stay indoors, close all windows and doors but there is an area that has not been mentioned to date by either the Applicant or Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Services. Lincolnshire is full of thousands of properties with open chimneys from the days of open fires. How are we expected to stay safe when the toxic smoke can enter homes via this source ??

How does the Applicant propose residents with open chimneys should protect themselves when indoors ?