

The visitor economy is a key element of the county's economy worth an estimated £2 billion annually supporting many businesses and providing a considerable level of employment in a number of sectors e.g. hospitality, heritage etc. The county has a reputation for it's landscape, wildlife and associated amenity value (often referred to as the land of the big skies) . Also it's internationally recognised for its heritage assets. In the area of the application there are also number of sites of historic interest from medieval times to through to world war 2. This area is one of the gateways into the county through which visitors pass.

My concern is the irreparable negative impact the application would have on the positive reputation the county has for it's landscape and heritage.

Lincolnshire would become known as the "land of solar farms" greatly reducing the attractiveness of the county as a visitor destination. The damage to economy would be long lasting.

The detrimental impact of such developments needs to be considered. Solar farm development would provide no economic benefit over the long term in my view and not compensate for the loss to the local economy of a reduced visitor economy. This would be in addition of course to the loss of amenity and damage to the environment for residents of the county.