

I would like to take this opportunity raise our concerns.

As a resident ,as a family and small business owner and also healthcare teacher and main carer and advocate to my

I have several concerns specifically to bring to the planning inspectors attention.

I'm sure we are very aware in today's day and age Solar farms have lots of downsides, including their impact on the landscape, local wildlife, and not forgetting property values.

These are all important issues we must talk about and consider as a community as it impacts locally on our villages and we kindly ask the planning inspectors to please consider all of our concerns as a community.

They can also be inefficient and require extensive infrastructure, which we know Springwell will need vast amounts of battery storages which raises concerns about environmental impacts and the practicality of their operation.

Additionally, large solar farms disrupt established farming practices and potentially will have a negative impact on local communities.

They are a potential fire hazard. We are now currently seeing more and more reports of Solar farms catching fire and causing air pollution and evacuations on villages and communities.

A recent solar farm in California couldn't be put out and burned continuously for 7 days straight. Which saw thousands of communities evacuated.

Then again in locally to us a fire at a giant solar farm in East Anglia was raging out of control after a lithium battery storage is believed to have failed, causing an explosion.

Two nearby villages were evacuated as toxic gases, vapours and particulates filled the air.

Fire chiefs warned residents who had not been evacuated to stay indoors at the time.

There was particular concern for children at a local primary school and residents of a care home.

Which brings me to my next point.

One of the major hazards of lithium fires is the formation of "smokes" of nanoparticles of lithium oxide and lithium hydroxide, an extremely hazardous lung irritant.

Lithium battery fires also emit hazardous pollutants like hydrogen fluoride which causes serious burns.

The explosion at the solar farm, which was bitterly opposed by local residents but went ahead after gaining approval from the current , Secretary of State Ed milliband.

So I now I ask

How can you guarantee our villages and communities safety when so many are being reported now for catching fire. And fire brigades cannot physically put them out.?

Now moving on to my next issue.

How it impacts the

Landscape and Visual elements.

Large solar farms can alter the visual character of rural areas, potentially impacting views and the overall aesthetic of the landscape. This can be particularly problematic in areas of natural beauty or near heritage sites.

We know Lincolnshire the cliff villages are steeped in history from the Bronze Age onwards, and significant archaeological finds have been found especially from the Roman period when a small garrison was established on Ermine Street.

Archaeological evidence suggests that there has been human habitation in and around Navenby since prehistoric times.

Early finds include the discovery of a Bronze Age cemetery of about 600 BC and the remains of an Iron Age settlement (400 - 300 BC) near Chapel Lane.

Ermine Street, a Roman road built between 45 and 75 AD, runs in a north-south direction to the east of the village and traverses a site once occupied by small roadside Roman settlement.

Historians believe that the site, which is near the junction between Chapel Lane and High Dyke, was a significant staging point on the route between London and York.

Also at temple Bruer you have

The Knights Templar Preceptory Tower

survival of the standing remains of an important Knights Templar preceptory church from the 13th century.

On to visual elements

Our once peaceful country walks, horse riding ,dog walking, bike rides and the fresh rural air.

Will be no more.

But the most important reason for my objection is because I, Laura MacGregor,

We purchased back in 2021.

Springwell have now decided it's a perfect place for them to place lithium battery storage containers on our quiet country lane.

Actually within less than a 1/4 of a mile from our home our bungalow.

specifically to provide my brother with a peaceful, safe, and nurturing environment where he can thrive.

stays at my home bungalow 3-4 nights a week with the help of our supportive carers.

We moved to , because probably the

The proposed lithium battery storage facility would have a devastating impact on my brother Neil's well-being and quality of life.

The proximity of the large-scale industrial battery facility, with its inherent noise and visual impact, would be extremely distressing and detrimental to and overall functioning.

Additionally, the loss of the open fields and public pathways that [REDACTED] enjoys walking, cycling, and engaging in other calming activities on a quiet country lane would further disrupt his sense of safety and freedom within this home environment.

These outdoor spaces are essential for managing his behavioural challenges and maintaining his well-being.

I have invested significant time, effort, and resources into creating a loving, nurturing, and therapeutic home environment for [REDACTED] the days and nights he stays with us at [REDACTED] Bungalow.

The presence of the proposed lithium battery storage facility would undo all of this hard work and progress, and severely compromise [REDACTED] quality of life and our family's ability to care for him effectively.

I strongly urge the planning inspector to consider the profound and irreversible impact this development would have on my brother's well-being and our family's ability to provide him with the care and calming environment he requires.

We also have a small holiday cabin let on site which helps us fund our bills onsite and pay towards [REDACTED] bills, fuel, food, activities, holidays and in general running of the bungalow on site with electricity and oil heating.

We are registered small business and fear this will have a negative impact on holiday makers coming to stay at our holiday let.

As visually instead of coming to a calming, tranquil environment of farming fields and wildlife they will be visually next to large lithium battery storages and giant solar Panels.

Instead of wildlife and country walks they will

Be met with workmen and huge construction sites all surrounding us.

What once was a quiet peaceful tranquil country lane.

Will be no more.

We worry about the significant, traffic and operational machinery, during the construction for up to 3-4 years and then the continuing noise the battery storages exhibit.

As I have been so concerned I have personally visited an existing battery storage unit.

And I urge the planning inspectors to visit a site also containing lithium battery storages.

I feel the buzzing frequency will in fact drive me over the edge.

And I really deeply worry what impact it's going to have on my brother who's extremely sensitive to noise.

Not to mention where we would ever be expected to go or evacuated too?

Should there ever be a fire. We would most definitely be the closest home to the battery storages lose everything our whole home and life.

What if this was to happen at night when we are sleeping. We could have major air pollution if it was to catch fire that's if it hasn't exploded and killed us all already.

[REDACTED] bungalow as our perfect home for us all as a family.

We as a family feel we are going to lose everything we moved to [REDACTED] for.

A quiet, peaceful, safe, environment for myself my husband mother and brother.

This has already started to have a negative effect on our mental wellbeing as a family.

We are in constant fear of the stress and anxiety. Fear of mass disruption and destruction this can cause next to our home.

On what is currently a beautiful quiet, peaceful, flourishing with wildlife lane.

With open peaceful countryside views,

public walks through farmers' fields.

Currently feeding the whole of Great Britain with local produce.

Leading to my next points

The Loss of High Quality Agricultural Land:

Using high-quality agricultural land for solar farms can be a massive concern, especially in areas where food production is vital.

We know for a fact Lincolnshire is indeed known as a significant agricultural area in the UK, often referred to as "Britain's veg basket" or "the county that feeds the country".

It plays a vital role in feeding the nation through its extensive farming and production of various crops, especially vegetables.

Lincolnshire is known for its fertile land and productive agricultural sector, contributing significantly to England's food production.

It produces 20% of England's fresh vegetables, 20% of England's potatoes and about the same quantity of England's sugar beet, as well as cereals, oilseed rape and protein crops.

How can compromising our arable farming land producing 20 percent of Great Britain's food be a good suggestion?

When it implies importing more food, meaning more traffic more lorries and imports. Contributing to the carbon emissions.

Arable fields currently in use should not be at all even considered as a suitable place to house mass solar farms.

After all the whole point of solar electricity is to stop pollution.

But this contradicts the good unless the solar farms are placed appropriately.

Really in places such as carpark, warehouse roofs, homes and brown belt sites.

Ecological Impacts:

Solar farms can disrupt local ecosystems, leading to habitat loss and potential harm to wildlife, including birds, bats, and other species.

What gives us the right as humans to disrupt

such mass environments, of wildlife.

Wildlife that's been home here for 100s of millions of years.

The Noise and Light Pollution:

Inverter cabins, battery storages and even rotating solar panels can generate noise and light pollution, which can be disruptive to us residents and wildlife.

As a Community we have Concerns:

The potential for reduced property values which shouldn't be disregarded.

The increased traffic, disruption and

Workmen to the villages and a general disruption to the established way of life.

We want to make it very clear today and we thank you for letting us voice our opinions and our concerns.

As a valued resident and Family

We don't want Springwell.

As community we don't want Springwell.

Thank you