

There are many bad things about this proposal, but the single most outrageous is the the destruction of our landscape. This affects thousands of local people in the immediate locality, but also many more in the surrounding areas and further afield who enjoy visiting the area or travelling through. It will affect people for generations.

It will destroy our landscape by carpeting it with steel, glass, and concrete by way of panels, cables, batteries, switchgear, transformers, fences, security cameras, maintenance compounds and access tracks. A mass industrialisation.

It is outrageous because the use of solar panels on farmland is a ridiculous use of this scarce resource on our small island. At this latitude solar panels are only around 11 to 12% efficient. They makes absolute sense on roofs where there is no additional consumption of land, and the power is generated close to the point of use. But not on productive farmland.

This proposal is only made viable for the applicant by the gross distortion of normal market forces. The government is guaranteeing the applicant fixed returns for many years into the future (which they plan to sell on to the highest bidder), subsidised by us. This will enrich the investors and landowners to the massive detriment of local people whose loss is massive. There is no possible incentive that can compensate for this loss.

How can it be that such a grotesque distortion of the energy market is allowed to happen? It is driven by an objective for net zero, which in itself is commendable, but with an entirely arbitrary date that has no meaningfull effect on global climate change. So much loss of our beautiful landscape heritage to satisfy one mans ego.

There are many other, much more efficient options for clean power generation that do not have the same destructive effect on our countryside. If only the net zero objective were driven by rationality and logic rather than false doctrine and ego.

Once industrialised this landscape is unlikely to ever be returned to it's former glory. It is an historical error that will affect thousands of people and their children, not just for decades but forever.

This one application should not be considered by the Planning Inspectorate in isolation as there is a cumulative effect of the multiple similar proposals in our area: Leoda, Fosse Green, Navenby BESS, Coleby BESS and Navenby Substation, with possibly more to come. The disastrous cumulative effect on our area must be taken into consideration.

There are of course many other problems with this application including the danger of BESS installations, trafic problems, loss of agricultural production, etc. which I believe have already been covered in other objections, which I entirely agree with.