

Mainly for the attention of the Inspectorate, acting on behalf of the Secretary of State, but also for awareness of all interested parties.

After attending both the public session Tuesday 15th at 16:30 and also Wednesday 16th from 10am onwards, I would like to make the following summary observation and comments:

In my capacity as a representative of the people of Lincolnshire, what I have observed over these two sessions, are extremely reasonable and well meaning challenge from local interested parties towards the applicant.

The chair has been fair and also robust in the line of questioning presented, where clarity was sought on some matters in particular.

The most obvious of questions I left today's session with is one of benefit, for who's benefit is this for. It was mentioned at several points by the applicant during the session, however in the following meaning, the financial benefit of the applicant and its investors, not the local residents of Lincolnshire.

Without covering already detailed points across multiple aspects of this application I would like to leave you with the below points as the current authority and in a position to make a choice and recommend the following:

I believe there is a case, indeed a necessity, for a single industry-specific regulator to be created at this critical point in time as a basis for cross-party dialogue and ultimately the future safety of our country.

'The Office for Renewable Energy & Systems Regulation', as the regulator for the renewable energy industry in the UK, to provide efficient and effective regulation of the renewable energy industry.

It will be an independent statutory corporation, whose costs are met by charging fees to the renewable energy industry:

- All renewable energy sites shall be licenced;
- Independent inspection and enforcement;
- Regulation of the design and construction of all new or updated renewable energy installations;
- Holding the renewable energy industry to account on behalf of the public

Due to such and so deployed renewable energy installations now apparently being included in UK critical national energy infrastructure, I hereby challenge and offer the thought – "if the current planning approvals decisions are not safe, are the installations not only unsafe but also insecure?" Available evidence-based information supports a conclusion that in England, no further planning applications for grid-scale solar PV and / or BESS should be considered for planning approval pending the outcome of a judicial inquiry and a holistic, independent review of the entirety of due processes.

I do hope those in positions of responsibility, take due consideration and action where possible, to help subject this industry to the regulation it so desperately requires for real NET benefit to all of the UK.