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It is no surprise that I STRONGLY OBJECT to the Springwell Solar Factory and associated BESS. If this application is given consent it will turn prime irrigated farmland into an industrial wasteland. Let me be clear: this project is **unwanted, unsafe, and completely out of step** with the needs and desires of the local community.

This will also set in motion a huge slew of further applications turning the area around Navenby into a 10,000 acre industrial Energy complex. Let's think of the real gravity of this - The Sunday Times rates Navenby as one of the top rural locations in Britain in which to live!!

First, let's talk about **land use**. Prime agricultural land is being sacrificed for industrial-scale energy production. That's right—**industrial**. The applicant can dress it up with "green energy" language all they want, but this is a MASSIVE industrial operation being shoved into a rural community. I have real concerns that the land classifications don't accurately reflect the land that is being chosen. The sense is the applicant along with the not so independent RSK are manipulating the results to get the outcomes they desire.

Where is the sense in bulldozing fertile fields to install millions of glass panels, thousands of miles of industrial XLPE cabling and lithium-filled containers? What happens to food security? What happens when we need that land back? Good quality irrigated farm land is the most valuable land possible. If the current Estate owners lack the competency or enthusiasm to continue to provide husbandry to the land they should sell it on to someone who would continue the work and ensure this estate continues to be a success into the future.

Second: **the BESS is a ticking time bomb**. These systems have a documented history of catching fire, releasing toxic fumes, and endangering nearby homes. Who pays when one of these blows up? Who is accountable when firefighters can't put out a lithium-ion blaze? The risks are very real, and the safety assurances from the applicant are woeful. The applicant is treating the community with utter contempt.

The insurance sector have real concerns with BESS and factor in the realistic likelihood of a fire. There is absolutely no way the applicant can BUND the entire site to prevent contaminated Fire water accessing the Lincolnshire Aquifer. This will result in pollution and a primary source of drinking water being contaminated.

Whilst the applicant was dismissive of the credibility of several eminent UK Physics professors and would prefer to rely on an expert with a Business development degree, our community will have to worry about these decisions for 40 years.

The Lincolnshire Fire service is under resourced. As we know there are only a handful of fully manned stations and the majority of stations are manned by retained/part-time crews. The vast majority of the crews in Lincolnshire have had no experience dealing with a BESS fire. The gold standard for operating a fire appliance is 5 crew. A large number of fire shouts do not achieve the gold standard which means tackling fires under resourced.

I spent much of my childhood in Africa and China, the son of a miner. I have seen the impact of large scale open cast mines on communities. Areas ripped to pieces in order to extract minerals that are needed in electronics, batteries and solar panels. In many of these countries particularly in China, where geologists locate minerals communities are forcibly removed from the land. This typically happens in countries run by dictators! We see and hear about this on this news and express our revulsion.

Wait a minute this is what is happening in Britain in 2025. We have a Secretary of State that across the whole of the UK is ignoring the wishes of communities and actually seems to take great pleasure in doing so. Let's not pretend this is being done *for* our community. This is being done **to** the community. No one here asked for 3500 acres of solar panels and battery units with restricted public access, fences, security lights, and surveillance. Where's the democratic process? Why are the voices of local communities being ignored?

I have had to fight for 2 years against so many in our community who have said this consultations process is meaningless when the outcome is predetermined and public opposition is ignored. At times I have felt the

same way. However I feel the tide is turning and there is a sense that Net Zero rather than helping our lives is more likely to destroy it. Over the last few days there have been several leading News articles questioning the madness being pursued by Ed Milliband.

The applicant has utter contempt for our community. There are no benefits whatsoever for this community. EDF has suggested there will be local jobs. I would like to draw the Planning Inspectors attention to Porth Wen solar factory in Angelsey, another community that has been blighted by EDF.

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This is an absolute disgrace and again highlights what these developments are all about. They are about ripping up the land as quickly as possible and as cheaply as possible and then sucking up as much subsidy and curtailments as possible whilst ripping off the British energy consumer.

We are tired of being the dumping ground for projects that look great on a spreadsheet but ruin the character, safety, and sustainability of the place we call home. This isn't clean energy. It's a land grab wrapped in greenwashing and corporate profit.

This application must be REJECTED—no amendments, no conditions. Just NO.

Thank you once again for listening to my concerns.