

I object to the whole Springwell Solar Project but specifically against the Navenby BESS Proposals. My objections are:

1. There are numerous known hazards associated with BESS. There is a very clear danger of uncontrollable fire with their construction. Once alight they are extremely difficult, and almost impossible to extinguish. This is the case even if the Lincs Fire Brigade were correctly resourced & equipped. I believe in this instance the local fire brigade is woefully inadequately resourced to cope with such battery fires. The only option is to attempted cooling with whatever little water is available. This will then massively pollute local aquifers further with contaminants from the batteries. Insufficient investment in fire fighting infra-structure is available to support such industrialisation. Aerosol pollution is also a massive risk of these uncontained and uncontrollable battery fires. The proximity of local villages presents unwarranted health risks to local residents. There is also a risk of permanent noise pollution from both construction traffic and from the electrical equipment itself. Were this to be an urban area or a petro-chemical works that was proposed, the plans would be rejected on safety grounds alone.
2. There a massive cumulative effect of the numerous proposed solar farms in the area, BESS & sub-station projects planned for this part of the county. All of the 7-8 local projects are considered in isolation, no consideration is made of their collective & cumulative effect. Over 10,000 acres of food producing farmland is under threat of being industrialised.
3. The construction process will affect more land still. Additional land compaction will occur leading to a further negative impact on water run-off and drainage. The roads in the vicinity of the A607 and A15 area already have a very poor safety record; numerous deaths occur each year. Increased traffic from both construction traffic & additional construction workers will further compound the road safety problem. The local roads are inadequate to support such enormous projects.
4. The organisations behind the BESS and solar investments will not result in cheaper electricity nor will they necessarily provide energy independence. Food production land will be swapped for energy production, compromising food security in the UK. If this area or nation is to be truly independent then solar panels and their associated infra-structure should not be located on essential food producing land. The suggestion that the BESS site and solar farmland is sub-standard is also incorrect and fundamentally flawed. The agricultural land classification by the developers is WRONG. Additionally, the companies involved will not re-invest in the UK. There is a very convoluted trail leading to overseas companies profiting from Lincolnshire's loss. The supply chains consist of of far eastern manufacturers with somewhat questionable [REDACTED] and un-ethical processes.

5. The loss of amenity, landscape and food production land is immeasurable. The sheer number of local solar projects will compound the local impact further. Farmland views will be replaced by industrialised land covered in concrete, metalwork & concrete. When considering Navenby as a location to live I did not expect such large-scale industrialisation.

I am unequivocally opposed to this project. The environmental hazards, severe safety risks—especially concerning the already dangerous A607 and A15 roads—and impacts on the local community and landscape cannot be justified or tolerated. I urge the council to reject this application outright.