

Whatever grade of the agricultural land proposed for this solar installation, as a country we are not in a position to take any farm land out of food production. Lincolnshire is known for its rich agricultural heritage and is often referred to as the bread basket of England. It is the largest producer of potatoes, wheat, cereal, oil seed rape and poultry.

With a growing population of well over 68 million people, in 2023 Britain produced only 58% of domestic food, with 24% coming from the EU and 18% from other countries. Today, domestic food production should be our top priority.

Considering global political uncertainties and climate change, we should be investing in becoming more self-sufficient, not less! Prior to the start of WWII 55 million tonnes of food (70%) was imported into Britain. The government worked hard to increase domestic food production, especially potatoes and wheat. From 1939 - 1945 potato production raised by 74.3% and wheat by 90.8%. By the end of 1945 Britain was producing 93% of all its food. It can be done, but not if we continue to take land out of food production at such an alarming rate.

Lincolnshire's motto is "Perseverance conquers!" We will persevere in our fight against solar panels on farmland and we will conquer.