

On behalf of residents that have provided feedback to Swinderby Parish Council we wish to object to this proposal. Part of the proposed solar park will be in our parish.

There are a number of concerns that have been raised by residents, the key ones being:

The scale of this development and the many others either delivered or in the pipeline, and the impact upon our rural environment;

The area of amount of land being identified or already agreed for solar parks in Lincolnshire and our neighbouring county Nottinghamshire and the impact upon our food security.

There is no objection from residents to solar panels on houses, warehouses, businesses and to use the opportunity these buildings offer for solar panels. Use these first before swamping the area with solar parks.

The lack of a robust scientifically based model on energy generation in the UK, particularly the different methods available and the quantity of electricity they can produce. The lack of a robust model on carbon capture both directly and indirectly from the atmosphere.

The net carbon cost of manufacturing, transporting and decommissioning the solar parks.

Health and safety issues in particular with the associated battery storage required in terms fire risks, impact upon flood plains and water quality.

Impact upon biodiversity and the potential urbanisation of another rural area.