

Fosse Green Energy Planning Application EN010154

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I am a resident of Thurlby, a hamlet, at the moment surrounded by fields, very rural, few streetlights and 'big skies'.

Thurlby is approximately a mile and a half from what was originally RAF Swinderby used in the second World War and housed several bomber squadrons. It is now a new housing estate of 2,000 houses and a large industrial estate. Hardly any of these buildings have solar panels on their roofs.

We have had to endure increased traffic on what are unclassified rural roads, including HGV's, forever getting heavier. At peak times it can be difficult to get out of private drives. We have no choice but to tolerate this, unless we want to sell up and move, and have learnt to live with it. This application offers us years of construction, noise and disruption with a final result of what was once a rural area becoming an industrial landscape. This is not acceptable. There are other ways of achieving the same aim, putting solar on warehouse roofs, using brownfield and disused industrial sites.

I don't confess to understand all the technicalities of solar power, but technology is progressing so fast, that by the time this solar project is started these large panels will be out of date and we will be left with the legacy of an eyesore and loss of agricultural land which will never come back.

Lincolnshire is an agricultural County and always has been. This is not to say that there should not be progress but in my opinion this is not the way to give us energy security, we also need food security.

There is now a Lancaster sculpture as a reminder that Lincolnshire is also known as "Bomber County". The Lancaster didn't fly 80 years ago to come back and land in a field of solar panels. It should be able to look out on quiet green fields as part of our heritage, not solar panels, buzzing battery storage and construction traffic, destroying the landscape.

I object to this proposed project, as it should not be built on agricultural land, other possibilities should be explored; around Thurlby and the local area is not the right place for such a project.

Diane Plumb.