

To: The Planning Inspectorate

Project Reference: EN010154 – Fosse Green Energy

Subject: Relevant Representation and Objection

As a resident of Norton Disney, I am writing to formally object to the Fosse Green Energy proposal. While I support renewable energy in principle, this specific project represents an inappropriate industrialization of a sensitive rural landscape. My objection is based on the following logical progression of concerns regarding the scale, location, and long-term consequences of the development.

1. Scale, Location, and Cumulative Impact

The proposal to spread industrial infrastructure across 3,000 acres—encompassing Norton Disney and surrounding villages—is excessive.

Industrialization of the Countryside: The change from open farmland to a fenced landscape of solar arrays, CCTV, and security lighting would be visually oppressive. For residents, this is a profound loss of the tranquillity and "sense of place" that defines our daily lives.

Cumulative Burden: Lincolnshire is being disproportionately targeted by schemes like Springwell and Beacon Fen. This cumulative effect threatens to blanket the region between Lincoln, Newark, and Sleaford, making rural living increasingly difficult and psychologically taxing.

2. Loss of Agricultural Integrity and Food Security

The removal of high-quality land for a 60-year duration—effectively a permanent change—is a significant threat to national interests.

Impact on UK Food Supply: Lincolnshire produces roughly 20% of the UK's wheat. Replacing productive soil with glass and steel increases our dependence on imported food, subsequently increasing our national carbon footprint and undermining food security.

Economic Displacement: This project will lead to a massive loss of local farming jobs and related occupations, creating a negative economic ripple effect through the regional agricultural industry.

3. Impact on Daily Life and Residential Amenity

The development will fundamentally degrade my quality of life and that of my neighbours through:

Traffic and Safety: A massive increase in HGVs on narrow lanes around Norton Disney poses direct risks to pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders.

Health and Nuisance: I am deeply concerned about the long-term effects of Electromagnetic Radiation (EMR) on humans and wildlife, as well as constant noise, dust during construction, and light pollution from 24-hour security systems.

Mental Wellbeing: The loss of peaceful outdoor recreation and the conversion of a rural landscape into an industrial zone will have a direct, negative impact on the mental health of the community.

4. Safety Concerns and Environmental Hazards

Battery Storage (BESS): The inclusion of large-scale lithium-ion battery systems near homes and roads introduces the risk of thermal runaway, explosions, and toxic gas emissions. The lack of detailed emergency and fire-suppression plans causes genuine anxiety.

Biodiversity: Habitat fragmentation and the disruption of wildlife corridors for birds, reptiles, and insects cannot be mitigated by simple landscaping.

5. Strategic Inconsistency and Ethical Concerns

Failure to Prioritize Brownfield Sites: National policy supports solar on rooftops and brownfield land. The applicant has not demonstrated why these less sensitive alternatives were bypassed in favour of productive greenfield land.

Supply Chain Ethics: With panels likely sourced from China or Southeast Asia, there are no assurances that this project is not built upon components linked to forced or slave labour.

Decommissioning Risks: I am concerned that once the land is classified as "previously developed," it creates a loophole for future developers to bypass greenfield protections and build permanent housing or industrial estates after the 60-year lease expires.

6. Regional Suitability

Finally, I question the efficiency of a project of this scale in a region characterised by a lack of consistent high-intensity sunlight compared to other latitudes. It is inefficient to sacrifice the UK's "breadbasket" for a variable energy yield that could be achieved through decentralised solar on existing urban infrastructure.

Conclusion

The Fosse Green Energy proposal would transform a peaceful rural environment into a high-risk industrial site, disrupt daily life for decades, and undermine our agricultural heritage. I respectfully request that the Examining Authority refuse this application in favour of more sustainable, ethically sourced, and appropriately sited energy solutions.

Sincerely,

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