

## Objections to the Fosse Green planning application.

The impact of the growth of large scale solar farms in Lincolnshire on employment has largely been ignored or forgotten. One can readily see the effect on those working directly on the land but there are much wider implications. Agricultural requires a wide range of support activities in an order to function effectively. The large scale reduction in farmed land would lead to reduced employment in the following areas :-

- Seed Merchants.
- Haulage Contractors.
- Farm Machinery Manufacturing, Maintenance and Dealerships.
- Agricultural Merchants.
- Farm Equipment Manufacturers.
- Agricultural Chemical Manufacturers.
- Agricultural Advisors.
- Farm and Estate Management.
- Agricultural Contractors Planting, Spraying, and Harvesting.
- Grain Storage.
- Food Processing.
- Cold Storage.

Many of the above are small scale employers or self-employed the job losses tend to be unreported and even ignored. They are vital to rural communities and without them people we will left with moving or commuting to seek

alternative employment. As a country we already have serious issues with unemployment amongst younger people this development will only worsen the situation in the countryside.

The Fosse Green development and any similar proposal should be refused planning permission. All they are doing is increasing unemployment, reducing opportunities for other options and creating an industrial wasteland. After termination of the lease period it is known that the land can never be returned to productive agriculture again. Low carbon energy may well be an ideal goal but there are many other options that are much less destructive. The ability to produce food rather than relying on imported products is essential particularly in this highly unstable world as the current situation in the Gulf clearly shows.

Enough is enough we don't need any more solar farms and they produce little or no benefit to the local communities. Once again I would urge the refusal of planning permission for future proposed solar farm developments on prime agricultural land.

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