

I am confused because at the moment, because politicians are celebrating the beginning Lincoln Southern Bypass. For fifty years I have been waiting for completion of the whole Bypass round Lincoln with claims that it will bring opportunities for business and housing. Now, the end is in sight, we are considering covering the land around it with solar panels.

The Government recognised the importance of finishing the bypass and gave money for its completion, even in difficult times. Of course, it's a no brainer. Expansion of important routes provides opportunities for financial growth. Inclusion. This Government came into power promising to reduce the North/South divide.

How can we let Speculators take those opportunities from us. Cover good growing land with Solar Panels and leave nowhere for housing or business growth. One solution (solar) ruining three (farming, business, homes) compatible, sustainable solutions. The sum does not work.  $1 - 3 = ?$  There are alternatives.

We made our home in Aubourn 48 years ago because of family responsibilities. Lincoln, the rest of the country, and abroad were easily commutable. We can be in London in two hours. This made for more flexible employment opportunities. The circumference of our travels is surprising. Over the years the dualling of the A46 and, a growing Bypass has made this even better. The result has been we have brought a financial income to both

the Country and the County.

The area we live in is green, pleasant and productive. Aibourn is close to the A46 just south of Lincoln. It introduces Lincoln to visitors from the most prosperous parts of the country. You could say this approach is Lincoln's showcase. With the view of our Cathedral, it certainly has got the Wow! factor. The beginning and end of the bypass. No wonder we need that bypass so much. But. Why cover this area with solar panels? It is ideal for homes and business with connection to A46 and the A1. Making it easy to commute with little impact on traffic congestion in Lincoln.

It has been a good place to live and bring up our family that now greatly benefit our Country. Living here gave us flexible

employment. Which, in turn provided a stable environment for a growing family. An easy place to live, and also, to travel from when times were hard. Yes, they were. At one time my husband was commuting to London daily. Especially important in those years when to move would have been detrimental to our children's education. We are proud of them. They have done well, they and their children are greatly adding to the prosperity and wellbeing of our Country. What price would you put on that? A good place to live and grow opportunity. Once this area is lost and ruined by static solar panels. Where will people live, and businesses grow?

Unfortunately, the first people to exploit new opportunities, seem to be speculators from outside ready to make a quick

profit. The danger is that we allow them to prevent positive opportunity for our Country and County. Profits will go elsewhere. With little local employment. If, installation is allowed of this already outdated solar farm (there are alternatives and better positions eg: roofs, water wasteland). Where will our growth happen? After 60 years we will be left with an industrial desert, our soil ruined. That is how our countries North/South divide developed. The industrial North. The financially rich South.

Quick visits by politicians in hard hats telling us they are going to unify the country should be avoided. A vote catcher may be! Far better, a legacy of ethical planning in the first place. Have we not learnt anything? That is why we should recognise the opportunity we have now.

I find it imperative that I write to warn of the consequences of letting Fosse Green Solar go ahead. I've listened to many good, well informed, arguments against its construction. However, nobody seems to have considered the consequences of loss of opportunities for growth and prosperity.

The area we are looking at is unique in its good connections. To London by rail from Newark, commutable to the Humber Bank and near to the A46 and A1.

Better since the Government has given financial backing for Lincoln Southern Bypass go ahead. One minute we see opportunity and the next pull it away. We talk about opportunity for future growth and prosperity and then cover it up.

Another redundant City - lack of growth. A knee jerk reaction to the first prospector

and not a thought to overall cost.

Where is the planning we have heard about? Historically, allowing the solar farm to go ahead would go down as stupid and short sighted. It could be argued, "How could a foreign power, covertly, most damage our economy?". Cover it with solar panels for sixty years, ruin the land and leave a mess. Prevent us taking up opportunities.

We should plan our resources more carefully to the best benefit. Utilising appropriate development in the right places rather than allowing prospectors to take that away from us.

