

I wish to confirm the comments I made at the Open Floor Hearing on the 11th March. I OBJECT to this proposed development and agree with all the comments made at the Open Floor Hearing by the previous speakers. The Parish I live in is impacted by this proposed development in that the grid connection corridor passes through the Parish.

Impact on the Landscape: This is rural agricultural land and the development goes against the NPS for using brownfield, previously contaminated land, developed or industrial land. The area is good quality agricultural land and should be used for food. Food Security particularly at this time is as important as energy security given the current geopolitical position we all find ourselves in. Where is the evidence that the developer has considered alternative sites. The development will turn a rural agricultural area into an industrial area hence there will be a huge impact. This is also not temporary in that the development is proposed for 60 years. That is three generations and the chance of the land returning to agriculture after decommissioning won't happen. It is not temporary and will create permanent industrial use land as the impact of this type of development on the soil has not yet been determined.

Cumulative Impact: This area of Lincolnshire around Lincoln is being swamped with solar and BESS projects and the size of these developments are excessive and will result in industrialisation of a large area of farmland. Lincolnshire appears to have more than its fair share of these developments and the power is being generated for areas far beyond Lincolnshire's boundaries.

Benefit to Local Communities: the impact on local communities is massive. As a keen walker I am very concerned about the impact on the local footpath network. I walk not only as a means of remaining fit but also for my mental well being and walking through acres and acres of solar panels is not good for that. This is industrialisation and I would not chose to walk through an area of industry. The impact on myself and others who walk these paths will be significant. It is the chance to walk in open countryside with wildlife evident and views that determine where I walk. The promise of cheaper electricity for local people is not guaranteed and takes no account of the loss in value to people's property by having a development of this nature on their doorstep.

The development will impact upon local wildlife being fenced all around with both deer and birds impacted.

Traffic and Transport: The local road system is inadequate for the type of vehicles and the amount of anticipated traffic which will be using them causing serious concerns for local drivers, walkers and cyclists.

Safety Concerns: The development proposes a substation and BESS Can the Inspector confirm that NFCC guidance has been applied in relation to the BESS as I have serious concerns about the safety aspect of the BESS should a fire ensue. The development is close to a primary school and should there be a battery fire the fumes given off are toxic and the fire cannot be put out with water. Excessive amounts of water are required to cool the batteries to prevent Thermal Runaway. This concerns me in that toxic water may get into our rivers water courses