

In addition to comments previously submitted by Tickton & Routh Parish Council. The Parish Council reiterate the cumulative impact of current and proposed solar developments including the Molescroft proposal which is currently under public consultation. The detrimental impact of accumulation of industrial infrastructure will be enormous leading to a feeling of being surrounded by solar panels within the communities of Tickton, Routh and Weel as shown within the attached map.

The Parish Council feel it is essential to preserve agricultural land for food production both locally and nationally. Taking away agricultural land adversely impacts food production and biodiversity, animals and wildlife. Solar panels to this extent cannot be considered sustainable as they threaten food security. Subsidy payments to farmers for crops to solar for biodiversity are encouraging diversification from staple food production. Effectively allowing industrial scale solar may degrade the soil quality to such an extent that significant remedial action at the end the lifespan of the proposal would be required to return the land to usable condition for arable farming.

Owing to the poorly advertised/attended hearing held at Tickton Grange, the Parish Council request that a further public meeting is held locally on an evening and/or weekend and which is properly advertised to all residents and businesses impacted by the proposed development to update, inform and support discussion.