

Pear tree hill solar comments

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Dear Sirs/madam

As a concerned stakeholder, I wish to formally raise objections to the proposed Pear Tree Hill industrial-scale solar development, which poses significant risks and negative impacts on the local environment, infrastructure, and community. The scale and siting of this project are deeply inappropriate for the East Yorkshire countryside, particularly considering the following points:

1. Unsuitability of Local Road Infrastructure

The existing country roads surrounding the proposed site are narrow, winding, and feature poor visibility. These roads are not designed to accommodate Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs), which would be required in large numbers during the construction and maintenance of an industrial solar plant. Increased HGV traffic would significantly raise the risk of accidents, congestion, and long-term damage to local infrastructure. This presents a serious safety concern for local residents and road users.

2. Proximity to the Proposed Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)

The proposed solar development lies in close proximity to the proposed extension of the Yorkshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The scale of the development—spanning 4.2 square miles—would make it highly visible across a vast area. This visual intrusion would fundamentally undermine the principles and objectives of the AONB designation, which aims to preserve and enhance natural beauty. The industrial character of such a large-scale development is incompatible with the rural and scenic qualities of the surrounding landscape.

3. Flood Risk and Lack of Precedent for Impact Modelling

The site lies within a known floodplain, raising serious concerns about the potential for increased flood risk to nearby villages and settlements. The compaction of ground across such an extensive area is unprecedented in the UK, meaning current flood risk models may not accurately reflect the consequences. In the United States, several communities have reported increased flooding following the installation of large-scale solar farms, with

little to no recourse or compensation for affected residents. Similar outcomes must be avoided in East Yorkshire.

4. Inadequate Ecological Assessment

The ecological assessments for this proposal were conducted during the winter months, a period when many species are hibernating or exhibit minimal movement. As a result, the data collected does not provide an accurate or comprehensive representation of the site's biodiversity. Proceeding with development based on incomplete seasonal data risks serious and irreversible harm to local wildlife populations and habitats.

5. Lack of Glint and Glare Assessment

No adequate glint and glare assessment appears to have been conducted to determine the impact of reflective solar panels on surrounding road users and air traffic. The area is frequented by light aircraft, and the nearby road network is already hazardous in nature. Reflected sunlight from the panels could create dangerous visual distractions, further endangering both drivers and pilots

6. [REDACTED]

GB power have stated that no panels that [REDACTED] has been involved in would be allowed to be used but polysilicon from China's Xinjiang region has been linked to [REDACTED] and investigations show Xinjiang material can enter global solar-panel supply chains. That means panels RWE plan to install could contain inputs produced with [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

Mr Wynne