

I would like to add further comment with regard to the proposed One Earth Solar farm straddling Lincolnshire/Nottinghamshire.

I have read many comments from fellow residents directly affected by this proposal and with regards to how this proposal has been put together by Orsted's Team. The benefit to the residents of the villages are zero. We lose agricultural land, diminish the farming community and all associated businesses locally that rely on the farming community. The land owners have been put in an impossible position. They are effectively being bribed to free up their land because the price per acre index linked is £1000.00. This is way above the £250 p.a. average if it was worked. I fully understand why they would accept this offer. I know some farmers and current village residents, if this project goes ahead will leave the area as a result. Has Orsted factored this into the welfare of the community? It is said solar panel occupies 0.1% currently of UK land. If One Earth Project and all other currently proposed solar farms are approved including those already approved this area (Lincolnshire/Nottinghamshire) covered will be nine times the size of Skegness (by Jamie Waller, Local Democracy Reporter 17th July OLincolnshire World) In further context this would 9% of the size of Newark and Sherwood parliamentary constituency as quoted by Robert Jenrick MP This is destruction of great farming land for little benefit and unfair for this community. How can a project of this size be justified as a national infrastructure project that in effect can only generate power effectively a third of the year. It's madness.

What has become clear is this is an amateurish proposal put forward by Orsted for One Earth solar farms. They have failed to properly engage with local stakeholders, been opaque, and based detail on assumptions rather than fact. It is almost as though they do not need to do too much fact finding as this project they believe will be passed anyway regardless of objections or the affected parties requests for details of the proposals, which are sadly lacking. I will site cite the 49 actions from the last planning inspectorate hearings of the 8th, 9th, and 10th July, many points showing their disregard for factual information and vague language and failure to disclose where inverters and battery storage would be placed. Surely this is a fundamental disregard again to the local community, an arrogance. This clearly shows Orsted are not a fit organisation given that their vast resources have failed to plan, organise and consult with empathy and effectively with affected parties. All they have achieved is division for no benefit to this community. This is a lesson in failure, which is why this project should not go ahead.