

FARMS FOR FARMING

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Mr Gareth Rees,
Clerk to the Parish Council
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Dear Mr Rees,

REF: Kingfisher Solar Farm

Farms for Farming are a self interest voluntary group committed to preserving the country's valuable agricultural land for food production. I am writing to raise awareness of the proposed Kingfisher solar farm near Beverley as it is fundamentally wrong to be taking 2,250 acres of valuable farmland out of food production.

The developer claims enough power will be generated for 100,000 homes. So tell them to put the solar panels on the roofs of those homes. This will make them energy self sufficient and so protected from ever rising electricity costs and the risk of falling into fuel poverty. Plus it will take the 320MW of demand off the grid instead of pushing another 320MW into it.

You also need to consider and object to the visual impact. According to the latest statistics from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero published 12 February 2024 there are now 12 solar farms in the East Riding of Yorkshire (428MW total capacity). All are fully operational or have planning permission granted with a generating capacity of greater than 5MW. There are a further five in planning, including excluding Kingfisher. (total 546MW).

This represents a staggering 4,870 acres (plus the 2,250 acres of Kingfisher) of food producing agricultural land taken out of food production.

The county's landscape is in danger of becoming a sea of ugly black solar panels and I encourage the parish council to object to this proposed development on the grounds of a) food security and b) visual impact.

Please understand Farms for Farming wish to retain their anonymity to avoid repercussions from the developer. Farms for Farming are committed to renewable energy but solar panels belong on roofs not valuable agricultural land. May I thank you for taking the time to read and consider the facts and to circulate it to the full parish council planning and insist that individually and collectively the Parish Council raise objections to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Planners to this ill-conceived and totally unnecessary planning application.

Yours Sincerely



Roger Jones
Farms for Farming