

ARE YOU AWARE?

NATIONAL GRID are looking to build a large, new, electricity sub-station: 400MW BATTERY STORAGE incorporating 324 shipping type containers of lithium ion battery storage units plus all the necessary infrastructure

WHERE?

Approximately 1km north east of Navenby housing (spread over several sites between Navenby and the A15)

WHY?

You may have heard of the two vast solar farms that are seeking planning permission in our area: Springwell (adjacent to the A15) and Fosse Green Energy (in the Witham Valley, sprawling north from Bassingham)

These solar farms need a connection to the grid so if the sub-station goes ahead, the solar farms will too!

CONCERNED?

Many of your Parish Councils and Councillors are too so you are invited to attend a:

PUBLIC MEETING
at THE VENUE, NAVENBY
MONDAY July 8th | 7.30pm start

You can also contact your Parish Council at any time

SCALE

The proposed solar farms will be vast:

- Springwell is 10400 acres (or 4200 hectares)
- Fosse Green energy is 2500 acres (or 1000 hectares)

The above is more than SIX times the size of Navenby Parish (which stretches from the River Brant to the A15, covering 2110 acres). To put this in context, Trafalgar Square covers just over TWO acres. As yet, there is no clear indication of the full size of the sub-station, but it is thought to be similar in size to the one at Bicker in Lincolnshire.

IMPACT

The concerns around the sub-station and solar farms are:

- Loss of agricultural land including high quality best and most versatile types
- Industrialising impact on the landscape and visual amenity of the area
- Foreign equity driving the solar farms with financial benefits going to overseas investors: these are Klondike style opportunistic developments
- Disruption to local communities during construction, replacement, repairs and decommissioning
- Impact on Public Rights of Way
- Negative impact on the visitor economy
- Impact on tenant farmers, their homes and their livelihoods
- Impact on mental health as rural locations change to industrial landscapes
- Impact on nature and measures to compensate for this change
- Potential for sites to become brownfield sites after decommissioning rather than returning to agricultural use
- Battery storage safety and the lack of a plan to tackle any fires or explosions
- There will be no reduction in the cost of electricity to local consumers
- The belief that the environmental and economic benefits of utility scale solar power generation in the UK climate are being exaggerated and do not begin to justify the effective industrialisation of our beautiful, rural landscape

PUBLIC MEETING

Come and listen to guest speakers discuss the background and current status of all of these applications and the action that we can take. There will be an open forum for you to raise your concerns and make suggestions.