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Subject:

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Planning Application B/21/0430 Boston Borough Council – Objection.

The application is part of a scheme for large scale solar panels covering land at Little Hale (North Kesteven). However the cabling is shown as starting in Bicker Parish at the South Forty Foot Drain, coming down Bicker Drove and Vicarage Drove to enter the existing National Grid substation. The long length of cabling will involve much construction traffic in Bicker parish, no doubt through Bicker village and surrounding roads.

We object on the following basis :-

- 1. Waste of large area of agricultural land needed for growing crops. With the self sufficiency in food in the UK dropping from 80% to 60% in recent years the country is seriously exposed to having insufficient food to feed the population.
- 2. Large scale construction traffic through Bicker, Ing Drove, Cowbridge Road, Bicker Drove and Vicarage Drove. All these roads have been classified by Boston Borough Council to the Planning Inspectorate as unsuitable for construction traffic. This was enforced for major schemes known as Triton Knoll and Viking Link. Both these schemes had to construct new access roads to avoid Bicker and surrounding roads
- 3. Bicker parish is being systematically destroyed by large scale industrial development. Bicker Parish has already made a massive contrition to green energy projects and this has caused local residents severe levels of abuse and distress the last sixteen years. Enough is enough and other areas of in Lincolnshire must contribute.

Yours faithfully Mr DJ & Mrs HP Bowler