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To: [Planning Department Name] [Local Council Address] [Postcode]

Subject: Objection to Proposed Data Centre Development – [Application Reference Number]

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the proposed data centre development at [Site Location].

While I understand the need for digital infrastructure, this proposal raises serious concerns about **safety, environmental impact, and the growing cumulative burden of industrial-scale energy and tech developments across Lincolnshire.**

1. Cumulative Industrialisation of the Countryside

Lincolnshire is already under pressure from a wave of large-scale infrastructure—solar farms, battery storage sites, substations, and now hyperscale data centres. These are often approved in isolation, but together they are transforming rural areas into industrial zones. This contradicts **NPPF Paragraph 185**, which requires planning decisions to avoid significant adverse cumulative impacts on health, quality of life, and the environment.

[Insert personal comment about how your area is changing or how multiple developments are affecting your community.]

2. Loss of Agricultural and Greenfield Land

Many data centre proposals target greenfield or former agricultural land. The **NPPF (Paragraph 174)** states that planning decisions should protect and enhance the natural environment, including valued landscapes and soils. Once this land is developed, it is lost to food production and biodiversity for decades.

3. Safety and Infrastructure Strain

Data centres are energy-intensive and require substantial cooling, backup power, and fire suppression systems. This raises concerns about:

- **Fire risk** from high-voltage equipment and battery storage compounds.
- **Water use and discharge**, especially in areas with limited supply or sensitive aquifers.
- **Noise and vibration** from cooling systems and generators.
- **Traffic and construction disruption**, often over multi-year build periods.

These risks must be assessed under **NPPF Paragraph 183**, which requires developments to ensure that new uses do not create unacceptable risks from pollution, land instability, or cumulative hazards.

4. Visual and Landscape Impact

Data centres are often large, box-like structures with significant height and massing. Even with bunds and planting, they can dominate the landscape—especially in flat, open areas like Lincolnshire. This conflicts with **Local Plan Policy S53**, which requires developments to respect landscape character and visual amenity.

[Add a comment if you live near the site or are concerned about views, noise, or light pollution.]

5. Lack of Strategic Oversight

There is currently no joined-up strategy for managing the scale and pace of digital infrastructure in Lincolnshire. The **Planning Act 2008** encourages strategic planning for major infrastructure, yet these proposals are being approved piecemeal. Without a county-wide cumulative impact assessment, we risk irreversible damage to our rural environment and way of life.

In conclusion, I urge the planning authority to reject this application. Data centres may be necessary, but they must be located and designed with care, not at the expense of Lincolnshire's farmland, communities, and countryside.

Yours sincerely, **[Your Name]**