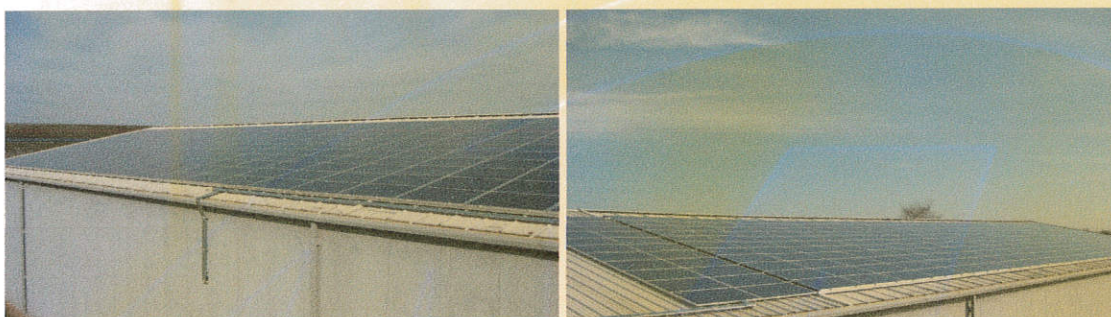


## LET THE SUN SHINE

The Higgins Group have invested in almost 1,000 solar panels on the roofs of several potato stores at their site in Finningley, Doncaster.

The capital cost of the investment is in excess of £250,000, but with rising energy prices the pay-back is expected within 6 years. In addition, the installation will save more than 100 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions a year or 2,000 tonnes over the life of the project.



The company operates a potato storage site at Finningley with a capacity in excess of 30,000 tonnes. Although there are a range of storage options, the majority of the potatoes are kept in cold storage at temperatures below 3°C in order to maintain an ideal environment for the potatoes. This requires a lot of energy which the company will now be producing themselves.

The company is gaining a reputation for its' environmental and energy-saving credentials, having recently replaced a significant number of lights with low energy LED systems and is examining a number of other projects in this area.

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