

If you stand on the Soham to Wicken road and look across at Ely Cathedral the landscape is sullied by the grey wall of the recently constructed at South Angle Solar Farm. One of twenty or so solar farms already in the surrounding area. In relative terms this development is a mere drop in the ocean compared to the size of the proposed Sunnica Solar Farm just a few miles east. It's utterly disheartening to imagine the absolute aesthetic devastation that will be caused to the beautiful brecks countryside surrounding the villages of Chippenham, Snailwell, Freckenham, Worlington and Isleham should this development be approved. Imagine the acres of glorious golden wheat fields that run from La Hogue all the way to Newmarket, and the expanse of potatoes stretching across the vast open land between Freckenham and Isleham, and the entire farmland surrounding Worlington all being replaced by a blanket of grey. This, in itself, is heart-breaking.

Yet, there are so, so many additional reasons why this photo-voltaic invasion is just so wholly inappropriate for the location it is proposed.

The proximity of this scheme to the 16 parishes and towns along its path, all of whom are categorically against the development. Would any other national infrastructure energy project of this size be constructed in and around such a populated area?

The construction of such a scale of development will wreak havoc on the health and well-being of local residents and create significant road safety risks.

It will bring major safety risks posed by the BESS (battery storage) for which there is widespread evidence of hazardous battery fires.

This is some of England's premium agriculture land. Highly productive, irrigated, greenfield land that is essential for this country's food security. Adorned and inhabited by numerous protected species, for some of which this is the only location in the UK where they reside.

All for what? The "energy entrepreneurs" who have concocted this tragedy cannot provide any credible evidence that this scheme will deliver net environmental gains. More likely it will create more carbon in its lifetime than it ever saves.

I recognise and support the need for renewables, but we [the country] should generate the energy we need from more efficient systems (the equivalent output could be generated from 20 wind turbines) in more suitable locations, that deliver the climate benefits we so need in a manner that brings economic prosperity to society in the region, rather than the few.

Please listen and respect the voices of the overwhelming majority of who, for sound reasons, oppose this scheme.