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You already have documentation for me with my objections to this plan but since then, there are a few more.

- 1. Recently there was a major fire in the village, opposite to where I live in the village, I can see the property from my home. The fire was so severe, and fire engines had issues with not enough water to cope which is unbelievable! They had to have water tanks delivered to help put the fire out. The house is still not repaired so again when there is a fire the rebuild and inconvenience is unbelievable and luckily nobody died. Imagine if this had happens to the batter storage unit which is sited where there are many residents in Quarry House and the new housing estate, Weatfields. I've been speaking to someone who worked at the water board and he said, quite simply there is not enough water in the area and many others to cope with the changes in our infrasture or all these extra homes and people.
- 2. There was a major fire in Ipswich last year when a lithium battery failed causing an explosion. Local primary schools were closed and everyone had to say inside due to the smoke and some children were hospitalised from suffering breaching difficulties.
- I know the Labour Party are in agreement with assisted dying but this will just speed it up for our life long taxpers in Quarry House! There were also solar panel destruction last year in the windy weather and more parties like the Tories and Reform are going to do away with net 0 so what's the point. Even in Montreal, 15,000kg of lithium batteries inside a shipping container caught fire sending toxic gas over the city.
- 3. I have recently seen staff from the Aldington Eco Centre doing tests at the pond on the village green. Literally right next to Quarry House where the battery storage units will be. I've been chatting to them and seen for myself how they have been researching for newts in the pond and I've seen the ones they have captured in the bottle type traps they leave out at night. There are living newts there, tadpoles and even fish which again, I've seen for myself and taken pictures. Considering the government are now saying wildlife is important and not cut our grass and have a wilderness garden as it affects the wildlife! Therefore, they are contradicting themselves by wanting solar farms and dangerous battery storage systems.
- 4. There have been loads of new builds in Ashford including a health centre, surely it would be better putting them on roof tops than our countryside.
- 5. As this plan is literally in the field at the back of me, I would expect huge compensation as I will never be able to sell my property but would prefer not to have the money or the solar farm where there is no proof of any benefit financially and in saving of electric bills.