

The proposed Stonestreet Green combined solar and Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), is located in my village that has beautiful countryside just outside the boundaries of the extending new builds of Ashford. The sheer size and the inclusion of the BESS is of concern due to the sheer scale of the battery storage making it one of the largest in the UK being situated far too close to residential property. I do not see how in the event of a fire the surrounding ring property, livestock and wildlife would not be impacted. Alongside the risk the blight on the natural beauty would be maximised by the BESS. The storage system is currently unregulated, and therefore a realistic and truthful risk assessment does not follow the plans for installation. Apart from access, where does the water come from to fight the fire, where does that contaminated water go? Have the potential toxic plumes been mapped and contingencies developed to safeguard local residents as the fires continue to burn for several days.