

Q21.1 It seems to me very vague that the Applicant states 'it is possible that the construction phase could be slightly shorter or longer than 30 months' – surely if they had undertaken proper planning and forecasting they could be more specific. I think the ExA needs to know how long is "slightly" and under what circumstances the construction time would be affected?

Q2.1.3 As the ExA is aware serious concerns regarding the BESS were raised. I am sure the ExA will require detailed information on the site inspections and the frequency period justified.

Q2.7.1/2/3 Firstly the land is unlikely to be suitable to be returned to agricultural use. The damage caused by the installation and removal of the solar panels, the cabling etc that will remain underground after decommissioning will all render the land unsuitable for agricultural use. The applicant has no funding secured or set aside for end of life requirements so cannot possibly confirm that the land will be returned to agricultural use. I am sure the ExA will insist that sufficient funding is set and side and protected to cover the costs of removal and restoration at the end of the project.

Q2.10.3 It is well known that Grafham water is considerably depleted due to several hot summers and low rainfall levels – EPE will definitely need to source their water supplies from outside the area which will also increase the number of transport movements required thereby increasing the carbon cost of this project. I am sure the ExA will require clarification on these points