

The Applicant has yet to provide a convincing argument as to why this site has been selected rather than one on prime agricultural land. Food security as well as energy security is an issue for the UK. The loss of 74% of prime agricultural land for this Project is unacceptable. Given the current global instability (and the closer to war than we have ever been in recent years) it is vital that good agricultural land is preserved for food security.

Water security is an issue for this area. The current water shortage due to the heatwaves this summer has highlighted how vulnerable this area is to water shortages and the possibility of rationing of water. With plans for more large-scale housing developments in the area the pressure on water supplies will grow. Where will the Applicant source the water needed for the regular washing and maintenance of 700,00 solar panels?

Traffic management remains a major issue which hasn't been satisfactorily addressed. The sheer volume of construction and workers traffic will cause congestion. The Applicant needs to provide details of how construction traffic will be managed on a daily basis. Who will be responsible for ensuring construction traffic uses agreed routes? What penalties and enforceable controls will be implemented to ensure construction traffic uses agreed routes? Currently the Applicant suggests that construction traffic effects are assessed on the basis of discretionary contractor behaviour rather than secured and enforceable controls.

The Hunts Post (31st July 2026) reports that Cambridgeshire County Council is facing calls to restrict HGV traffic on rural roads as redirected Lorries are reportedly destroying roads and creating a much greater maintenance cost for the County Council. How will the Applicant pay for the costs of road repairs and structural damage to buildings?

Despite the ongoing fire, health and safety concerns regarding the live gas pipe running through the proposed Development near to the Lithium-ion batteries, there is a lack of detail regarding the emergency evacuation procedures for locals and workers. Where are the risk assessments? The 'what if's' scenarios?

The Applicant needs to provide details on the process of dismantling the Development after 40 years and the return of the land to agricultural use.