

I object to the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) at Rosefield, Gawcott on public safety grounds. Large-scale lithium-ion battery installations present a known risk of thermal runaway, which can lead to intense and prolonged fires that are extremely difficult to extinguish. Such incidents have required evacuations elsewhere and have released toxic gases harmful to residents, livestock, and the wider environment. The proposed site is in close proximity to homes and agricultural land, yet there is insufficient evidence that fire risk, toxic emissions, and emergency response arrangements have been adequately addressed. The rural road network raises further concerns regarding safe and timely access for emergency services. Until it can be clearly demonstrated that the development poses no unacceptable risk to local residents or the environment, planning permission should be refused on safety grounds.