

I have already submitted previous objections. At this current opportunity to raise my major concerns to the proposed development I wish to focus on those aspects which have a specific negative and damaging effect.

All routes to the site through all the surrounding villages will be dominated by construction traffic. The local roads are not designed for heavy traffic, especially abnormal indivisible loads (AIL). The working days and hours are too many and too long, and the effect of massive traffic volumes, lighting needs, noise and traffic pollution will destroy the quiet, rural nature of all villages around the construction area.

The cumulative impact during construction of Rosefield, Statera, Statkraft and the new National Grid substation all using the local road network in the same timescale would have catastrophic consequence on the local infrastructure and on the wider area in general.

The visual impacts from many viewpoints will be of major significance. The applicant admits that 'Likely significant adverse visual effects on local settlements are anticipated to be limited to Steeple Claydon, Botolph Claydon and Granborough'. The visual impact on properties situated in their rural location cannot be adequately evaluated by a series of visualisations from selected fixed locations around the site. The landscape views are enjoyed also by moving within the area, on foot, by bicycle and all other modes of transport, and the impact of a massive industrial installation on a greenfield site will be of major significance and the negative effects on the rural communities will be devastating.

There will be noise from operational BESS and the inverters and the collector compounds on such a large scale. Noise, repetitive and constant noise, expected both during construction and operation will cause massive harm to local residents and have significant negative effects on all those living and working in the area

The applicant and Statera each plan battery storage capacity of 500MW and that the planned location of the Rosefield BESS is adjacent to the Statera BESS. Such a dense collection of lithium-ion batteries and operational equipment severely heightens the risk of an uncontrolled explosion and fire, as the fire would likely spread quickly and violently to other parts of the site. This would not only threaten the surrounding properties but toxic smoke could easily reach the nearby villages of East Claydon and Granborough as well as the much larger population of Winslow.

This proposed massive development in a rural community should be refused.