

The loss of productive farmland at a time of increased need for food security: 46% of our food is imported, and the amount of arable land is 14.8 million acres, the lowest since World War II.

This is the fourth out of six Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) within a 3 mile radius of one another to go directly to the Secretary of State within the past 10 years.

5 other known solar farms have been approved or have been submitted for planning within close proximity to Rosefield. The size (1,700 acres of land taken –with 471,000 Solar panels and 2 x BESS compounds), will result in destruction of valuable agricultural land and wildlife including nesting birds, badgers, bat, deer, foxes and the endless biodiversity and wildlife we see in this rolling countryside, lost forever.

The industrialisation of rural countryside and loss of agricultural land will cause a permanent adverse impact on ecology and a loss of natural habitats for wildlife.

Footpaths, bridleways and views that are heavily used by local people from many miles around will be lost forever. The character and beauty of much of this countryside is the open vista that does NOT need enhancing or require 'improved' footpaths or hedges along the length of Brentwood Jubilee Way to screen views as suggested by Rosefield. Why should we be subject to having our views obstructed when we currently have the best views across our countryside. Mitigation in the form of planting takes at least 10 years to be effective.

This farmland will be lost to industrialisation for at least 40 years. Any statement that this can be reversed when the project reaches its end of life is totally misleading. The land will be damaged beyond recovery.

All our communities will be affected by this, both during construction of 2-1/2 years, impacting our local roads. Affected areas will be the Claydons, Calvert, Hogshaw, Quainton, Winslow, Hillesden, Grendon Underwood, Waddesdon, Edgcott, Buckingham, Aylesbury, Gawcott, Granborough, North Marston, Padbury.

14,796 HGV's and 44,254 LGV's Vans and Cars (As quoted on Rosefield's Planning application). Work hours including getting to the site and leaving will be from 6am – 8pm from Monday to Friday. From 6am to 12 noon on Saturday. Any extra hours/days would need to be agreed by Bucks Council.

We already have horrendous traffic, road closures, and heavy vehicles due to HS2 and East West rail which we have been living with for the last 7+ years and is ongoing, every month it seems to get worse and this will add to it.

One of the other biggest concerns is around the huge BESS facilities (2 of these). The fire safety issues around these, with fumes affecting villages for miles (like the lithium-ion battery fire at Westcott) which due to the nature of the lithium-ion, had to be left to burn and took weeks to dissipate. The UK has already reached its target for BESS and there is already enough in the pipeline so no need to add anymore.

EDF and RS Renewables will receive virtually all the profits generated. No local homes would benefit directly. The landowners will receive an estimated £1,000 per acre per year, over £2 million a year and potentially many millions in the long term.