

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing as a property owner and resident of Botolph Claydon to share my concerns regarding the proposed Rosefield solar farm development.

Botolph Claydon is a village with a long-standing rural and agricultural heritage, and its surrounding landscape has remained largely unchanged for many generations. This sense of continuity is greatly valued and it is important to preserve the character of the area for the benefit of future generations.

The village sits within attractive rolling countryside and an established landscape that supports local wildlife and provides much-loved walking routes. These features contribute significantly to the quality of life in the area. There is concern that a development of this scale will alter the visual character of the landscape and affect how the countryside is experienced by residents and visitors alike.

There are also practical considerations. The local road network consists mainly of narrow country lanes, and there is understandable anxiety about the suitability of these roads for increased construction and service traffic associated with the project.

In addition, I am mindful of the potential effects on wellbeing, particularly in relation to visual change and possible noise during construction and operation. In relation to this I have attached a picture from one of bedrooms to illustrate the impact on the view.

While renewable energy is clearly important, it is hoped that careful consideration will be given to how such developments sit within smaller rural communities.

Finally, it would be helpful for the proposal to be considered in the context of other developments planned in and around the area, so that the cumulative impact on the landscape and local infrastructure is fully understood.

Having moved to Botolph Claydon several years ago, I have come to appreciate what a special place it is to live. I respectfully ask that these local concerns are taken into account as part of the planning process.

Yours faithfully,

Martin Hopton

Property Owner, Botolph Claydon