

I live at [REDACTED] and have done so for more than thirty years. I very much enjoy living here and being part of the community.

Almost every day my husband and I walk in the fields near our home which are accessible on foot from our house. This was particularly important to us during lockdown and probably was a major contributor to us surviving lockdown without suffering any particular ill effects. For many years we took a neighbour's dog with us on these walks which added to our enjoyment.

There are several walks that we enjoy including the following:

1. We access the fields via Weir Lane and continue straight across the fields along the footpath until we come to a four-way junction where we turn right along the path known as Splash Lane back to the road and home.
2. We access the fields via Weir Lane and continue straight across the fields as before until we reach the four-way junction and then we go straight ahead and walk round the outside of Runts Wood back to the junction and then home either across the fields or along Splash Lane as before.
3. We walk down Orchard Way, turn up Splash Lane and opposite a bridge over a stream we turn right and follow the footpath that eventually leads to Muxwell Farm. From there we either turn back or continue to walk across the fields from there to Claydon House, Middle Claydon and back across the fields to East Claydon and then along the road (or the path from the Church to the swings) and home.
4. We walk as before either across the fields or down Splash Lane and round Runts Wood to a footpath that heads towards Finmere House and then towards Hogshaw Farm. We then turn left around the back of Runts Wood.

Our enjoyment of these walks is heightened by the variety of nature we see from the various species of birds, including many red kites, to the deer that we see regularly roaming the fields. The lives of all of these birds and animals will be adversely affected by the construction of field upon field of solar panels. The birds will not have access to their feeding grounds and the deer will no longer be able to roam across the fields.

In addition to the impact on nature there will be the loss of the open aspect of these walks if they are adjacent to row upon row of solar panels.

As well as affecting our enjoyment of walks the construction and ongoing necessary repairs of these solar panels will also adversely affect us in the following ways:

1. The increase of traffic through the village going past our house;
2. The increase of traffic on local roads, many of which are unsuitable for heavy vehicles, and which will be dangerous and cause yet more pot holes in our already treacherous roads;
3. Increase in noise disturbance caused by the increase in traffic and the construction and operation of the panels.

We ask that the adverse impact on us as residents of Botolph Claydon of the proposed Rosefield development be taken into account and given due weight when considering the proposal.

Yours faithfully

Susan Lefebvre (Mrs)