

I strongly object to the Rosefield Solar Farm proposal for the following reasons:

1. Detrimental impact to residential amenities and loss of enjoyment to the areas surrounding Botolph Claydon and East Claydon such as places to walk and the much loved hills that the local children have used for sledging for centuries. The visual impact of large valleys of solar panels is unacceptable to an area of great beauty and would not respect the character of the surrounding landscape.

Additionally, Article 8 of the Human Rights Act states that a person has the substantive right to respect for their private and family life. In the case of *Britton vs SOS* the courts reappraised the purpose of the law and concluded that the protection of the countryside falls within the interests of Article 8. Private and family life therefore encompasses not only the home but also the surroundings.

2. This large expanse of land is 3 successful busy working farms. Tenant Farmers depend on the productivity of the land to sustain their livelihoods. This development would take away much needed and good fertile land that has been producing crops for generations.

3. We have already suffered significantly from ongoing construction projects – HS2, East West Rail with the felling of trees, destruction of habitats, and disturbance to local wildlife. These have already caused irreparable damage to our landscape and ecosystems, leading to the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of natural resources. Wildlife are seen around the estate of Calvert Green, with no-where to go. Many are finding their way to where more destruction will be made. This cannot happen.

4. The noise and mess during the construction phase will add to the stress related to our well-being. Lorries with huge numbers of solar panels, and other large industrial equipment, trying to wind their way through the villages will be horrendous. Snake Lane, is a single track road and would be too disruptive and dangerous for such large equipment. With the work being carried out at all hours, disruption will be 24 hours a day!

*****IT IS VITAL THAT IT MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION that extra HGV traffic passing along St Mary's Road would be disruptive and UNSAFE TO THE CHILDREN, PARENTS AND STAFF OF EAST CLAYDON CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL which is adjacent to the road and the PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN who spend their days playing and exploring in the front garden which runs the full length of the school within a metre from the road and narrow footpath.**

There are better ways of producing renewable energy ie; 12 wind turbines rather than covering massive areas with solar panels, with no knowing how long they will actually last, what can be done with them afterwards and what the outcome of the land will be in at the end, with no farmers left to re-instate (or try to re-instate) the already spoilt land.

This is a proposal that should never have even got to the proposal stage!