

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed rosefield solar farm development for the following reasons.

First, the local roads and surrounding infrastructure are not suitable for the level of heavy traffic that will be required during construction and maintenance. There is insufficient road space for large vehicles, and there has been no clear commitment to repair and maintain the roads both during and after construction.

Second, the proposal does not adequately assess the potential noise impact. At present, the area is extremely quiet and dominated only by natural sounds. The addition of significant traffic, machinery, and the constant electrical hum from the facilities could negatively affect both wildlife and residents, particularly along the many public rights of way currently used by walkers, runners, and families.

Third, the development would severely limit the ability to safely use existing footpaths, bridleways, and rights of way during construction and given the surrounding electricity post production, reduce opportunities for healthy outdoor activities such as walking, running, and dog exercise.

There are also serious concerns regarding the location of the BESS (Battery Energy Storage System) facility. Given the size of the overall proposal, the BESS should be located further away from residential areas such as East Claydon and Botolph Claydon.

In addition, the proposed visual screening is insufficient. Other developments have included meaningful landscaping measures, such as raised earth bunds, to reduce visual impact. The proposal's visual examples based on planting that may take ten years to mature are not acceptable. Evergreen and mature planting should be installed from the beginning rather than relying only on small saplings that will take many years to grow.

The potential impact on wildlife has also not been properly addressed. The fields currently support a wide range of wildlife including birds, deer, foxes, and bats, all of which may be negatively affected by the scale and nature of this development.

The location and scale of the project are also of concern. Changes between the first and second proposals demonstrate that the development could operate at a smaller scale without affecting the homes surrounding East Claydon and Botolph Claydon. There is no clear need to cover all the fields behind these villages with solar panels nor position the bess facility by east or botolph Claydon. Other nearby solar farms, such as those near Beachampton and Buckingham, are positioned away from village views and residential areas. A substantial reduction in the impact on residents could be achieved if panels were removed from the fields directly behind houses and placed instead in more central areas of the proposed site. The current proposal appears to prioritise reducing the visual impact for one location (claydon house) while increasing it for residents across multiple surrounding villages and this should be re balanced.

Finally, the cumulative impact of infrastructure development in this area must be considered. Residents are already facing significant disruption from multiple major projects including HS2, East West Rail, the Statera BESS development, other BESS and solar applications, a new substation planned to be double the size of the current one, and the presence of Grendon prison. The addition of another large-scale development would place an unreasonable burden on local communities and the rural environment.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the planning authority to reject this proposal in its current form.

Local east Claydon resident