

I have lived in Botolph Claydon for nearly 50 years and this proposed site would destroy the peace and tranquillity of these villages and surrounding countryside as well as a large acreage of good agricultural land. I disagree with the applicant's conclusion that just because it is Grade 3 land, its value is minimal. The land produces heavy crops and excellent grass for animal grazing and fodder. Being on clay, it does not bake out in dry/hot weather which is a big bonus for livestock farmers. There are footpaths and bridle ways crossing parcel 2 of the site which give access to everyone both local and outsiders. They are used frequently and the new rights of way proposed by the applicant would not compensate for the loss of the present existing ones where people, wildlife and nature have co-existed for very many years. The woods in parcel 2 are particularly special with bluebells and primroses in the Spring and are full of many varieties of wildlife especially birds, butterflies and plants and an important population of significantly rare bats. In and around parcel 3 we see curlew, plover, snipe, nightingales, bitterns and every variety of bird of prey from merlins to buzzards. The new paths will be noisy and have security lighting and high fencing in close proximity. This development would contribute nothing to the local community and the applicant's premise that there will be community employment benefits is unlikely. There is a much greater risk of a decrease in employment on local farms and businesses.

It will negatively affect our countryside and community. Firstly, in the lengthy construction phase (two – three years) and secondly there would be unnatural noise, white light from the security lighting and general disturbance from the applicant's heavy traffic and access rights during the construction phase and for the next 40 years.

The health impacts have only been reviewed from the human impact. There is scant mention of wildlife, farm animals and livestock buildings. I cannot see where specific evidence based operational effects of inverters, transformers, BESS, mini compounds, substations and HVAC have been assessed where noise, air quality, safety risk and pollution are concerned, effecting wildlife and farm animals, including large herds of horses.

Like most residents, I am totally opposed to the applicant's planning application. It is too big for this beautiful area of small fields, hedges and grassland which has already suffered from the proximity of the construction of HS2, East West Rail and the Greatmoor Incinerator.

Thank you for reading this submission.