

When I moved to East Claydon in August 2009 it was because I wanted to move to the countryside surrounded by fields, farms and trees for both mine and my family's wellbeing. We love the area and take daily walks through the fields and with our two dogs where we really appreciate the countryside and what nature has to offer. There is a lot of important wildlife in the area. We have a high population of bats and birds. I often see deer in the fields, badgers and foxes.

All this will be taken away from with the introduction of this industrial solar and battery facility which will ruin the aesthetics of the area, disrupt and wipe out much of the fauna and flora and seriously affect the mental health of us and many of the other residents. Unfortunately, we can't just move away as we have become very settled within the community, nor can we financially afford to.

During our time in the village, we have been faced with major development and infrastructure projects, some completed, some in construction and some due to be commenced. These include a compost facility, a new enlarged electrical substation, East West rail, HS2, numerous Housing developments and now potentially this. The area will be completely transformed from beautiful green fields and countryside into an industrial estate.

Furthermore, we must also suffer more years of blight awaiting the installation namely construction noise, increased traffic and heavily damaged roads which are not designed to take to take such loads. My wife and I have personally already suffered from damage to both of our vehicles as a result of the condition of the roads as have many of our neighbours. There will no doubt be considerable construction traffic going through the villages. We are currently blighted by HS2 workers speeding through the villages and past the local primary school. Whilst there will no doubt be traffic management plans in place it will be impossible to police the workers, and it is only a matter of time before someone is injured or killed by a dangerous driver.

I also worry about the safety of my family and residents to the area. It is inevitable that there will be fires within the BESS installation. These fires can last for days, and the fire authorities cannot extinguish them often leaving them to burn out. During this time, it is known that extremely hazardous, toxic and harmful gasses are given off which are carcinogenic, corrosive and cause severe respiratory damage to both humans and wildlife.

The loss of income to the local farmers will be significant. It is a well known fact that the farming industry is under intense economic pressure, and the tenant farmers can ill afford a further loss of income. The farms also employ a lot of the local community. Naturally many of the local jobs will be lost due to reduced revenues and operational area.

Finally, I attach photographs I have taken whilst out walking my dogs. These are two vast areas where the countryside will be adversely affected. The locations are within the proposed solar substation and solar panel area near Granborough and Bernwood Jubilee Way. Both will be fenced off and become corridor footpaths no longer overlooking the countryside.









