

The size of the farm is excessive in a rural area.

Large scale solar farms should not be sited on agricultural land. Solar is more suited to roofs and brownfield sites. Not productive farms. This is supported by CPRE. It appears no alternatives have been considered.

Productive agricultural land is precious. Structures used on solar farms render the land virtually impossible to revert back to agriculture. The whole estate would become a brownfield site.

The energy produced by solar could be produced more efficiently using other methods such as wind. Bladeless turbines are visually far less invasive than bladed and far more efficient than solar. The land take would allow for agriculture to continue.

The rich biodiversity of the area is notorious and already under stress from the construction of hs2 and East West rail. Connectivity is a major factor in this richness. the loss of food sources and the proposed fencing would have a devastating impact.

The Claydons are clay substrate and drainage in the area is a fine balance. Rain run off from the panels would create channels and with the extensive use of concrete this balance will be in jeopardy. Parts of the area is already prone to serious flooding.

Albeit the fire brigade will have an involvement in the construction there is a serious risk of fire from the batteries. Railways have banned e-scooters on trains because of the risk of battery fires. The distance and access of the proposed battery sites is of serious concern.

Recycling of solar panels and batteries is of grave unanswered concern. Even Central Government have not addressed this issue.