

As residents of The Claydons, and therefore directly affected by the proposed development we would like to register our objections in the strongest possible terms for the following reasons;

The Claydons and surrounding villages are being overwhelmed by huge infrastructure projects like East West Rail, HS2, the Grendon Underwood super-prison and the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm and BESS, causing enormous damage to local roads and the surrounding country environment. They have and increasingly continue to cause endless inconvenience due to numerous road closures and lengthy diversions, temporary and largely unsuccessful repairs and constant HGV traffic on a rural road network that was not designed to accommodate such intensive heavy traffic. To allow another huge infrastructure project to go ahead is an unreasonable imposition on the residents of the area who have already endured far too much.

The cumulative effect of Statera BESS, Statkraft BESS, the larger new East Claydon substation, and Rosefield Solar Farm will be enormous and will dominate and change the landscape of the entire area forever.

During construction, there will be a lot of disruption to The Claydons, Winslow and the surrounding villages. After seeing how HS2 operate we all know that although there may be stipulations and restrictions as to when construction can take place or which routes HGVs should adhere to history has proven that inevitably these rules will be disregarded. Very large lorries with heavy loads and shipping containers, and other construction traffic will be a constant nuisance to all areas affecting Granborough, Hogshaw, Winslow, The Claydons, Quainton, Calvert Green and beyond.

When operational, there will be intolerable noise and air pollution from cooling fans, transformers, inverters and other equipment for 24 hours a day. This will have an adverse effect on human health and well-being and will have an unacceptable impact on nearby rural communities. The confirmation of a constant hum from Statera raises legitimate concerns about noise disturbance for nearby residents, walkers, and wildlife, particularly during quieter times when ambient noise levels drop.

Whilst the demand for green energy is not disputed, the choice of this location in the picturesque British home counties countryside is ill considered and it's inconceivable that more suitable locations are not available for such projects. The loss of natural habitat will have a negative impact on both flora and fauna and will adversely affect the footpaths and use of the local countryside by the surrounding communities and visitors. East West Rail and HS2 have already decimated the area with the loss of numerous ancient trees and hedgerows.

Inevitably, the desirability of living in this area will be negatively impacted and property values in the surrounding area will fall.

We trust that the relevant approving authorities will conclude from the overwhelming strength of opposition, that it is an ill considered and unnecessary blot on a landscape that has already endured too much devastation and deserves to be left alone to recover.