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whom it may concern,

I strongly object to the Rosefield Solar Farm proposal for the following reasons:

1. Tenant Farmers depend on the productivity of the land to sustain their livelihoods. This development would take away much needed and good fertile land that has been producing crops for generations.

2. We have already suffered significantly from ongoing construction projects – HS2, East West Rail with the felling of trees, destruction of habitats, and disturbance to local wildlife. These have already caused irreparable damage to our landscape and ecosystems, leading to the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of natural resources. Wildlife is seen around the estate of Calvert Green, with no-where to go. Many are finding their way to where more destruction will be made. This cannot happen.

3. The noise and mess during the construction phase will add to the stress related to our well-being. Lorries with huge numbers of solar panels, and other large industrial equipment, trying to wind their way through the villages will be horrendous. Snake Lane, is a single-track road and would be too disruptive and dangerous for such large equipment. With the work being carried out at all hours, disruption will be 24 hours a day!

4. The impact on local residents who have chosen to live in a quiet, peaceful location will be completely obliterated.

5. Both the building and operation will generate noise associated with the battery containers and their cooling systems, inverters and grid transformers. The potential for significant noise pollution especially at night would disturb village residents. The

building phase of at least 18 months will have a detrimental effect on our health and well-being with literally hundreds of lorries and equipment being sent to the site.

6. Perfectly good agricultural land being used for this project is 'criminal' both in the short term and the long term.

7. Peoples' livelihoods are at stake – farmers who have leased land and grown an abundance of crops and cows grazing under perfect conditions, will be lost.

8. We have endured the disruption of HS2, East West Rail, an incinerator, and possible very large prison – We have suffered enough!

Unfortunately, the proposal paints the [REDACTED] in a new light; a family once renowned for doing so much for their community, now displacing livelihoods and destroying the local environment for their own profit.

There are better ways of producing renewable energy i.e.; wind turbines rather than covering massive areas with solar panels, with no knowing how long they will actually last, what can be done with them afterwards and what the outcome of the land will be in at the end, with no farmers left to re-instate (or try to re-instate) the already spoilt land. Solar Farms are inefficient. Solar Farms of this scale increase the local air temp affecting the microclimate in the immediate vicinity, which also affects the biodiversity within the area and surrounding areas. We have already been badly affected by the disruption to HS2, and EWR traffic and if this development goes ahead your development with further exaggerate this. We cannot have further disruption to our already bad roads both during the construction phase and afterwards.

The loss of land and livelihoods of our local farmers would be inexcusable. These are farmers who have farmed on this land for generations, producing extremely good crops for our much-needed UK market. The grade for crops makes no sense whatsoever especially when the farmers on the land that is being taken away from them, produce high quality crops and cows.

We have some rare species of birds and wildlife that frequent the vicinity and they will NOT be happy with solar panels being put where they nest/live.

Solar Farms are inefficient and possibly the least efficient renewable energy source. Solar Farms of this scale increase the local air temp affecting the microclimate in the immediate vicinity, which also affects the biodiversity within the area and surrounding areas.

With new technology increasing rapidly there are better alternatives evolving which are more efficient and less damaging forms of producing renewable energy. As stated by Greg Smith MP 'two football pitches are required for Rolls Royce's small modular reactors which would power a million homes.

Why can't we use wind turbines which do not cover massive areas of perfectly good arable land unlike the solar panels. The land could still be used for farming beneath them.

Why not use the excess land destroyed by the now defunct HS2? And roof tops, public buildings, schools, warehouses, new builds, etc.

We have already been badly affected by the disruption of HS2, and EWR traffic and if this development goes ahead your development will further exaggerate this with hundreds more lorries coming in on already beaten roads. We cannot tolerate more disruption both during the construction phase and afterwards. The construction phase for the installation will involve pile drivers creating endless noise affecting local communities as well as wildlife.

WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH!

These two national scale developments have already caused irreparable damage to our landscape and ecosystems, leading to the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of natural resources.

Our wildlife is constantly seen now around the housing estate of Calvert Green and on local roads as their homes have now gone.

There is an abundance of wildlife on the proposed site, including some rare species of birds, bats, gold crested newts and insects that frequent the vicinity who will be badly affected once again, by this new and very large and invasive industrial project.

Roaming animals will also be badly affected by the endless high fencing and CCTV.

This proposal creates an industrial scale blight on the rural communities.

Then there is the noise coming from the transformers - hardly good for wildlife or the people living near or walking the land of which there are many as the land is a recreational area for walkers, cyclists and runners.

Many people drive to the area for its' beauty and long walks with good footpaths. It was noted in September 2023 that the 'UK's wildlife is continuing to decline according to a new landmark study published.

The UK is already classified as one of the world's most nature-depleted countries.'

The loss of land and livelihoods of our local tenant farmers would be inexcusable.

These farmers have farmed on this land for generations, producing above average yields of crops for our much-needed UK market which needs to be more sustainable if we are to lower our carbon emissions.

Saying the grade of land in our area used for growing crops is 'poor' makes no sense whatsoever especially when the tenant farmers of the land that is being taken produce high quality and award winning, crops and cattle.

This is down to their hard work, knowledge, investment and skills. One farm is of national and international importance for the medical industry including the NHS. We cannot afford to decimate good businesses such as these farms.

The proposal puts the name of the [REDACTED] in a new light. They once, were a family who valued locals' opinions and would never have adopted this approach. They will now be taking people's livelihoods away - many of which are highly skilled.

They will be destroying the local environment and people's lifestyles for their own profit. Many LOCAL jobs could go – way more than what the solar scheme would create. Farmers and farmland will be lost probably for many, many years, if not forever. You say that the land in front of the Verney Estate is of 'historical importance' hence the plans show no evidence of placing solar panels there. However, Botolph Claydon have houses far older than Claydon House and are also in a conservation area.

So, it's OK to put panels in their back garden but NOT the [REDACTED]

This shows them as being very high handed and shows no regard for the local communities.

In conclusion, I strongly object to the development on tenant farmland due to the very negative impact on lives and taking away natural resources, already used for our food production.

This is a proposal that should never have even got to the proposal stage!

Once again, I object very strongly to this and hope you will listen to the community and stop this going any further. Find better LONG-TERM solutions not short-term monetary gains.

We need something more permanent that takes us further than 20-30 years which prevents eating up precious food producing land, and a green amenity for all to enjoy, and avoid importing panels from the world's worst polluters such as China, which in itself is hardly 'green' and goes against the grain!

Regards,

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