

Application by Rosefield Energyfarm Limited for the Rosefield Solar Farm

Comments by East Claydon Parish Council

East Claydon Parish Council objects to the proposed working hours during the construction work on environmental grounds. In addition to the impacts of noise, the extended operating period (06:00-20:00) is likely to increase local traffic movements, vehicle idling, lighting use, noise, and associated emissions, particularly during times when the surrounding area would otherwise experience lower activity. Cumulative impacts with other proposed infrastructure projects in terms of disturbance to local communities in an area characterised by its tranquillity should be considered also.

These impacts are not limited to noise. Journeys by staff, contractors, deliveries, and visitors may worsen air quality, increase congestion, and place further pressure on local roads. Increased lighting and operational activity outside normal hours may also affect wildlife, disturb nearby residents, and undermine efforts to reduce energy use.

We have made repeated requests for the working hours to be reviewed (e.g. **REP4-095**, Paras. 5.11.15 & 5.11.22) but the Applicant has avoided addressing our concerns. The current version of the Outline Construction Environment Management Plan (**REP4-064**, Para. 2.5.2) offers no concessions on this point.

We ask that the proposed working hours are reconsidered and that any approval is subject to clear environmental safeguards, including restricted delivery times, limits on unnecessary vehicle movements, energy-efficient lighting, noise controls, and monitoring of air quality and traffic impacts.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the proposed working hours are refused or amended to reduce their environmental impact.