

I would like to comment as follows:

Cumulative Effect:

The cumulative effect must be assessed adequately. With the ongoing disruption from HS2 and East West Rail, and the Statera BESS and Statkraft BESS approvals, together with the National Grid substation, Rosefield Solar Farm will hugely add to the negative impact on our towns and villages.

I am disappointed that a full assessment of the cumulative impact of all the different applications in the area has not been carried out, especially with regards to the highways.

Both the Statera BESS and the Statkraft BESS have been already approved. The replacement of the East Claydon substation, although not approved to date, is likely to be considered as an essential requirement for these projects. Each project has been considered individually, and the traffic density increase is substantial in each case. Simultaneous construction of any two or more projects would multiply the negative effects of noise, traffic congestion, road damage and safety issues for the general public.

An approval of the Rosefield application for Solar and BESS would inevitably add to these negative impacts on the area. In my view it would be unacceptable if no evaluation of this already foreseeable accumulation of projects, and does not consider those other applications in the area.

BESS:

I also submit that we do need more BESS in this location when Statera and Statkraft BESS have already been approved. The cluster of BESS from Statera, Statkraft around the East Claydon substation would also increase in size and density. A BESS fire risk is not minimal, and the consequence of fire spread and emission of dangerous gasses must not be taken lightly.

Noise:

The noise levels, particularly during construction (7am – 7pm Monday to Friday and 7am – 2pm Saturday) will be intolerable. The noise of piling for the panels will not be negligible. The noise from convoys of heavy vehicles will invade the construction traffic routes. The effects on residents will be significant.

It is admitted that these electrical installations create noise during operation, day and night. It seems that there has been no evaluation of the cumulative effect of Statkraft BESS and Statera BESS, which would be increase still further if the Rosefield BESS were to join the cluster of electrical structure around the East Claydon substation.

Landscaping effects:

The decimation of our countryside will make a stark difference to the appearance and noise of our beautiful quiet fields and public spaces.

If this application is granted it will have a significant adverse effect on public and private visual amenities around our villages.