

Dear Inspectorate

Here are some of my views on the hearings that have taken place so far, that concern the Rosefield application for the development of an energy farm.

Generally speaking, the proposed solar farm and the alleyway of battery storage units in the direction of Winslow and surrounding area will undoubtedly have an impact upon the countryside that couldn't be more out of keeping with the current landscape and it's concept.

In itself, the construction phase will involve a great amount of traffic movements, and in this area we are already familiar with the ongoing inconvenience this causes. For some peculiar reason Buckingham Council do not seem to see a problem! At the rate things are going we could be approaching saturation point if anymore applications are entertained (and there seems to be no sign of them stopping) thus our villages could end up situated in an industrial rather than rural setting. Is this really what our elected representatives think we want?

The Claydons, Calvert and other nearby villages have, to date, accommodated the construction of two major railways and the inconvenience of road closures that accompany this. We have been patient over these years probably because we feel there may be some benefit at the end of it, although some may argue it's debatable. But the currently proposed huge complex of components, like so many appearing nationwide, are using farmland that farmers have traditionally grown crops on to produce food. Today's misplaced decisions could well cause problems down the line, not only in destroying natural landscapes but also reducing food security. Additionally, the impact of the construction phase which will inevitably negate recreational amenities does not bode well for the health and wellbeing of local people.

There are several other issues that don't seem to be being addressed properly by the applicant. For example, our beautiful footpaths will never be the same again, because natural views will give way to fenced corridors. Because of the scale of development, the area risks getting lost in structures and the landscape will cease to be just that. The biodiversity of ancient woodland species of wildlife will be (sadly) disturbed. There will inevitably have to be lighting and other security measures in place giving the whole area a different, if not spooky feel. The fear of a fire is very relevant, we were reassured these are extremely rare, however that awareness doesn't go away and wind directions change! I felt totally underwhelmed by the applicant's representative and felt no reassurance regarding the impact of flooding, noise, fire risk and visual screening.

I was one of the residents who requested a home visit and was disappointed the offer was not taken up. The interference of the horizon by construction would be quite simple to visualise from the rear of my home.

Finally, because I believe it is easy to overlook the human factor in the technicalities of planning processes, I need to mention the subject of land ownership and stewardship in general, which, at it's heart is about responsible care of our terrestrial environment. This is a concept that spans generations and carries with it the idea that we are not just users of land, but also it's CARETAKERS. In failing to ensure that the personal use of land does not harm the community and it's pride or cause any mental distress, in my opinion, is a dereliction of duty.