

The cumulative effects of other construction surrounding the villages has not been considered. We have had EWR and HS2 is still being built. Also there will be a new sub station and there is Stratera and Statkraft BESS. There has been no assessment by Highways of the inevitable destruction of village roads and the constant traffic through two very small villages. As well as the danger to cyclists, other drivers and especially pedestrians as parts of roads do not have footpaths. If this is passed the noise levels will be intolerable during construction and even after from BESS etc. This area has very little noise which is why I live here. Noise is a problem as is shown during the construction of other solar farms. The fields that will be covered grow food and the surrounding footpaths and hedgerows support a diverse wildlife and give respite to many people who walk in the area. No one wants to see rows of black shiny solar panels, six foot high fences and CCTV - this is the countryside not an industrial park!! These fences are a huge problem as they stop wildlife roaming freely which has already happened with HS2. When Winter comes the solar panels will be a waste of time and during construction we will have dangerous roads covered in mud to contend with. This area only has one street light and we enjoy the wonderful dark skies. This will be ruined by construction as seen on other developments they have to be lit up as if it is constant daylight. This will also have a negative impact on wildlife especially bats and other nocturnal creatures. There are many historic views across these fields and that will all be lost. Solar panels become less effective as they age and I expect private ownership means no one will take responsibility for when they no longer work and are not generating money for the shareholders. That means the local people will be left with a complete eyesore in the countryside. I don't want to live in an industrial landscape or a dangerous one because of BESS. This area should be left as agriculture land and the community left in peace.