

I continue to strongly object to the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm. I have listed all of the reasons for this in previous correspondence. Firstly, I note that solar panels should be on roofs of buildings or carparks, not on farmland. We have already concreted over green fields to make the former – and the electrical connections to the grid are already in place. Secondly, and combined with the battery storage components, I argue that these devices present a huge energy security risk to this country, since they, and all of the electronics that drive them, are made in China. So, we are sacrificing the beauty of the countryside and both our future food and energy security. Finally, we are risking significant deteriorations in public health whilst potentially polluting the local environment. We are not even 'saving the planet' from environmental catastrophe but merely shifting carbon emissions to another part of the world. And all of this for short-term financial gain for a few foreign investors. Future generations will not forgive us.

By way of update, I wish to add the following.

We have recently suffered 'approval' of two giant battery energy storage BESS projects in our area. The two together – Statera and Statkraft totaling some 1,000MW of batteries – would be amongst the largest such facilities in the world. There is no conceivable justification for any more batteries here. They are proven to be inefficient and dangerous to local residents, with fire and/or explosion an almost certainty in their operational life, and yet they remain as part of Rosefield's proposal. They are being sited down narrow country lanes, many miles from any major roads or from significant fire response facilities. A serious incident just waiting to happen!

This area of North Buckinghamshire is already being badly affected by both the High-Speed Rail, HS2, and the East-West Rail, EWR, projects, and is soon to be subject to refurbishment of the National Grid substation at East Claydon. How much more disruption can we take? As I understand it, a full assessment of the cumulative impact of all the different projects in the area has not been carried out, especially with regards to the inherent traffic, noise road damage and safety issues during construction and then, once built. They are turning this rural part of North Buckinghamshire into a massive industrial site and thousands of acres of farmland will have been lost.

In summary, therefore, I continue to object very strongly to this proposal and hope you will listen to the community and stop this going any further.

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