

Comments as follows:

The countryside should not be seen as a blank canvas for the rushed rollout of renewable energy infrastructure. I am concerned that Rosefield will also be consented by the government at speed with little concern for the local communities are expected to bear the brunt of this mega scheme.

The government must listen to this local community which feels that our landscapes and our way of life is under threat from an approach to decarbonisation that risks undermining the very places it should be intended to protect.

The wrong place for these projects is productive agricultural land. Rosefield would reduce valuable food production in the area and tenant farmers face the real prospect that they will lose both their home and source of income.

Such a mega industrial complex would diminish the fabric of our countryside communities as traditional rural jobs disappear and destroy the rural character of the area.

The lithium-ion battery storage installation, adding to that already approved for Statera and Statkraft, bring serious safety concerns, and still the industry is not fully regulated.

The belief that this project will contribute to net zero is weakened by significant under-estimation of the carbon footprint by Rosefield, while the negative impact of CO2 emissions during the fabrication of the panels and battery units is not considered in the developer's statements.

This project may be mega profitable for wealthy international investors as government policy can give carte blanche access to our land, while the communities must pay the price and face the industrialisation of the open countryside where we live.

Hasty decisions for cheap solutions at this speed and scale will leave a lasting legacy of scarred landscape and defeated communities for many decades to come. The path to protect our energy future should combine with an equal priority to protect our countryside and our communities.