

To the inspectorate,

I am writing this email to you as a last and final opportunity to express my complete and total disappointment at the intention to replace productive agricultural land, beautiful landscape and home to many animals, with an unnecessary solar energy and battery storage project.

This land is productive agricultural land and it has been for hundreds of years. It produces good quality crops that are used in the food chain in the UK. We now import over 50% of our food and our food security is at risk by further reduction of this.

It is a beautiful landscape used by the local rural community for recreation. The proposed solar farm and battery storage would destroy the pleasure people get out of this landscape. At a time when stress, mental health and lack of exercise are such an issue, this compounds the issue.

This landscape is home to many animals and the scale of this development would destroy their habitats, their ecosystems and their pathways. Included in this is the matter of a rare bat breed that lives in the woods that are adjacent to this development and it would confuse and disturb their flight paths.

The economic case for solar and battery storage is unproven and unconvincing. We have the highest energy prices in Europe, we already have enough renewable energy to meet our COP targets and the UK's infrastructure cannot cope. Only this week there was another report confirming that the scale of our battery storage now is enough to trip the grid out if they all turn on together (as we have already witnessed across Europe).

The local road infrastructure has had five years of HS2 and East West construction and the roads are battered. In particular access to Rosefield depends on small single lane access roads that are not capable of supporting this development.

There is still significant concern, a lack of understanding and a lack of trust should battery storage sites catch fire. This location is too close to Winslow and many surrounding villages to be safe.

Thank you for reading my brief summary why I object to this development.