

As residents of The Claydons, and therefore directly affected by the proposed development we would like to register our objections in the strongest possible terms for the following reasons;

The Claydons and surrounding villages are being overwhelmed by the cumulative effect of huge infrastructure projects like East West Rail, HS2, the Grendon Underwood super-prison and the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm and BESS.

Contractor vehicles are causing enormous damage to local roads and the surrounding countryside. They have and increasingly continue to cause endless inconvenience due to numerous road closures and lengthy diversions, temporary and largely unsuccessful repairs and constant HGV traffic on a rural road network that was not designed to accommodate such intensive heavy traffic. To allow more huge infrastructure projects to go ahead is an unreasonable imposition on the countryside and residents of the area who have already endured far too much.

The cumulative effect of battery storage projects, the larger new East Claydon substation, and Rosefield Solar Farm will be enormous and will dominate and change the landscape of the entire area forever.

We are especially concerned to hear of the life-changing impact on tenant farmers. Beyond the deep personal tragedy there is the resulting loss of productive agricultural land whilst there is a need to protect food production.

During construction, there will be intolerable disruption to The Claydons, Winslow and the surrounding villages. After seeing how HS2 operate we all know that although there may be stipulations and restrictions as to when construction can take place or which routes HGVs should adhere to, history has proven that inevitably these rules will be disregarded. Very large lorries with heavy loads and shipping containers, and other construction traffic will be a constant nuisance to all areas affecting Granborough, Hogshaw, Winslow, The Claydons, Quainton, Calvert Green and beyond.

When operational, there will be unbearable noise and air pollution from cooling fans, transformers, inverters and other equipment for 24 hours a day. We do not believe that battery storage safety is adequately understood or mitigated. There will be an adverse effect on human health and well-being and an unacceptable impact on nearby rural communities. There are legitimate concerns about noise, visual and environmental impacts and disturbance for nearby residents, walkers and public rights of way, and wildlife, including rare species.

The choice of this location in the picturesque British home counties countryside is ill considered and it's inconceivable that more suitable locations are not available for such projects.

Inevitably, the desirability of living in this area will be negatively impacted and property values in the surrounding area will fall.

We trust that the relevant approving authorities will conclude from the overwhelming strength of opposition, that it is an ill considered and unnecessary blot on a landscape that has already endured too much devastation and deserves to be left alone to recover.