

The loss of productive farmland at a time of increased need for food security: 46% of our food is imported. This has always been very high yield agricultural land.

This is the fourth out of six Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) within a 3 mile radius of one another to go directly to the Secretary of State within the past 10 years. 5 other known solar farms have been approved or have been submitted for planning within close proximity to Rosefield.

The size will result in destruction of valuable agricultural land and wildlife including nesting birds, badgers, Bechstein bats, deer, foxes, woodland animals, bird diversity, endangered skylarks, and the endless biodiversity and wildlife we see in this rolling countryside, lost forever. A permanent impact on loss of natural habitats for our wildlife which has already lost so much land due to HS2 and East- West Rail. We see animals walking through our village as they have lost their habitats. Footpaths, bridleways and views that are heavily used by local people from many miles around will be lost forever. The character and beauty of much of this countryside is the open vista that does NOT need enhancing or require 'improved' footpaths or hedges along the length of Brentwood Jubilee Way to screen views as suggested by Rosefield.

This farmland will be lost to industrialisation for at least 40 years. Any statement that this can be reversed when the project reaches its end of life is totally misleading. The land will be damaged beyond recovery.

We have been heavily impacted in the last 5 years with horrendous traffic by the building of HS2, East- West Rail with construction traffic and constantly closed roads which gets worse every month. Our communities have suffered needlessly for years with the impact of HS2 and EW rail projects and have taken far more than their fair share of the burden for large-scale projects that will do nothing to benefit them.

There are major concerns on Battery storage safety, including fire risk and water availability in warmer, drier conditions. There is no official date from the National Grid for when the new substation will be built and without this, the inspector should not allow any applications to be accepted. At the present time it is possible that it will be between 2031 - 2035 but could be even later.