

I am writing to submit my comments for Deadline 7 regarding the documents and responses submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 6.

While I acknowledge the Applicant's final closing statements and the modifications outlined in their final Draft Development Consent Order, there are still significant concerns which remain unaddressed regarding the local impacts of this project. I wish to highlight the following points in response to the applicants deadline 6 submissions.

INSUFFICIENCY OF MITIGATION MEASURES:

The Applicant's closing summary downplays the long-term cumulative impacts on local infrastructure. The proposed traffic management plans for heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) during the construction phase remain inadequate for our rural road network, posing ongoing safety risks to residents.

AGRICULTURAL LAND AND FOOD SECURITY:

Despite slight reduction in the total project boundary, a substantial amount of high-quality, productive agricultural land will still be taken out of food production.

The Deadline 6 submissions do not offer a satisfactory justification for prioritizing this site over brownfield or less impactful alternatives.

BESS SAFETY CONCERNS:

The safety provisions within the final dDCO regarding the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) do not fully resolve local anxieties regarding fire safety, thermal runaway risks, and the strain that emergency management would place on local water resources.

LOCAL ECOLOGY:

The protections outlined for vulnerable local wildlife, particularly the Bechstein's bat populations and local woodland habitats, still heavily rely on delayed biodiversity net gain targets rather than immediate, robust preventative measures. The fields taken away still do not go far enough to protect our Bats.

TRAFFIC AND CUMULATIVE EFFECTS

The Applicant continues to ignore the threat to our villages from the huge amount of traffic thundering around this area. The Solar farm would require thousands of HGV's, and whichever way they come into the sites, they will cause considerable chaos to the local community. Our roads are just not made to accommodate these vehicles. To suggest that workmen will be using mini buses to and from the site is a complete joke. We know this will not happen with our villages being so remote.

BIO SECURITY GAPS:

Despite intense discussions during the July issue specific hearings (ISH3), the applicant still fails to provide protections for this critical life-sciences facility. A 2-day delay could be catastrophic to the safety of the donor animals yet the applicant really does not take this into account and is completely ignoring the importance of this facility.

A BESS fire or severe dust plume would pose an extremely fast threat to livestock's health.

If there cannot be a written guarantee that legally takes into consideration the threat to these animals then the Inspector should take this into account when making his recommendation to the Inspectorate. The future of an extremely vital UK pharmaceutical supplier should not be sacrificed for the applicants convenience.

NATIONAL GRID, STATERA AND STATERA:

There are still unresolved issues pending between Rosefield and the above and if these are still not resolved at the end of the examination, respectfully, surely means they cannot further any discussions at a later date just as we, the interested parties are not able to.

CONCLUSION:

With the Examination phase coming to a close, I urge the Examining Authority to rigorously weigh these enduring local harms against the project's benefits.

Thank you for time when listening to the local residents - if you now have any further time, I would also urge you to take some time to visit other properties/areas that would indeed be affected before making your final decision.

The current final draft of the DCO does not represent a balanced or acceptable outcome for the local community and we simply MUST NOT simply let this project go through when we ALL know that the benefits would NOT outweigh the harm to our local community here in the Claydons.