

I consider that this proposal is too large and will have a negative impact on the character of the affected villages. Mears Ashby in particular will be overly dominated by these proposals. The proposed site is predominately rural in character and the nature of this development, and its associated construction, will adversely impact the local communities and countryside.

I believe that large solar farms of this nature should be strategically planned at a national level in conjunction with the National Grid and local planning authorities. If need be the best sites should be identified and land obtained by the government (like HS2) rather than individual schemes being led by profit driven developers.

I also believe that as a nation we should be protecting our farmland to make us more self-sufficient in farming. Solar farms should not be located on arable farmland but rather on brownfield sites or non-arable land.