

1. BESS - Battery storage. A battery storage facility is proposed in area 'C' just north of Beckworth Emporium, with over 90 shipping containers full of batteries. If there is a fire, there is a risk that contaminants will get washed into the brook which runs alongside and feeds into Sywell reservoir. (one of the top Tench fishing facilities in the country and a popular 'open water' swimming venue).

2. Traffic and Transport. Highfield Road will become impassable with constant delays. There are 5 access points into the fields each side and construction traffic in and out of these accesses will be significant.

3. Impact on the Conservation Area. 90% of the village is within this area. 28 Listed buildings and Mears Ashby Hall - grade 2* The scale and closeness to the village will change the setting irrevocably, from open countryside with prime agricultural land to a massive industrial area covered in solar panels.

4. Loss of visual appeal - The Highfield Road footpath will change forever, with high fences and security lights.

5. Construction will be on-going for 2 years. HGV's will be delivering materials constantly as well as Excavators, cranes, dump trucks. There are no parking facilities for lorries waiting. They will park on the roads and the verges, creating more mayhem and destruction. Blocked roads and traffic lights will affect everyone, in particular the school for drop off and pick up. There will be constant dust and mud on the roads.

6. Noise from percussion driven hammers which drive the millions of posts that go into the ground to support the panels. This will be constant.

7. Local business will be affected, particularly up Glebe Road as it will become a 'rat-run' that avoids Highfield Road. The access to BESS is opposite Beckworths. This junction will require 4way lights and delays will be significant