

The creation of this solar farm is absolutely unnecessary and the chosen sites are entirely unsuitable. The destruction of large amounts of productive agricultural land is intolerable especially when the nation's food security is at risk from tariffs, carbon emission restrictions on viable imports and the decimation of British agriculture by punitive tax raids on farmers. The environmental impact of this project would be enormous, productive land will be rendered unproductive whilst indigenous wildlife ( owls, raptors, hares, deer to name but a very few) will be driven out of the area and very unlikely to return even if the land is restored once the solar farm becomes obsolete- 50-60 years? At a time when native wildlife is being destroyed at unprecedented rates the last thing needed is a massive industrialisation of huge swathes of countryside.

The local infrastructure is inadequate to cope with an industrial project of this magnitude- the road network can barely cope with "normal " domestic traffic let alone 2-3 years of heavy industrial traffic.

The siting of the battery storage facility at Grendon is utterly ill conceived- the area is already subject to flooding which will almost certainly be worsened by the further construction of the BESS. Not only is this short sighted as far as the workings of the facility it is potentially very dangerous. Should the BESS flood there is a high risk of an uncontrolled fire which would not be containable and be a huge risk of pollution and threat to health for the residents of Earls Barton, Ecton and beyond.

The usefulness of solar farms in the UK is of doubtful worth- for large periods of the year there is insufficient sunlight to generate sufficient electricity to justify the destruction of such a large area of productive land and wildlife habitat- the project is driven by a flawed ideology rather than sound practical reasoning. If solar farms are to be constructed they should be on sites where the environmental impact is lessened such as on warehousing, new urban construction and brownfield sites if, indeed, their use should be promoted at all.

The siting of this development in rural Northamptonshire is flawed in so many ways and should be stopped forthwith before any more public money is wasted.