

My concerns/ objections/ observations:

I live on the edge of [REDACTED] - the construction of the solar farm will cause a lot of delays for me coming in and out of the village. I use this route at least 4 times a day to travel to work, my daughter's school, my daughter's dance school as well as her swimming club. This will be extremely disruptive to our daily lives. There will also be queues of traffic outside of my house due to the delays and the road being impassable.

I also use this road for cycling and running at least 4 times a week and assume I will no longer be able to do this.

If there was a leak or fire at the battery storage unit- how will this impact the local wildlife and land? There is a stream that feeds directly in to sywell reservoir and if contaminated will have significant impact on the wildlife there.

The noise from the construction will cause significant distress to myself and my family; particularly the percussion driven hammers. We are very close to the proposed site and when I am working from home (as a [REDACTED]) this will directly impact my practice - my clients need and deserve a quiet space when engaging in therapy.

Other businesses will also be affected by the proposed solar farm- namely those along Glebe Road. Access will be difficult and there will be delays (due to the temporary traffic lights) which will deter customers from the businesses along Glebe Road, small businesses that have been around for many years that will struggle to stay afloat with such disruption.

Mears Ashby Primary School will be impacted massively due to difficulties with picking up and dropping off - there will be so much congestion and delays due to the amount of construction traffic that it is likely to deter families from outside the village. The school is already vulnerable due to its size, this project will only make it more vulnerable.

I am also concerned about the amount of dust/ muck/ debris that will be on the roads and in the air- these children at play time and when using their outdoor classroom will be breathing this in.

Where will these construction vehicles park/ pull over/ give-way/ wait? There is no space for them.

The wildlife will be significantly affected- the owls/ red kites/ badgers/ foxes/ hedgehogs / birds to name a few, will lose their habitats. The UK has already sacrificed and lost so much of its wildlife- how can there be so much conservation work being done to restore and reintroduce species in some areas of the country but then you ruin another piece of land at the same time?

The footpath along [REDACTED] that I use every single day to walk my dogs will lose all visual appeal. The landscape will be ruined forever and the children in our local area will not know what it is like to be in nature and to appreciate the natural beauty in the world. How sad is that? What kind of life is being left for the generations to come?

The local tenant farmers that WANT to farm and look after the agricultural land will no longer be able to- adding to the need for importation.

I am not against solar farms- sustainable energy is a good thing. But why must we sacrifice our beautiful land and the opportunities for our children to enjoy the landscape? There are plenty of large scale industrial units / warehouses/ strips of land alongside motorways, that could house solar farms without the need to rip up and destroy the little green space that the UK has left.