

I would like to reiterate my concerns, should this application be permitted, regarding traffic, disruption to our normal life in the village and to our village school.

The proposals regarding access to the sites around Mears Ashby will mean that on Monday to Saturday it will be virtually impossible for vehicular traffic to leave the village, especially at peak times, due to the proposed traffic lights at Beckworths on Glebe Road, the five proposed crossings on Highfield Road, the ones on Wilby Road and one on Earls Barton Road and the sheer number of construction vehicles, both lorries and personal transport involved - I don't believe that the traffic counts submitted reflect the true number of vehicles currently using our roads at peak times.

Our village school relies heavily on pupils from outside the village who are brought to school by car. Also, the constant noise and possible air pollution from ongoing construction work will cause even more disruption to learning already suffered by the children during the Covid lockdowns. If parents cannot easily get their children to school, they may well choose to remove them which would in all probability mean the closure of the school due to the fall in numbers.

I am deeply distressed about the loss of high-grade food producing farmland. We should be promoting food production not reducing our capacity to do so by installing huge solar panels.