

My thoughts and feelings about this proposal are many and varied.

They encompass heartfelt beliefs about how this proposal will affect people, nature, wildlife & food production.

Also the various aspects of the proposal that have not been answered with any meaningful, specific responses.

Given the extreme weather we have experienced here in South Norfolk (alongside most of the UK) this summer,& the resultant drought the proposal has increased my concerns,particularly re: no answers to specific questions - notably water usage for cleaning and cooling the solar panels- when asked where the water would come from the 'answer' was that "it will be tankered in".

This is a non response, as where will this actually come from? Especially given that we (UK generally) are still in drought conditions!

Anglian Water have already stated that they don't want any involvement with this scheme.

This aligns with food production and security- heat and drought, wildfires (which have had a devastating effect both on wildlife and people) have led to a decrease in crop yields, so to build this and it's associated infrastructure on prime agricultural land is totally unacceptable and irresponsible. We wouldn't even be able to increase imports from Europe as they have also experienced extreme weather conditions.

The impact on wildlife, both at construction stages and the finished infrastructure, would be catastrophic. Fragmentation of habitats, loss of critical habitat and effects of the many aspects of the infrastructure on wildlife will lead to more and more species being brought to the edge of extinction.

The light pollution, noise pollution etc will be extremely damaging to wildlife, affecting behaviour such as migration, nesting & ability to find food and water.

The effect on myself and others from losing much of the beautiful countryside cannot be over emphasised- there are many studies showing that being out in nature benefits our mental health and obviously our physical health. This will be massively curtailed as the many footpaths round the area will be impacted and of course there will be a huge decrease in trees, hedges etc and wildlife.

People gain so much benefit from immersing themselves in nature and the changing seasons, it's why many of us choose to live here.

The construction process will be of huge detriment to people,let alone the completed infrastructure. How are those huge lorries going to be able to negotiate the narrow lanes? Proposals to change road layouts to accommodate them destroy the very heart of our village and countryside communities.

The ongoing light and noise pollution; the risk of fires; the spoilt views; effect on housing values will have huge adverse effects on people's mental wellbeing and, in turn, their physical health.

South Norfolk is already subject to other huge infrastructure projects,& there are so many holes in the proposal re: grid connections, who will 'benefit' from this?

Foreign investors cunningly disguising this to cover what amounts to a massive 'land grab'.

No real answers as to decommissioning this either.

This would have such a detrimental effect on us all, we have some lovely villages, all with their own unique history & heritage. We have incredible wildlife, wide open skies with little light pollution so are lucky enough to have true 'dark skies'.

All this will be lost to greedy developers who don't care about the effects of both the construction and the end result on us.

Please do not give permission for this, it will devastate us.