

This solar farm is completely out of my understanding how it would be suitable to build it in the proposed area of agricultural land. Land which is still productive enough to provide two yields each of wheat and vegetable produce, enough to provide a large percentage to supermarkets around the country. At 2,700 acres it will surround seven local villages and make them live in what will be to them an industrial area. With all our country roads to be lined with 2.5 metre fences, 3 large lithium-ion battery storage compounds and 3 large substations in Isleham/West Row, Chippenham//Snailwell and Red Lodge/Freckenham this would add to the feeling of living on an industrial site. Adding to this would be 1 million solar panels, solar stations and transformers. I am very concerned about the situation so near to our villages of the batteries which are extremely toxic and serious and cannot be extinguished easily should they catch fire, and which they are known to have done over the past few years.

Apart from the change from a peaceful, rural countryside to an industrial site which would impact highly on our mental health the loss of food production would be unacceptable taking into account the instability of the world which is likely to be so over the next few years at least. I moved out of London so that my family could grow up in a cleaner, pleasanter area and any industrial building of this size in a rural area is totally inappropriate.

Electricity can be made in other ways which are as, if not more, productive than solar, especially in Northern Europe. Food cannot be grown at the top of a pylon or in the sea and is more essential.

The Government has recently stated that no more agricultural land should be allowed to be used for solar panels. We already have many in this area and we should not be forced to have more just because the land is good and flat and easier to convert at the expense of farming. No Greenfield sites should be used for solar.

The building of this project would impact massively on the local population of all the above villages causing years of problems with large lorries on tiny country roads, mess on the roads and the probability of accidents as our roads are not meant for large-scale building lorries/machines, noise, traffic hold-ups with traffic for people and children needing to get to work and school, appointments, etc.

There must be many other sites in the country that would do much less damage to the health and wellbeing of a local population. I am sure that many people like me will be thoroughly depressed when each time they leave their homes, within a minute or two they will find themselves no longer driving through our lovely fen countryside with beautiful hedges and trees, pigs and cattle in fields and views over fields, large skies. No longer a pastoral rural area. It is impossible to imagine!