

I previously commented on this scheme back in March where i raised my concerns. Since then i feel even more concerned about this scheme.

I originally commented about the safety of the battery storage units and the fire risk. This is still of great concern. I no longer live in the 1km zone but still live very close by. I am aware the Dame Maria Millar is trying to bring a bill to Parliament that all lithium ion battery storage units are categorized as hazardous so that the Environment Agency, the Health and Safety Executive and the Fire Service would be statutory consultees when planning applications are considered. Currently this doesnt happen and if it did i believe there would be major concerns over the size of these storage units (amongst the biggest in the world) and their location (close to a major road, A11, near to two primary schools as well as residents of the villages. A fire in a battery storage unit in Liverpool took 59 hours to put out and an explosion put debris 20m into the air. I said previously that this scheme need to consider its locality and size. It is dangerous environmental and to human health. If the relevant authorities mentioned in the bill were to be involved i doubt this project would go ahead at its current proposal. I previously mentioned the loss of arable land that i have seen the farmers out this summer harvesting, again with increasing living costs this farmland is essential to provide food. Having been to Burwell and witnessed the amount of lorries passing in one hour, going fast, leaving behind mud and debris, the roads in the current proposed locations are not big enough to sustain this amount of constant traffic - has any thought been giving to this? Also the danger in the small villages on thundering lorries going through several times a day? The area i have moved to is still affected by this proposal and i will be sad to lose the pathways/cycle routes that i have enjoyed taking, and the landscape will just be solar panels, where as now there are beautiful views and its what makes living in a village desirable. This will be lost, will there be compensation to homes owners when their properties lose value due to this scheme? Currently this area is a very desirable area to live in and house prices are high, many people cant afford to have the property lose value. Overall i feel given the size of the scheme in the locations proposed this should be turned down. There are other better locations for a scheme of this size that wouldnt have such significant impacts environmental, aesthetically and to people's health. I am for renewable energy but in the correct location. Why are new builds not being built with solar panels on? New schools, new supermarkets, there is a big scope for continuing renewable energy without a scheme like this.