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I live locally and started walking in lockdown - the villages and areas surrounding Newmarket offer a wealth of habitat for trees, plants and wildlife; these things saved millions of people during the lockdown.

Removing them is to remove something we know brings more good than a gigantic solar farm.

Green energy should never come at the loss of biodiverse habitats, woodlands, arable farmland and everything in between.

The failings of HS2 should highlight without a doubt why this should not go ahead; HS2 over-promised, destroyed the countryside that so many love, and is now not even close to delivering what was promised.

Do not allow this project to go ahead and ruin the countryside (that so many people rely upon for health, mental well-being and exercise) by removing the many wonderful walks that local people enjoy.

Those involved will never truly be known to the public, and once complete, the loss of habitat is irreversible - we've seen other cases where we're assured only good can come from destruction of habitat and those involved walk away with huge profits and are never held accountable for the failings of their projects.

There are red-listed species of birds, such as Skylarks in the areas proposed for the solar farm - Britain is only made great by the great and beautiful wildlife and countryside that we are willing to safeguard for ourselves and future generations to come. The solar farm plans in place would create an irreversible loss of species and habitat.

Do not make the same mistake as those involved with HS2 did: they let a project run rampant across ancient woodlands and sites of scientific interest which are now lost to us all indefinitely - would you be willing to put your name beside a project this has similarly (if not greater) destructive outcomes to the wonderful countryside.

The failings of HS2 are well documented, and allowing this solar farm to go ahead would be ignoring the established failings of a similar project that wrecked natural habitats and safe spaces for our wildlife.

To let this go ahead would, frankly, be showing what I believe to be a total disregard for the British countryside.

Sincerely,

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