

1. While there are so many industrial, commercial and domestic buildings with no solar panels, these should be the first consideration and NOT prime farmland when we have a cost of living crisis with food prices rising rapidly and a huge increase in the need for food banks.
2. It cannot be right to impose such a massive scheme on a rural (and by definition, small) population when local MPs Lucy Frazer and Matt Hancock, West Suffolk CC, East Cambs CC, all local district and borough councils, all local parish councils, numerous residents, businesses, schools, charities etc have objected.
3. I have mentioned the loss of prime farmland, but this loss will also have an adverse affect on wildlife and the lives of local people who use the footpaths and bridlepaths for recreational purposes and which is so important for people's physical and mental health.
4. There will be huge disruption to village life in a number of villages across an unacceptably large area of countryside. The nature of a large area of agricultural land will be transformed with losses of agricultural and rural jobs, damage to rural lanes which are totally unsuitable for the number of large construction vehicles which will be needed for the duration - two years or more - of the building of the project. There is already an excessive amount of traffic on our country roads as a result of so many new houses being built - construction traffic as well as vehicles belonging to new residents.
5. In my view it is no longer safe to walk/run, cycle or ride horses on our rural roads. Towns are beginning to cater for walkers, runners and cyclists in contrast to rural development where nothing has been done to accommodate these people.
6. There is a great deal of concern about the safety of the batteries along with concerns about evacuation plans in case of accident.
7. There is concern about environmental and water table damage.
8. There has been a dearth of consultation.
9. There has been no information regarding decommissioning.
10. There appears to be no rescue plan in case of the company going bust.