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Dear Sirs

Thank you for giving me the opportunity for further comment regarding the replies to the Secretary of State's request to the Applicant for further information regarding its application.

General

I take great exception to the arrogant and dismissive way in which the reply for information has been worded. The Applicant's professional advisers are now merely reiterating the way in which the Applicant has handled its application. There is little or no substantial information supplied other than confirmation that option agreements have been entered into with the landowners but very light on information regarding the BESS, Isleham Bomber Crash site or affected wildlife species.

BESS

As the electricity generated by the proposed solar farm will be significantly higher than any other site where battery storage is required, it is disingenuous for the Applicant to say that it doesn't know whether a health and safety plan should be put into place. It is acknowledged, although not by the Applicant, that such storage presents a potential catastrophic risk to the environment and merely to say "We don't know" is, at the least, grossly irresponsible.

Glint and Glare

As throughout this process, it is clear that the Applicant has not done any homework or attended to the detail required. A window of just a few minutes at 6.00am between March and October along the exceptionally busy A14/A11 corridor is all it takes for a significant traffic accident to occur and, indicating that screening should deal with any issues such as this, would prevent any concern, one asks what type of screening is being used, solid fencing, planting that would take a period of 10 years or so to be of such a height to cover the solar panels?

I am not associated with the horse racing fraternity, but even I know that at 6.00am, racing stables are a hive of activity with horses out on the Gallops including the Limekilns - what expensive damage to horses would that cause with glare from the panels?

Other matters

I continue to see comments from planning departments advising objectioners to solar panel schemes that permission is only temporary as the panels will only be viable for 40 years. That period of 40 years is over a generation and no hard evidence has been produced by the Applicant to show that the ground under the panels will be returned to its former life or even

any plan for the expensive decommissioning of the farm.

Elsewhere, it has been noted that there is a seriously high loss of best and most valuable land where wheat/barley, potatoes, maize and beet all of which are currently being grown in the area. This is not a barren landscape, it provides food across the spectrum.

It is also noted that sheep apparently are capable of grazing under the panels but no evidence of this has been provided and it is true to say that in this part of Suffolk, there is very little sheep farming at all

Finally, and I appreciate that this does not fall within the replies for information, there is nowhere to be seen any offer of compensation to everyone in the affected parishes for the considerable disruption to daily life during the 2+ years of construction, the effect of piling on the fabric of properties within the areas where piling is required for the panels or the loss of property values. If consumers were to see a reduction in electricity charges, that would be of limited value, but that is not available either.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

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