

I write as a RCC ward Councillor for Ryhall, The Casterton and Essendine, and as we come to the conclusion of this application, I can only reiterate the fact that this development should not be taking up prime agricultural land in Rutland, when we have alternative brownfield sites, where the impacts on ordinary people living their life would be greatly reduced. It is sadly the case that cost and ease are the main drivers here, which is so disappointing. If this development is to proceed, there must at the very least be significant compensation, given the projected obscene profits that will not benefit the UK taxpayer or provide improved public funding for Rutland residents. I am not persuaded that the benefit outweighs the cost in terms of the impact this development will have to thousand of local residents.

The greatest shame is that the people of Rutland are not against the principle of solar energy, nor wind farms, and do understand the need, however we would implore that these developments should only be approved on prime agricultural greenfield sites as a last resort, and certainly in this case, there are alternative options!

I can only reiterate my objection to this development, and the opposition of the vast majority of residents in this ward.

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