

This is an entirely non democratic way of proposing life changing plans for quiet rural communities and I object strongly to this whole process. We, the public and members of our rural communities have no advocates available to us and we are up against big money business. There is absolutely no feedback or further presentations on what the Applicants are doing apart from the endless documentation which would be a full time job to trawl through.

The horrendous scale of potentially 13,000 acres (it seems new applications are constantly, slyly being added) within a 6mile radius of our local countryside is an unprecedented industrialisation of our farmland and ecosystems. Farmers across Europe and indeed the world are being attacked on all sides for the dubious practice of biodiversity net gain or carbon mitigation to enable corporate polluters to continue. We need food producing land for our national security and we need ecosystems to be protected for our fauna and flora.

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The documents covering the cumulative impact statements are ludicrous and blithely state there are little or no cumulative impacts which is clearly vastly wrong. They further state there would be biodiversity gains although I fail to see how that could possibly be true given the intended scale of heavy plant and destruction of established habitats.

This is happening across England and it seems no areas are sacred.

Cottam Applicants want to locate a BESS right next to our village of Willingham by Stow! Why?!! There is a huge fire risk from these containers not to mention the humming noise which will carry a long way on our flatlands.

Some of the mitigation measures are woefully inadequate and laughable if it were not so serious. Our roads and public access to quiet walking, cycling and horse riding will be severely damaged, disrupted and ruined for ever. Many roads are totally inadequate for the level of access anticipated for heavy plant movement. For example, the wall around Stow Minster- the plan is for a 'toolbox talk' to tell workers to guard the wall whilst lorries navigate around the tight bends! Laughable!

These installations will be obsolete in a short few years. Will the land ever be restored to farmland or will it be classified as developed and industrial?

My previous representations have covered, I believe, why these proposals are ludicrous and it is just 'greenwashing' an entirely inappropriate intrusion of corporate profiteering.

I sincerely hope that the Planning Inspectorate will see these proposals for what they truly are which is absolutely nothing to do with providing green energy.

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