

Heritage

We are fortunate enough to have been the custodians of [REDACTED], a Grade II* Medieval Hall for the more than 20 years. The land around the house which will be covered by solar panels and associated infrastructure would have historically formed the estate of the house. The presence of solar panels, batteries, security fencing CCTV cameras, water towers and the proposed permanent site entrance adjacent to the property will create an industrial landscape that will cause significant harm to the building's significance. Whilst the country's need for renewable energy is clear, this should not be at the unnecessary expense of our historic buildings. Surely Historic England's advice should be heeded and the solar panels, batteries, permanent site access and associated infrastructure removed from the southern end of Fields 3 and 7.

Equestrian

We keep horses at [REDACTED] and I am very concerned that the developer has not taken into account equestrian users when designing the scheme. There are many riders from the yards and the riding school along Priory Road that hack along Laws Lane. I also enjoy a hacking route along Laws Lane, Bank Road, Byway AE396 (when KCC cut the hedges) and Frith Road. During the construction phase the 5 planned crossings of Laws Lane and the byway for construction traffic will effectively close this route. Post construction I am concerned that the surface of the byway will be changed as it will need to be accessible by fire engines and there will be permanent crossings for site vehicles.

Fire Risk - Toxic Fumes - Health

There are four battery enclosures within 300m of [REDACTED]. It is very clear that there is a fire risk associated with Lithium-ion batteries and the toxic fumes associated with these fires are a serious risk to public health. I am concerned that my family's health is being put at risk because of the decision to locate batteries across the countryside.

Laws Lane

Laws Lane is a single-track road, with high soft verges and few passing places. The land either side of the lane is especially wet during winter and there are ditches either side to help drainage. It is not clear to me, why there are two planned crossings of Laws Lane, when there is only one across Bank Road. Closing the lane to allow crossing construction traffic will inevitably cause congestion problems as vehicles from opposite directions try to pass after being held. In winter it is inevitable that crossing vehicles will bring mud onto the road and sweepers would need to be deployed. I am also very concerned that Laws Lane appears to be an access route for fire engines. Passing vehicles often have to reverse several hundred metres around bends to pass and the likely delays to fire vehicles could put peoples lives at risk.