

In addition to my comments already submitted I have summarised below my concerns following further information from Evolution Power, the developer, regarding the battery containers and storage:

1. That 116 battery containers in the fields surrounding our villages will cause unnecessary industrialisation of the countryside
2. The visual impact of this industrial scale solar panels and batteries on the Aldington Ridge will destroy our rural environment and change the very essence of where we live
3. The fire and contamination risk associated with the batteries has not been raised or addressed by the developer. There is legislation in place to protect schools and old peoples homes from this risk but remarkably this does not apply to residential properties and this is a major flaw with untold and significant danger to residents and their properties
4. That the scheme will result in the loss of habitat for protected species such as skylark
5. That centuries old footpaths will be closed or diverted
6. That the scheme will cause traffic chaos in the village and increase the risk of more serious accidents at the Smeeth Crossroads.