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Comments: As an owner of one of the properties closest along Marsh Lane (a couple hundred yards away) to the land selected for the battery boxes to be placed on, I see no issue with the proposal, and it has my full support.

Although the land is currently classed as greenbelt, the proposal actually sees the introduction of more native shrubs and areas of the field returned to more of a natural state, especially along the field boundary, which can only be a positive. Currently, the field is grazed and mowed twice/three times a year, thus limiting the amount of wildlife and habitats that can form there. Due to this method of farming, ground-nesting birds and other animals are unable to thrive in such an area. However, introducing these boxes and utilising only a 1/3 or 2/3s of the field will take the 3 acres of proposed land out of production for a period of time, thus allowing more natural habits and wildlife to flourish!

At the end of the contract specified, the land can easily be returned to its natural state and put back into production if the landowner chooses. I would much rather see the land used to benefit the environment, which, once it has served its purpose, can be returned quickly within a matter of weeks/months, as opposed to seeing houses built on land such as this which will be lost for good!

Living on Marsh Lane, we have had a person letter drop/door knock (quite aggressively) on us and other houses in the area, whereby they issued a document containing miss leading information, and to some degree, I suspect with the intent to scaremonger residents into formally objecting, but based on extreme speculation and fabrication of the truth. The flyer mentioned 50 units being installed, whereas the plans shown at the public consultation evening show less than 1/10 of this number and only a very small percentage of the field being utilized. I suspect this group did not attend the useful meeting. Moreover, the flyer makes reference to an increase in traffic and disruption in the area, with continuous wagons and construction work. Upon reading their deceiving information, my friend pointed out that, on the New Mills end of Marsh Lane you have the new ½ Marsh Mills housing development going ahead, consisting of 30 or so homes, followed closely by Marsh Lane Industrial Estate consisting of several industrial units, 3 of which see wagons rattle past my property on a daily basis. At the other end of Marsh Lane (Furness Vale end) you have Calico Lane Industrial Units, consisting of upwards of 24 units, some of which make continuous noise through the evening and early morning. Therefore, the lady who knocked on my door suggesting there will also be an increase in traffic for 6 months or so is somewhat misplaced in her opinion, as we are sandwiched between high-traffic sites and used as a rat run for A6 commuters. I do feel as though people need to be accurately informed in order to object or support a local proposal such as this and to reach a decision based on facts rather than to be misled by a select few based on their own personal objectives.

To conclude, if this sort of diversification which will benefit 10,000 + homes, seeing much more wildlife on my doorstep, along with enabling the farmer to maintain the other areas of greenbelt land owned to a high standard, as well as to continue to produce fresh products for the local public to enjoy, it is a positive step towards a greener environment and farming sustainability in the area, at a minimal sacrifice for a capped amount of time.

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