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**East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust**

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Case Officer

Planning Inspectorate

Date: 23 February 2026

Our Ref: East Park Energy/ZM

Dear ██████████

**Interested Party No:** ██████████

**BSSL Cambsbed 1 Limited for an order granting development consent for the East Park Energy project**

Thank you for your recent correspondence.

East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST) would like to highlight the development of this solar farm will have an impact on EEAST's ability to provide nationally mandated response times for emergency ambulance services around the geographical area associated with actual solar farm, the proposed routes for transporting equipment and the additional workforce the project will bring into the area over the 30 month construction period. A Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) identifying support, advance notification and mitigation measures would help address these concerns.

I have attached to the email with this letter, the original submission in 2023.

EEAST's **Principal Areas of Interest** are in following areas:

**Traffic and Transport**

EEAST notes a peak of 30 one-way daily movements:

- average of 8 one-way movements per day across the 30-month construction phase

- 248 one-way staff movements across the 30-month construction phase with 427 one-way movements at the peak in Month 12.

This level of increased traffic will significantly impact on EEAST’s operational resources, capacity and efficiency. EEAST is mandated to meet national response times (1 minute can make a difference to a patients’ life or long-term health outcomes).

Mitigation is sought by agreeing a Statement of Common Ground with BSSL Cambsbed 1 Limited to ensure effective transport management through advanced notification of:

- AILs routes, movement timeline
- Road closures and diversions.
- Enabling works of main compound, access at sites A-D
- Construction of BESS

These mitigation measures will enable our operations teams to ensure knowledge is cascaded to our Emergency Operations Centres and onwards to ambulance crews.

### Construction Phase Major Accidents and Disasters

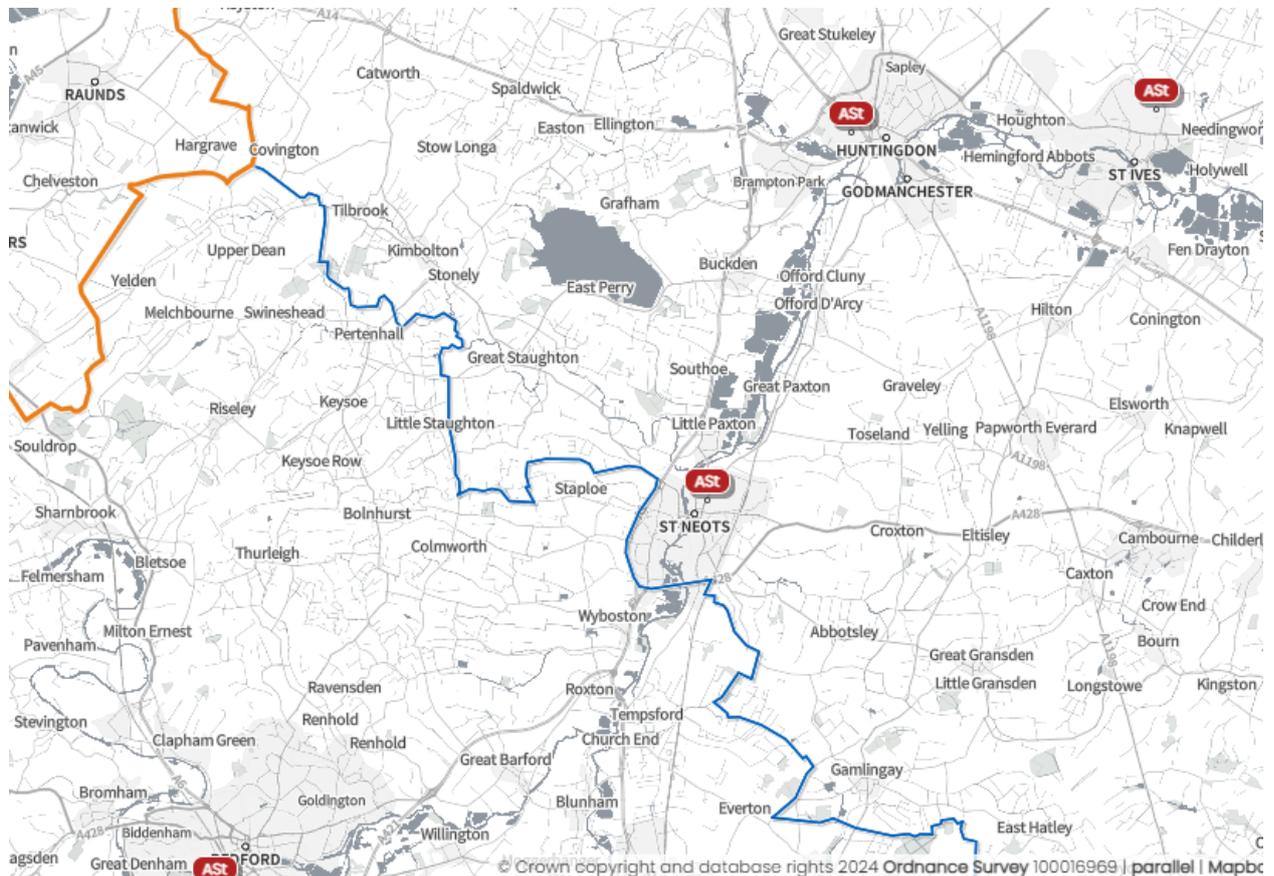
HSE’s construction statistics and publications for Great Britain indicate that work related incidents, involving serious injury and fatalities, are statistically significantly higher for the construction industry as compared to the ‘all industry’ rate. EEAST acknowledges work on solar farms is generally seen as likely to be low risk (is working from height/underground is not usually required).

EEAST’s activity data indicates adults of working age are likely to have 0.11 incidents per annum compared to our all-age incident rate of 0.23 incidents per person per annum. The table below shows activity for the relevant postcode areas for the last 2 years.

Postcode	1 April 2024 to 31 March 25				1 April 2025 to 31 January 2026 Part Year			
	All Ages	Conveyed Hospital	19-65	Conveyed Hospital	All Ages	Conveyed Hospital	19-65	Conveyed Hospital
MK44 2	235	219	110	67	326	175	103	59
PE19 5	778	464	195	121	736	405	179	95

Conveyance to local district hospitals is likely to be Hinchingbrooke (Huntingdon) or Bedford with the closest tertiary hospital, Addenbrookes (Cambridge).

The map below identified the EEAST Ambulance Stations in the solar farm development area (Source ShapeAtlas)



EEAST notes the intention is to recruit local workers where possible. However, if workers are not recruited in the six counties covered by EEAST (Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk), EEAST would request additional funding is provided to account for this additional activity. Therefore, the expected volume of workers from outside of EEAST’s catchment area is required with mitigation at £155 per worker per annum. This figure is based on the usual calculation EEAST uses for population growth for housing developments at £340 per 2.2 persons per dwelling.

EEAST would seek agreement as part of the SoCG to agree an expected additional activity figure for the duration of the construction period and for the amount to be paid as a single figure in advance of construction.

In the event of a construction phase accident or incident, appropriate procedures need to be put in place for emergency access, on-site triage, medical assessment and patient identification, stabilisation and transfer to an appropriate healthcare setting.

EEAST would request the SoCG confirms the following will be provided by the contractor(s) (for both advance works and main construction phases):

- Confirmation of arrangements for on-site triage (level of staff training and numbers of medical staff), location of any onsite first aid locations, AEDs, agreements for safe and efficient handover arrangements where emergency ambulance attendance is required
- Protocol and/or checklist procedure for construction phase accidents/injuries requiring emergency ambulance services (this includes telephone advice)
- During construction, location of potential site(s) to support urgent cases which may require Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS) access

We trust this is of assistance and look forward to working with the developer agree a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) as soon as possible to address the points outlined above.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Business Relationships