

I strongly object to the East Park Energy (EPE) Solar scheme: Planning Ref: EN010141

RELEVANT REPRESENTATION Posted 14th Jan 2026

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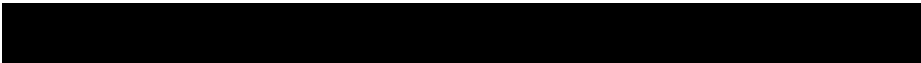
SUMMARY ONLY

I support the transition to low carbon energy, but I feel this is not the way. It doesn't meet the planning criteria outlined in the **National planning policy framework** which guides developers away from **productive arable land in favour of rooftops and brownfield sites**.

This application blatantly selects high grade BMV land.

Listed below is the summary of main topics for objecting the proposed NSIP which represents an excessive and inappropriate industrial development on our highly productive farmland resulting in damage to the locality, the open arable landscape, and to residents which is not outweighed by the claimed benefits. The application is short on detail, vague on many points, and under detail scrutiny seems lacking in statistical accuracy particularly traffic movements. I particularly dislike aspects of final design decisions being instigated after the granting of a DCO, for example with the BESS installation. There are too many 'illustrative' examples quoted. Complete tight information within the draft DOC is crucial if reasoned decisions are to be made for such a large controversial industrial development.

- 1. Excessive Scale and Inappropriate Siting**
- 2. Landscape and Visual Impact**
- 3. Cumulative effects**
- 4. Loss of Best and Most Versatile Agricultural Land**
- 5. Construction Impacts & Noise**
- 6. Damage to business**
- 7. Transport and Highway Safety**
- 8. Ecology, Biodiversity and Wildlife**

9. Flood Risk and Water Environment
10. Energy Efficiency, Carbon and Lifecycle
11. BESS Safety Concerns
12. Replacement of BESS and cumulative/hazardous waste concerns
13. Severe Harm to Residential Amenity
14. Mental Health and Residents mental well being
15. Inadequate Consultation
16. Financial and Long-Term Accountability
17. Developer: Lack of experience
18. Archaeology
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20. Crime, Security, Privacy and Light pollution
21. Construction monitoring during construction and adherence to it
22. Lack of a lifetime oversight by third parties
23. Community funds
24. Lack of a democratic process and moving the planning goalposts

I believe the East Park Energy proposal would cause **substantial and enduring harm** to our **residential amenity**, the **historical landscape character**, **remove prime agricultural land from food production** against government guidelines, whilst creating problems with prolonged highway disruption and road safety on the selected routes. It would change the local environment considerably. I do not feel the GHG and carbon footprint calculations are accurate and reduce the 'payback' period so justification for construction here. These impacts are not adequately mitigated and are not outweighed by the scheme's benefits, with grid scale solar being so inefficient and irregular in producing usable energy.

Please do not rule in favour of this application.