



**East Pye Solar
Consultation Report Appendix 4: Consultation under
EIA Regulations Materials**

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1 Scoping Report Submission Stakeholder Email Notification



Dear Sir/Madam,

As someone who has registered to receive updates about East Pye Solar, I am writing to let you know that on 13 January 2025 we submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). This represents the next milestone in the development of our proposals for East Pye Solar.

The purpose of EIA is to comprehensively identify and evaluate the likely significant effects of a proposed development on the environment so we can then determine measures to reduce or manage any likely significant adverse effects.

Production of a Scoping Report is the initial stage of the EIA process. It sets out the proposed scope of the EIA, and our submission of this Report to PINS forms a formal request for a Scoping Opinion under regulation 10(1) of the EIA regulations.

Our Scoping Report for East Pye Solar includes:

- A description of the proposed Project, including its location and technical capacity
- A description of baseline information and further data to be obtained
- The methodologies we will use to assess environmental factors
- The proposed scope of the assessments we will carry out
- Potential impacts of the Project and associated mitigation
- An explanation of the likely significant effects of the Project on the environment
- The approach to cumulative assessment

EIA Scoping Process

Over the next 42 days PINS will consult various consultation bodies, including the local authority, Statutory Environment Bodies (SEBs), Parish Councils and other stakeholders that have specific expertise and responsibilities related to environmental protection, to gather their views on the scope of the environmental assessment.

PINS will then compile the feedback received and provide us with the 'Scoping Opinion' outlining those key areas and issues we need to address in the Environmental Statement that will be submitted as part of our application for development consent. A copy of the Scoping Opinion will be published on the PINS website.

The Scoping Opinion will set out details of those bodies who have been consulted, and the feedback they provided.

You can register your details directly with PINS on its website if you would like to be notified when it publishes information about the Project – including the Scoping Opinion – via the East Pye Solar page [here](#).

Further consultation

The Scoping Opinion, together with ongoing environment surveys, baseline characterisation, design development and environmental assessment work, will inform the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).

We will present the PEIR as part of the next phase of consultation. This is a statutory phase of consultation required by the application process, over the course of which we will invite yourself and all those local communities, organisations and groups with an interest in the Project, to provide your views and feedback on the Project.

We anticipate the next phase of consultation will take place in Summer 2025, during which time we will invite your views on:

- The location of equipment for the PV arrays
- The route of an underground cable connection from the Project to the new National Grid substation
- How we propose to build the Project
- The measures we are proposing to mitigate the effects of the Project

Next steps

We are currently in the process of reviewing all the feedback submitted in response to the initial phase of non-statutory consultation we held in Winter 2024.

We are now going through all the submissions we received to identify the issues and concerns raised so we can consider them alongside the findings from our environmental surveys and technical studies, as we continue to refine and shape our proposals for the Project.

Ahead of statutory consultation taking place later in the year, we expect to be able to provide you with a summary of the findings from the first phase of consultation and confirm any decisions we have made in the interim. We expect to publish this update in Spring 2025.

If you have any questions about the information provided, please do contact the community relations team by calling 0808 281 3175 or sending an email to info@eastpyesolar.co.uk

Yours faithfully,


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Update - January 2025

East Pye Solar reaches development milestone with submission of Scoping Report

- **Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for consultation with expert bodies.**
- **The Planning Inspectorate published the Scoping Report on their webpage for East Pye Solar, available [here](#).**

East Pye Solar Limited has submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) scoping report for East Pye Solar to the Planning Inspectorate. This marks the next milestone in the development of the proposals for the Project after the first phase of community consultation which took place in Winter 2024.

The proposals for East Pye Solar include the installation of ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panels, onsite battery energy storage system and installation of an underground cable that will connect the site to the new National Grid Substation in Great Moulton. Subject to being agreed by planning authorities, East Pye Solar could deliver up to 500 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy, enough to power over 115,000 homes annually.

Project Development Manager, East Pye Solar said:

"We are pleased to reach the next milestone in the development of our proposals for East Pye Solar. The Scoping Report gives more detail on the Project and sets out the environmental criteria we'll use to evaluate the potential effects of any development. Our findings will guide actions to reduce and manage impacts on the local landscape and environment, and seek to address residents' concerns."

"We'd like to thank everyone who took the time to respond to the initial consultation. Your feedback highlighted how important the area is and the need to protect treasured views and walks, wildlife, and local ecology. All points raised are reflected in this Environmental Scoping Report and will be factored into our development of the Project."

"We will continue to undertake further environmental assessments ahead of the publication of a Preliminary Environmental Information Report, anticipated for Summer this year, ahead of the second phase of community consultation."

"Continued engagement with members of the local community, as well as with key organisations and statutory stakeholders, is crucial to this process and we look forward to maintaining our commitment to meaningful consultation throughout."

EIA Scoping Process

Over the next 42 days, the Planning Inspectorate will consult on the East Pye Solar proposals with stakeholders including Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council, Statutory Environmental Bodies (SEBs), Parish Councils and other groups with specific expertise related to environmental protection. This feedback will then be used to provide East Pye Solar with a Scoping Opinion setting out key areas that must be addressed as part of the application for development consent for East Pye Solar.

Scoping Opinion, together with the findings from ongoing environmental surveys, assessments and design development work, will inform the development of the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR). This is a core document that informs the second phase of consultation.

Next steps

The second phase of consultation is expected to take place in Summer 2025 to provide people with another opportunity to comment on proposals for East Pye Solar ahead of an application for development consent being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

During this statutory consultation, the community will be asked to share their views on the design of the Project including where equipment is located; the route of the underground cable connection between the Project and the new National Grid substation; construction; and the measures being put in place to reduce the Project's impact on the local area.

**Note (25.02.2025): On 25 February 2025 the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) published the Scoping Opinion for East Pye Solar on the PINS website, which you can read by [clicking here](#).*

People wishing to receive updates and information about the ongoing development process and future consultation for East Pye Solar are encouraged to register their details with us [here](#).

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