

East Pye Solar – EN0110014

Response to Rule 6 Letter

From: Mr and Mrs Earl

Address: The Bungalow, Boyland Gardens, Hempnall Road, Morningthorpe

Interested Person numbers: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Plot ref:09-021

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing about the East Pye Solar development.

We have received a Section 56 notice because the plans appear to affect our home and land.

We are an elderly couple and we are finding all the paperwork very difficult to understand. There are a lot of documents and legal words. We have tried to understand them, but we are still not clear about what East Pye Solar wants from us, what rights they want over our property, or why they need them.

We would like this explained clearly to us before we are expected to agree to anything.

The plans we have been sent

One of the things that has caused us a lot of confusion is that we have been sent different plans showing our property in different ways. The first plan we received appeared to show all of our property, including our house and garden. We were later sent another plan which appears to show red lines along the frontage of our property. We do not understand why the plans are different or what the red lines mean. The online documents are too big and not easy to understand so we cannot tell what they want. We also do not know if East Pye Solar has changed what it wants from us.

We would like East Pye Solar to explain to us in plain English:

- which plan is the correct and current plan;
- why we have been sent different plans;
- exactly which parts of our home, garden, driveway, access or frontage are affected;
- what the red lines along our frontage mean;
- what rights they want over our property;
- whether they want any of our land permanently;
- whether they only want to use any part of our land for a period of time;
- whether they or their contractors would be allowed to come onto our property;

- what they would be allowed to do there;
- how long any rights would last; and
- why they need these rights.

If what they want has changed since the first plan was sent to us, we would like them to explain what has changed and why.

At the moment we do not feel able to agree to anything because we do not properly understand what is being asked of us. We would therefore like it recorded that we have not agreed to East Pye Solar taking any of our land or having rights over our property. We are not trying to make things difficult. We simply want somebody to explain clearly what is planned for our property and what it could mean for us.

We would like the Inspectors to visit our property

We would also like to ask the Examining Authority to visit our home and property as part of a future site visit.

We are happy to give permission for the Inspectors to come onto our property if this would help.

We think seeing our home would make it much easier to understand our concerns and why the different plans we have been sent are confusing.

The Inspectors would be able to see the position of our house, garden, frontage, driveway and access and how these relate to the proposed works.

We would particularly like the Inspectors to look at how we get in and out of our property.

We are worried about what could happen if there are traffic lights or other traffic controls, road works, construction traffic or large vehicles close to our entrance.

We would also like the Inspectors to see the proposed access points for the development and the roads that construction vehicles would use.

As an elderly couple, being able to get safely in and out of our home is very important to us. We would like the possible effect of the extra traffic and works on our access to be properly looked at.

Flooding

We are also very worried about flooding. Our property has already had problems with flooding in the past, so this is a real concern for us. We are worried that building work, changes to the fields, new tracks, access roads, drainage or other works could change where rainwater goes and could make the flooding at our property worse.

We are not experts and we do not know what will happen. We simply want to make sure this is properly looked at before any work is allowed to go ahead.

We think it would help the Inspectors to visit our property so they can see where our house and garden are, the surrounding land, where water comes from and where it goes when there is heavy rain.

We would also like East Pye Solar to explain what they have done to look at the risk of flooding at our property and how they will make sure their work does not make our flooding problems worse.

Our position

Until somebody has clearly explained what East Pye Solar wants from us and what the different plans mean, we would like to keep our position open.

Because we have been sent different plans, please do not take the fact that we cannot give a more detailed response at the moment to mean that we understand or agree with what East Pye Solar is asking for.

We would like the chance to make further comments when we have been given a clear explanation.

We would also like to keep our right to speak at a Compulsory Acquisition Hearing if we need to, once we understand what is being proposed.

Please put this letter on the Examination record and please do not take this letter as our agreement to East Pye Solar taking our land or having rights over our property.

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter and consider our concerns.

Yours faithfully

Neville and Pauline Earl