



The General Aviation Awareness Council

c/o LAA, Turweston Aerodrome, Biddlesden Road, Brackley, Northampton, NN13 5YD, UK

President: The Lord Rotherwick

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Your Reference EN0110014

Interested Party Reference Number [REDACTED]

Planning Inspectorate
c/o QUADIENT
69 Buckingham Avenue
Slough
SL1 4PN

Dear Sir

Request for Accompanied Site Inspections

The General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC) is an Interested Party acting on behalf of a Tibenham Airfield which is directly affected by the proposed East Pye Solar Ltd application for DCO consent for the East Pye Solar Project.

In line with Annex F of the Rule 6 letter the GAAC and Tibenham Airfield wish to request that an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) is timetabled to enable the Inspectors to view the operations at Tibenham Airfield and its proximity to the East Pye proposed development area.

The following information is provided:

The location:

The location for the proposed ASI is land at Tibenham Airfield.

Address and Grid Reference: Tibenham Airfield Norfolk, NR16 1NT Grid Reference TM 142888

Access:

The site is not 'public land' but the Norfolk Gliding Club based at Tibenham Airfield invites the ExA to visit.

The entrance to the site is accessible from public highways. Apart from entrance into the aerodrome and access 'landside' at Tibenham Airfield, land within the aerodrome boundaries may only be accessed under escort for safety reasons.

The issues to be observed are:

- a. The scale, features - runways, areas of open land essential for safety, buildings, and diversity of activity at Tibenham Airfield
- b. The proximity of the proposed East Pye Scheme to the aircraft runways and safety areas at Tibenham Airfield
- c. The proximity of the approved Station Road Solar Farm to Tibenham Airfield and the proposed East Pye Scheme
- d. The proximity of the proposed National Grid Norwich to Tilbury Scheme to aircraft runways and safety areas at Tibenham Airfield
- e. The cumulative implications of the proposed National Grid Norwich to Tilbury overhead power line, the approved Station Road Solar Farm and the proposed extensive East Pye Solar Scheme.
- f. The areas where overflying is not permitted for the protection of residential amenity, in particular at Tibenham village, Pristow Green and Tibenham Farm
- g. Dependent on weather conditions, aircraft take-offs and landings.
- h. Proximity of Priory Farm airstrip, the existence of which dictates that Tibenham circuits should predominately be performed to the West, close to the proposed East Pye development.

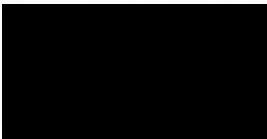
Reason why the location has been suggested

Tibenham Airfield is a well-established (identified in CAP 481) site offering a wide range of recreational activities (for pilots, trainee pilots and members of the public), aircraft training, and flying (particularly gliding) competitions. The airfield also supports MOD Helicopter refuelling, two professional ballooning operations as well as recreational Paramotors. Tibenham Airfield is recognised by Sport England as a Nationally Significant Area for Sport (Gliding) and has hosted both National and International Gliding Competitions.

Tibenham is intensively used, principally for gliding training, power training via Flight Training East Anglia - FTEA (an onsite flight training organisation), recreation and competition.

The proposed East Pye development is 1.5km from the end of Tibenham runway 08/26 and 2km from the end of runway 15/33. The already approved Station Road Solar development is 1km from the end of runway 08/26 and is less than 1km from the end of runway 15/33.

We trust this request will be fully considered. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.





Yours sincerely



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