

My comments are wide ranging, so I will split them down into personal, community, and country.

Personal

Having travelled past many acres of solar panels on the way to York, I see there is little that grows beneath the panels, thus no diversity or wildlife.

The panels are an eyesore and the East Pye array will be very close to my home, and I will be driving past these when I travel to Norwich and in the local area.

It seems that rights of way will be lost and I regularly walk all around the proposed area. This will reduce my health and wellbeing due to loss of exercise and seeing solar panels instead of trees, plants and animals.

I will be affected by heavy traffic during my travels to Norwich and surrounding area.

Community

The local community will also suffer with health and wellbeing, as described above, and by excess noise during construction.

At least 38 homes in Hempnall are affected by the order, and other homes are to be demolished, leaving people traumatised and homeless.

Local communities will be affected as the roads will need to be widened to take heavy traffic. This is impossible in Saxlingham Nethergate and other villages served by narrow country roads.

Loss of rights of way and having to use roads with heavy traffic is not pleasurable and downright dangerous, given the speed of traffic.

Country

It is nonsense going for net zero CO2, then plan to build a new runway at Gatwick airport and potentially a third runway at Heathrow.

Huge countries, such as the USA, India and China, are doing next to nothing to combat climate change, but we are having to pay a heavy price and high electricity bills for little return.

Solar panels will reflect heat back into the atmosphere, thus exacerbating the problem of climate change.

Then what happens when the panels are decommissioned? Landfill? That is not environmentally friendly either.

The BIGGEST ISSUE is FOOD SECURITY. In WW2 as much land as possible was needed to grow food. Since then food growing has declined to only 30%. We cannot live without food and this should be the priority. Supermarkets are already stating that there will be food shortages because of the drought this year - another is forecast for 2027. Drought, floods, and wars will continue to take out food production land. FOOD SECURITY should be the priority and keeping ARABLE LAND for that purpose!

Better joined up thinking could deliver solar power from roofs of building - new builds should be compulsory, and use industrial buildings of which there are thousands in Norfolk alone, to situate big solar arrays.

Every time I go on social media, all these arguments to stop solar panels on farmland are made by hundreds of people, so don't railroad us with this solar monstrosity.