

I am requesting a site visit to my home in Station Road near the proposed Project Substation and BESS site. East Pye have not given any specific siting of the substation except it is on land between the BESS and Station Road. The hearings are scheduled at times when I am at work. This denies me the right to attend in person. This is unfair and unacceptable.

JOINT PERSONAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Objection to East Pye Solar

DCO Application EN0110014

Submitted by:

Mandy Ramm — resident since 2014
David George — resident since 2014
Steven Dunnell — resident since 2022

Address:

[REDACTED]

Tivetshall St Margaret

[REDACTED]

DCO Application: EN0110014

1. OUR HOME AND WHY WE OBJECT

We are the residents of [REDACTED], Tivetshall St Margaret.

Mandy Ramm and David George have lived at the property since **2014**, and Steven Dunnell has lived here since **2022**.

We are submitting this joint statement to explain the personal impact that the proposed **East Pye Solar project** would have on our home, our daily lives and our quality of life.

We want to make clear that **we are not opposed to renewable energy in principle**. We understand the need to increase renewable electricity generation, improve energy security and reduce carbon emissions.

Our objection is specifically to the **scale, location and nature of the East Pye development**, and particularly its proximity to our home and the transformation it would cause to the rural environment in which we live.

For us, East Pye is not simply a development shown on a plan. **It would change the place we have called home for many years.**

2. OUR RURAL OUTLOOK IS PART OF OUR HOME

One of the things we value most about living at [REDACTED] is the **rural outlook and countryside surrounding our home**.

This is not an occasional view that we see only when passing through the area.

We experience the surrounding landscape from **our bedrooms, our kitchen and our garden**.

The rural setting is therefore an important part of our everyday lives and our enjoyment of our home.

The countryside provides us with a sense of openness, peace and tranquillity. Our garden gives us somewhere to relax and enjoy the outdoors, including spending time there with our pets.

We are deeply concerned that this environment could be replaced or dominated by a large-scale energy development consisting of extensive solar arrays, battery storage and associated electrical infrastructure.

3. THE IMPACT ON OUR ENJOYMENT OF OUR HOME

Mandy and David have lived at [REDACTED] since 2014, meaning that the existing rural environment has been part of their lives for more than a decade. Steven has also established his home here since 2022.

The East Pye proposal would fundamentally change the surroundings that we see and experience every day.

The prospect of looking from our home and garden towards extensive solar panels, fencing, access tracks, substations, electrical equipment and battery storage infrastructure is extremely concerning.

This is not simply about losing a pleasant view.

It is about losing part of the **character, tranquillity and sense of place** that makes our house our home.

4. OUR GARDEN AND PETS

Our garden is an important part of our home and somewhere we regularly spend time with our pets.

We value being able to enjoy the garden in a peaceful rural setting.

We are concerned that construction activity, heavy vehicles, machinery, noise, dust and prolonged disturbance could significantly affect our enjoyment of the garden and the environment in which our pets live.

We appreciate that pets are not a conventional planning consideration in their own right. Nevertheless, they are part of our household and their welfare and behaviour are naturally important to us.

The prospect of prolonged construction activity and the permanent presence of a major energy development close to our home is therefore a genuine personal concern.

5. OUR CONCERNS ABOUT THE BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM

We are particularly concerned about the proposed **Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)**.

A large-scale BESS is very different in character from solar panels alone. It involves substantial battery and electrical equipment together with cooling, ventilation, fire detection, safety and associated infrastructure.

We recognise that the applicant has proposed safety measures and emergency procedures.

However, those measures do not remove our concerns about having such infrastructure close to our home.

In particular, we are concerned about the potential consequences of a serious battery incident involving **fire, smoke or the release of hazardous substances**, together with the resulting need for emergency response.

We understand that the applicant may consider such an event unlikely. Nevertheless, **the potential consequences are something that we, as nearby residents, would have to live with.**

We are also concerned about the practical challenges of emergency access and response in a rural location, particularly if an incident were to occur during construction, at night, in poor weather or when local roads were affected by project traffic.

We believe our concerns about the proximity of the BESS to residential properties should therefore be given proper consideration.

6. CONSTRUCTION DISTURBANCE

We are also concerned about the construction phase.

A development of this scale would involve substantial construction activity, including heavy vehicles, deliveries, machinery, earthworks, access works, cabling and installation of electrical infrastructure.

We are concerned about the effects on our home and daily lives, including:

- construction traffic;
- heavy vehicles using local rural roads;
- noise and machinery;
- dust and dirt;
- disruption to journeys;
- disturbance in our garden;
- disturbance affecting our pets; and
- the loss of the peace and tranquillity we currently enjoy.

Even though construction impacts may be described as temporary, a project of this scale could result in significant disruption over a prolonged period.

7. THE CHANGE WOULD LAST FOR DECADES

Mandy and David have lived at [REDACTED] since 2014.

Steven has lived here since 2022.

We have each therefore experienced and become accustomed to the existing rural environment.

The proposed development would then remain in operation for many decades.

This means that the change is not something we could reasonably regard as a short-term inconvenience.

The landscape and environment that Mandy and David have known since 2014, and that Steven has known since 2022, could become fundamentally different for a substantial part of our future lives.

8. SCREENING CANNOT RECREATE THE EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

We recognise that landscaping and screening are proposed.

However, new planting takes years to mature.

Even when mature, planting cannot recreate the existing open agricultural landscape or remove the underlying presence of a major energy development.

For us, mitigation is therefore not the same as removing the impact.

The development would still exist behind the screening, together with its associated infrastructure and operational requirements.

9. THE APPLICANT'S OWN EVIDENCE

We are particularly concerned that the applicant's own environmental documentation recognises significant effects associated with residential properties in the Station Road area.

The applicant has identified a Station Road residential viewpoint in its visual assessment and has assessed residential receptors in this area as being particularly sensitive.

The project's documentation also identifies nearby residential properties in relation to the proposed BESS.

This is important because it demonstrates that the relationship between the development and nearby homes is not merely a concern raised by residents.

The potential impact on residential properties has been recognised within the applicant's own assessment.

10. WHAT OUR HOME MEANS TO US

After many years living at Fernleigh Cottages, this is much more than simply an address to us.

It is our home.

We have enjoyed the rural surroundings, our garden and the views from our bedrooms and kitchen.

We are concerned that East Pye would fundamentally change those everyday experiences.

We accept that landscapes can change and that development is sometimes necessary.

However, we believe there must be a reasonable balance between national infrastructure requirements and the quality of life of the people who live immediately alongside that infrastructure.

11. OUR PERSONAL OBJECTION

Our objection is therefore based on the **real and personal impact** that East Pye would have on our household.

We are concerned about:

- the loss or significant alteration of rural views from our bedrooms;
- the loss or significant alteration of rural views from our kitchen;
- the impact on the outlook from our garden;
- loss of tranquillity and rural character;
- construction noise, traffic, dust and disruption;
- disturbance affecting our enjoyment of our home and garden;
- the potential impact of construction activity on our pets;
- concerns about living close to the proposed BESS, including fire and emergency-response risks;
- the permanent industrialisation of the surrounding landscape; and
- the prospect of living with these changes for decades.

These impacts would not be experienced once.

We would experience them day after day, year after year, from the place we call home.

12. CONCLUSION

We support the principle of renewable energy, but we do not believe that the national need for renewable generation justifies placing a development of this scale and nature so close to existing homes.

We have lived at [REDACTED] **for many years** and value the rural environment that surrounds our home.

Our bedrooms, kitchen and garden all benefit from the existing rural views and setting. These are not incidental features to us; they are an important part of our quality of life.

East Pye would fundamentally alter that environment.

We therefore respectfully ask the Examining Authority to consider the proposal **from the perspective of the residents who will have to live alongside it**, and to give substantial weight to the direct impact on our residential amenity, visual outlook, tranquillity and quality of life.

For these reasons, **we strongly object to East Pye Solar (EN0110014)** and respectfully ask that **development consent be refused**.

SIGNATURES

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Resident at [REDACTED] **since 2014**

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Date: ***31 Aug 2026***

David George - [REDACTED]

Resident at [REDACTED] **since 2014**

Signature: ***D George***

Date: ***31 Aug 2026***

Steven Dunnell - [REDACTED]

Resident at [REDACTED] **Cottages since 2022**

Signature: ***SE Dunnell***

Date: ***31 Aug 2026***

