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I am re submitting my request as the first has not been confirmed. An email requesting confirmation has also not been replied to.

As a resident of Tivetshall I am writing to register my objection to the approval of the East Pye Solar Project by Island Green Power.

I am a parish councillor. Throughout the consultation and targeted consultation processes by the Applicant I have been entitled to attend residents' meetings held in Tivetshall's neighbouring parishes. I have learned in greater detail the locations and PROWs. I joined walks along the PROWs that will be affected. I registered as a Category 3 person with East Pye.

The Applicant has conducted the consultations in a way that you had to be able to use the internet to take part. Using an iPhone was insufficient. To download the 'paper form' required a printer which even denied younger residents from responding. A resident in Great Moulton requested a hard copy but East Pye stated the documents were too large and therefore not possible.

The Applicant has digitally excluded a number of residents, my friends and neighbours, from taking any part in the consultations to-date.

I believe this was deliberate to reduce the number of residents able to understand and make representation on all the aspects of the DCO. The consequence will be a reduction in the number of residents responding to PINS regarding the project.

The DCO is in excess of 1000 pages. It is impossible for me to examine every section. The parts I have read and am commenting on relate to Tivetshall:

The Applicant has failed to provide specific information and the DCO shows up numerous inaccuracies.

The Targeted Consultation identified changes would be necessary to the B1134 Station Road. No information on which side of the road and how much wider it would be, how much vegetation lost, the impact on drainage and services.

The initial consultations varied considerably from the DCO. For our village of Tivetshall initially a 133kv sub station and BESS. Then no sub station. Now a 400kv sub station and an 800-1000 unit BESS. Its impact on views and access to the PROW and the parish boundary of Hundred Way PROW is huge. It will industrialise the area to the north of Station Road.

Tivetshall wasn't included as one of the villages in the scheme description.

The Applicant uses the term "Southern Cluster" in relation to the parishes where it plans to locate three sites of solar energy, the BESS, grid sub-station and all the associated workings. It risks obscuring the identity and existence of the villages of Tivetshall, Great Moulton and Wacton. To me it draws the attention of the Planning Inspectorate and Examining Authority away from the fact that this is not an unpopulated rural area. The number of residents living in Tivetshall 560, Great Moulton 600 and Wacton 350. A rural landscape in which

1500 people have made their homes. These villages have formed part of the Great Moulton Plateau since the Roman times. I object to the Applicant using a generic label and minimising the importance of the community in which I live and spend 90% of my time. I am asking for this to be rectified by removing the term 'Southern Cluster'. The area should be clear that it is the villages Tivetshall, Great Moulton and Wacton, Our villages deserve to be placed on the same footing as all other named villages affected by the scheme. This would properly ensure that the Planning Inspector and Examining Authority understand these are communities. They are people, homes, and open space and views in this part of the proposed development.

Land site 2 – parishes **incorrectly identified. The Applicant identifies Site 2B as Tivetshall.**

According to the maps produced in the DCO site 2A is in Tivetshall; site 2B is 50% in Tivetshall and 50% in Great Moulton, Site 2C is Wacton. **Is the description correct or the map?? How reliable is the Applicant in all other details of the project?**

BESS - Anglian Water is our provider and publicly acknowledges the strain on water supplies from increased housing developments in the region. BESS fires cannot be extinguished. Stopping the spread using water to cool the area is the solution. **There is no detail on the water supplies to control any BESS fires. Any storage on site needs to be maintained. Any run off would be toxic. There is no information on how much is needed and where the water will come from and where it will run to. There is no information of a second route for emergency vehicles.**

Travel – Throughout the document comparison of vehicle movements identifies the impact as 'negligible'.

For Tivetshall bus times are stated as commencing 9am. **Incorrect.** Evidence: Check the online timetables by the bus operators. It shows first bus leaves Norwich at 6.30am and arrives at Tivetshall at 7am.

The rush hour is stated as 8am-9am. **Incorrect.** Tivetshall is mid way between Norwich and Ipswich. Most employment and definitely school necessitates travel prior to 8am. The A140 is a main route and busy throughout the day. **There is no evidence of a route specific enforceable Construction Traffic Management Plan.**

Impact on my Day to Day Quality of Life – Living in this rural landscape of Tivetshall is truly living IN the country. My partner and I moved here specifically so we could walk through to off road footpaths and I could ride my horses safely along the quiet lanes, bridleways and byways and the open countryside. For us to observe the wildlife and plants and trees. Several PROWs I use cross the B1134. For riding Star Lane (quiet lane) to Lodge Road (single track road). Access is via 100m of Station Road. Lodge Road is linked by PROW to Wacton Common where there are a greater number of horse safe routes incl. bridleways.

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My **personal safety** as a walker or when riding my horses will be seriously reduced. Will it become completely unsafe? There is no information on how PROWs will be accessible **No transport routes or road change details available**. This is more than temporary inconvenience during construction. **It could deny me the right to access the north of Tivetshall on foot or horseback. There will be a loss of access, the loss of natural rural environment to one of being between metal fencing, lights, cctv, large metal BESS containers, tall moving solar panels. It will risk my safety when riding and take away any benefit to my health being outdoors.**

Any disruptions to traffic flow on the A140 results in greatly increased traffic through our rural village roads. Many are single track lanes. Slow moving traffic, roadworks or accidents on the A140 make it **unsafe to walk or ride** in the village. The increase in traffic to and from all the 10 the Land sites by employees, equipment will impact the A140. To access our Doctors surgery including dispensary, shops etc I have no choice but to travel out of Tivetshall. **Traffic increases and disruptions will have a negative direct impact on me. The increase in project traffic will affect the road surfaces. There should be binding mitigation for road damage. Highway repair costs should not be added to my council tax.**

Via the parish council I supported the 50mw solar site north of Station Road which will perfectly provide the Maltings with renewable energy. I understand the change of our climate and the risk to all that occupy the planet. Tivetshall has high quality agricultural land. It is part of the food chain. Industrialising this quality of land risks food security. The Applicant at consultations has stated to me it is possible to graze the solar sites. **To protect food security the sites should have compulsory grazing. The fencing should be compulsory constructed to enable small mammals to continue to access the whole area.**

BESS - Controlling any fire at the BESS site. Any smoke plume will affect air quality in the area I and my partner live along with our horses. Inevitably the amount of water required over the period of time dealing with a fire would need to be taken from the local network. This would directly affect supplies to homes including mine.

Underground water supplies must be protected from contamination. The sites in Tivetshall are on higher ground and surface water moves down to the Beck, a tributary of the River Waveney. A lot of work has been carried out to improve the quality of the Beck downstream nearby at Pulham. I have volunteered to help with the section in Tivetshall. The biodiversity of the River Waveney and its tributaries has to be protected from contamination or there will be a major risk to the environment.

Tivetshall the village which is my home is also home to at risk birds and mammals. A number of them are nocturnal. I have released rescued hedgehogs on my property for 5

years. They thrive due to minimal night traffic. I listen to little owls, barn owls and tawny owls after dark. I see the bats whizzing around. The lighting proposed for the solar sites and BESS and sub-station locations will have a negative impact on their survival in and around our village. I chose to move here to live in an environment populated by wildlife. That will be taken from me.

I have regularly seen the hares which live on the fields. They don't live in burrows they are above ground mammals. Also Roe and Red deer as well as the more common muntjacs. Their access routes across the current open farmland will be restricted by large areas fenced off. It will negatively impact their survival by forcing them to cross more roads and will reduce road safety for me as a driver.

I am fearful that the inaccuracies, incomplete detail will result in no successful provision of energy and that the investors are motivated purely by financial gain with no concern for our country's food security and environment. The location has not been planning led. The Applicant's staff have been open the owners will sell the project once approved.

I am requesting 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 my day to day activities during construction and once the site is operational.

For the all the above reasons I **strongly object to East Pye Solar (EN0110014)** and respectfully ask that **development consent be refused**.

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