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I have lived in the village of Tivetshall St Mary for more than 50 years. It was a sleepy peaceful parish, you could move about freely and safely. Our pets were safe. Our pets are valuable companions to us. No pavements along The Street where I live.

Today there has been change. Two pavements around the primary school and Green. None nor any space for them to be built between most of the housing and our Post Office. Which children and the elderly still navigate.

My objection is the loss of rural character. The visual impact. I paint and before retiring taught in Norwich . This solar project will transform our landscape from countryside to town. It will obscure the views of our current natural surroundings. The clean air provided by trees and hedging. During Covid I had limited time outside due to the restrictions. That limitation impacted my mental health. When the restrictions were lifted my mood and wellbeing improved dramatically as I was able to venture out and sit near our open green spaces taking in the far reaching views. I was able to appreciate the natural world by the openness of our village once more.

Our village and its surrounding land is home to many birds, hares, deer. There are natural ponds and water courses hosting the insects and frogs and toads. Our natural environment needs to be preserved not destroyed with panels, battery units, fencing, cameras, lighting, workers disturbing wildlife as they build and maintain it. Our agricultural fields transform the area during the seasons as the crops germinate, grow, mature and are harvested. It employs local people. It creates an understanding for our young residents and visitors of nature and its importance to the survival of our planet.

I am utterly opposed to the destruction of our natural environment and all that thrives within it. This project will destroy our village rural landscape and create a large industrial 'city' in its place. Traffic will increase. I strongly object and oppose the East Pye project.

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I am unable to attend in person due to my age. I don't use a computer. I am having to rely on a friend to enter my response. I have lived in the village for all my adult life. Over 50 years.