

My name is xxxx and I live in Great Moulton. I want to raise two simple concerns about the East Pye proposal: the impact on local wildlife, and the risk to our chalk aquifer and water supply.

I am not a technical expert, but I have lived here long enough to know what is normal for this landscape and what is not. The fields, hedgerows and quiet lanes around Great Moulton support a lot of wildlife. We regularly see deer, owls, bats, hares, and nesting birds. These animals rely on the peace and continuity of this area. Large-scale construction, heavy machinery, lighting, fencing, and permanent industrial buildings will drive much of this wildlife away. Once disturbed, many species do not return. This is not something that can be “mitigated” with a few boxes or planting schemes. It is a permanent loss.

My second concern is the chalk aquifer beneath our village. This aquifer is our water source. It is shallow, vulnerable, and easily contaminated. The proposal includes a Battery Energy Storage System, substations, cabling, and large areas of hardstanding. All of these carry risks: firewater, chemicals, oils, and runoff. If anything enters the ground here, it goes straight into the chalk. Once contaminated, an aquifer cannot be cleaned. The water is lost.

We are already seeing lower water levels in local wells and boreholes. Summers are getting hotter and drier. Water security matters more now than it ever has. Building major electrical infrastructure on top of a vulnerable chalk aquifer is not a sensible or safe decision. The risks are long-term and irreversible.

I am not against renewable energy. But I am against placing high-risk infrastructure in a location where it threatens wildlife, water, and the basic environmental health of our village. These concerns are simple, practical, and based on lived experience of this land.

I ask the Planning Inspectorate to reject this proposal on the grounds that the wildlife impact and aquifer risk have not been properly assessed, and cannot be safely managed in this location.

Thank you.