

I am writing to formally register my strong objection to the proposed East Pye Solar project in South Norfolk. While I support the broader national transition to renewable energy, the sheer scale of this industrial development is entirely inappropriate for this rural landscape. It poses severe, unmitigated threats to the health of the local community and our vulnerable wildlife. I urge the Planning Inspectorate to reject this application based on the following critical impacts:

- 1. Unsustainable Traffic and Infrastructure Disruption** The project will require thousands of heavy goods vehicle (HGV) movements along narrow, rural lanes. These roads lack the structural capacity for this volume of heavy traffic, creating an acute highway safety hazard for pedestrians, cyclists, and local drivers, and threatening to erode protected verges and historic road surfaces.
- 2. Airborne Dust and Public Health Risks** The extensive topsoil stripping, trenching for miles of cabling, and constant heavy vehicle movements across hundreds of acres will generate severe, localized dust pollution. This poses a direct, measurable risk to public health. If you or members of your family have an existing respiratory condition, such as asthma or Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD): This massive influx of construction dust and diesel particulate matter will directly aggravate your symptoms, degrade your daily quality of life, and create an unsafe living environment.
- 3. Severe Noise Pollution and Mental Well-being** The multi-year construction phase will subject nearby residents to highly disruptive noise, including prolonged mechanical pile-driving to anchor the panel racking. If your property sits directly adjacent to the proposed site boundary or along the designated HGV delivery routes: You will be forced to endure relentless, high-decibel noise for up to 12 hours a day. Furthermore, the long-term operational hum from the Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and inverters will cause chronic sleep disturbance, elevated stress, and severe long-term impacts on your mental health.
- 4. Destruction and Fragmentation of Local Wildlife Habitats** The industrialisation of these agricultural fields will devastate local ecosystems. If you have regularly observed protected species, such as rare Barbastelle bats or nesting owls, on or near your property: This project will actively destroy their vital foraging corridors and nesting sites. The prolonged noise and artificial light pollution will permanently displace these sensitive species, entirely undermining any claims of long-term biodiversity net gain.

For these reasons, the environmental, physical, and psychological costs to our local community far outweigh the benefits of this specific development. I strongly request that the Planning Inspectorate refuses permission for the East Pye Solar project. I ask you consider my statement as I am no longer able to sell my home to escape this, it no longer has a value! There is a place for this scale of project but its not in Great Moulton