

Further to my original submission, I now withdraw my suggestion of the halving of the size of the East Pye Solar project. Seeing the scale of the proposed plan, which had continued to change & be added to considerably since my previous submission of 23rd October 2015, means I now totally oppose the complete proposed plans.

I have sat through all five Planning Inspectorate meetings & am dismayed at what appears to be a tick box operation of basic government policy with no regard to our mental health, landscape, environment and wildlife.

How can East Pye Solar possibly understand the real nature of our area by doing desk top assessments? If a physical, real life, in real time trial, using all routes, using the empty AIL's and other vehicles proposed for the delivery & the siting of solar panels, cabling and sub stations, they would understand that this project is not feasible. I reiterate from my previous submission - Government policy has been abused.

This is a piecemeal project lopping together fields here & there (wherever different farmers would accept the money), to cobble it together to a sufficient size as to avoid scrutiny of South Norfolk & Norfolk County councils, who understand the area & landscape.

The cumulative detrimental effect on my mental health is going to be huge.

We have only one permissive footpath & one field owned by the Archaeology Trust in Tasburgh to walk on. The field has in the past been closed & can of course be closed again. Without footpaths on Grove Lane, Low Road & Church Hill, we can no longer walk safely to do a circuit from our home. The increase in traffic usage in 11 years I have lived here, is very substantial. Low road and Saxlingham Lane has become a rat run. Traffic will increase further with the 1800 new homes being built in Long Stratton & drivers avoiding the A140 to get into Norwich or out of it.

From the constant road traffic accidents on the A140. The endurance of disruption of months of cabling work for the Swainsthorpe Solar Industrialisation, the Thickthorn junction upgrade, The A47 dualling work, The Tilbury pylon installations, the proposed data centre at Harford Bridge and the much higher use of the A140 since the Long Stratton bypass has been completed. All have added to the real disruption we already face. Enough is enough for us in South Norfolk.

We walk to Fairstead Lane regularly to purchase eggs and meat from Lime Tree Farm. Tillia market garden is a growing & important food source for us & the local community too, which is just along from Lime Tree Farm. They also sell their produce in a refrigerator at Lime Tree Farm next to where the eggs & meat are sold. It is very important for our mental health to be able to get away from the A140 & walk. I cannot walk long distances, so Fairstead Lane, is my escape to a bit of rurality, wildlife & peace by foot. All will be destroyed as well as the lane itself.

We have an allotment in Saxlingham Nethergate & work there several times a week. It provides us with a lot of fruit & vegetables as well as giving us exercise and enormous wellbeing. Considering installing solar panels and cabling in this area, is simply unbelievable. It is a conservation area and the houses and road structure would be damaged on installation. The disruption to local life, environment, landscape & wildlife cannot be under estimated.

When strong enough, I can walk from the allotment on some of the very many footpaths available to us in Saxlingham Nethergate. 1.5 miles or maximum 2 miles of rural bliss.

I have friends living in Brooke, Hempnall, Great Moulton & Stoke Holy Cross. Family in Wacton, [REDACTED] there too. My hairdresser is in Brooke, we use the Kirstead garden centre regularly. Every which way I travel, I will be disrupted and rural views ruined.

I cannot emphasise sufficiently to state that the cumulative effect on my mental health if this industrial project gets the go ahead will be extremely detrimental.

I expect there will be a significant increase in road accidents where everyone is trying to get to their destinations on unsuitable lanes and those lanes will be irreparably damaged if the installation goes ahead.

Lastly, the loss of good agricultural land for our area cannot be under estimated. When serious world issues are becoming very close to home, growing local is becoming imperative & not a choice. We cannot afford to lose our agricultural land. Although uncomfortable, we can survive without electricity, we cannot survive without clean water & food .