

I utterly oppose East Pye Solar. On the new this morning again, were mentions of government concerns over food security in the UK. I am gravely concerned how much agricultural land is being taken out of food production in Norfolk, particularly South Norfolk. We do need to address climate change, but at a global level. This summer the crops were so small and many died due to the heat, but the UK is already close to net zero, it is the global carbon producers who need to take action, and encouraging them to mine for and manufacture these panels and batteries with no carbon monitoring is not helping climate change. We should absolutely not be allowing overseas companies to compulsory acquire huge tracts of UK land. My village is already surrounded by BESS and Solar Plants, with the national grid upgrade about to roll through and another BESS and Solar Plant in Planning outside of East Pye. East Pye is enormous and will dwarf these schemes. Our entire landscape for miles around would be a mirage of black glass and electrical hum. I grew up playing in the fields and rivers, with space to grow strong, to develop resilience through physical play in harmony with nature. My children are being deprived of this through the reckless pursuit of the net zero agenda. Solar is already a lesser effective energy producer compared to SMRs which would be less intrusive, more effective and future proof.

East Pye will complete a thirty mile run of solar panels south from Norwich. Norwich and Norfolk have high visitor numbers for their rural vista, diverse nature and rich ecological, agricultural and architectural heritage. East Pye will destroy local businesses reliant on tourism and agriculture, further raising local unemployment rates and increasing rural deprivation. As a family, we get to watch our communities destroyed alongside the incongruency of rising electricity bills as overseas companies cream off subsidies and their own countries gain.