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Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to formally object to the unsustainable volume and scale of solar farm developments currently proposed for South Norfolk, including East Pye Solar.

Although I absolutely support all investigations into renewable energy these need to include a wider range, not solely solar energy. Wind energy, hydropower, geothermal energy, bioenergy/biomass, ocean and tidal energy all have a place in these investigations.

My specific objections to the East Pye Solar Park are based on the following material planning grounds:

- **Loss of Best and Most Versatile (BMV) Agricultural Land:** South Norfolk features highly productive farmland. Committing thousands of acres to solar arrays directly undermines UK food security and removes essential agricultural land from production for decades.
- **Cumulative Landscape and Visual Impact:** While a single solar farm might be mitigated, the industrialisation of multiple adjacent sites completely alters the rural character of our landscape. The beautiful, open countryside is being replaced by miles of security fencing, CCTV poles, and solar panels.
- **Impact on Local Biodiversity and Wildlife:** The construction and operation of these massive sites fragment local habitats. It disrupts established wildlife corridors for protected species, ground-nesting birds, and mammals native to the Norfolk claylands.
- **Pressure on Local Infrastructure:** The construction phases for these projects overlap, bringing heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) onto narrow, rural lanes. This creates significant traffic hazards, damages road surfaces, and disrupts quiet rural communities.
- **Lack of Proportionality:** South Norfolk is being asked to shoulder an unfair burden of the UK's energy infrastructure without adequate consideration for the combined effect on our local economy, tourism, and community well-being.

Alternative renewable energy sources need to be considered in addition to solar particularly as the fire risks associated with solar are a very real possibility. As a homeowner I feel that the fire risk due to the sheer size of the solar parks is something that has been overlooked by the utility companies and corporate buyers who are set to gain from them.

While I support the national transition to renewable energy, the sheer concentration of these projects in our specific region creates a disproportionate and damaging cumulative impact. I urge you to look at the wider picture of what is happening across our district and to think of the people and wildlife that live here, and to reject the plans for such immense solar parks that will destroy our region.

Thank you for considering my objections and taking them into account.

Yours sincerely

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