

In my Relevant Representation I highlighted the reasons that I was opposed to the East Pye Solar Project. These concerns were focused on the biodiversity concerns, transport /access, AIL routing, environmental impacts and impacts on the local community.

My biggest concerns are currently with the impacts on the local community and biodiversity.

Such is the size of this proposal, I cannot possibly see that our communities can't be severely affected by these plans. I do not feel that this has been considered when these plans have been put forward. The impact of this proposal on the price of properties within all these areas should also be considered. There is little doubt that property values will be reduced in the South Norfolk area. This matter is very important but has not been addressed apart from properties that are very close to one of the proposed sites.

Biodiversity is something that has to be treated seriously on a site by site basis and I have grave concerns that this matter will simply be glossed over.

But this is just my opinion. But what about the MP's and the leader of South Norfolk Council? Surely they should be listened to? Daniel Elmer (leader of South Norfolk Council) and Adrian Ramsay the Green MP for Waveney Valley have both stated that they are against this project. And Ben Goldsborough the Labour MP for South Norfolk has stated that he has formally opposed three of the proposed sites in Brooke, Shotesham and Hempnall Green (sites 3A,8 and 9). In particular Ben has expressed that the Brooke site be removed from the scheme and used instead as Biodiversity Net Gain for the project. Ben has further stated that he opposes these three sites on the basis of severe and unmitigable risks to private drinking supplies, local food management and hydrology, residential amenity, health and safety and/or the environment and biodiversity including SSSIs and priority habitats.

Given these facts which clearly show the views from the leaders within our region, who have been voted into power by the residents of South Norfolk & Waveney Valley, this proposed project should be rejected.

If this project is approved then there is little point in voting for MP's and councilors to represent the residents of South Norfolk if they are simply ignored!!