

In my previous 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, environmental and impacts on the local community. However, my main concern at the moment is the feeling that the residents of South Norfolk are NOT being listened to or their concerns for this project are being considered. There is a strong feeling that this project will be approved and that the Energy Secretary (Miatta Fahnbulleh MP) will give her approval given that Green Energy projects are being promoted by many within the Labour leadership. Active consideration should be given to the size of the East Pye Solar project together with the distance it covers throughout our region. Large lorries and construction traffic within the narrow roads or our villages simply doesn't mix. In my opinion, the proposals also lacked detail and didn't give the full picture. The house values throughout the region have got to be affected by this project if it gets the go ahead. Are we all going to receive remuneration for this? I doubt it.

And what about the impacts on wildlife? We are very fortunate to have ancient woodland and many rivers and streams that support our wildlife including the Barbastelle bats within South Norfolk. I am not convinced that due consideration has been made on the true impact this project will have on our region.

I am also aware that 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) 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. Daniel Elmer (leader of South Norfolk Council) and Adrian Ramsay the Green MP for Waveney Valley have both stated that they are also against this project.

It follows that if the leaders and MP's have concerns about the project then there surely must be doubts that this project should continue in it's present form.

The residents of South Norfolk should be listened to and be given some true consideration. East Pye Solar project should therefore not proceed.