

East Pye Solar objection

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Director of Goodies Farm Shop and resident at French's Farm
French's Farm, Wood Lane, Pulham Market, South Norfolk, IP21 4XU

I object to the proposed construction compound and cable works near my home at French's Farm and Goodies Farm Shop because of their potential impact on our living conditions, business and access.

Impact on my home

I have been advised that a construction compound of approximately 13 acres could be situated immediately outside my home for around two years. I am concerned about prolonged noise, dust, lighting and heavy vehicle movements affecting my home and garden.

Please confirm the compound's exact location, size, duration and working hours, explain why this location was selected, and demonstrate that alternatives further from occupied homes have been considered.

Impact on Goodies Farm Shop and staff

Goodies is heavily dependent on passing trade from the A140. During disruption associated with construction of the Long Stratton bypass and the works at Swainsthorpe, **we recorded sales declines of over 25%, placing enormous financial pressure on the company.** The 2025 Swainsthorpe disruption was associated with electricity cabling works on the A140 for EDF's Bloy's Grove solar project.

Further congestion, closures or diversions could deter customers, reduce passing trade, delay deliveries and disrupt staff travelling to and from work. Keeping our entrance open would not, by itself, protect the business from these effects.

Please assess these impacts specifically for Goodies, including the combined effects of compound traffic, cable installation beneath the A140 and any other planned roadworks, closures or diversions in the surrounding area. This should cover customer journeys, staff commuting and delivery routes. We can provide supporting sales information.

Information and safeguards required

I request:

- Details of the A140 crossing method, programme, traffic restrictions and arrangements if works overrun.
- Construction traffic routes, expected vehicle numbers and measures to protect customer, staff and delivery access.
- Coordination with Norfolk County Council and other works promoters to avoid overlapping road disruption and minimise the combined impact on trade and access.
- Enforceable controls on working hours, noise, dust and lighting.
- Advance notice of disruption, clear access signage and a named contact to resolve problems promptly.

Our June 2026 Preliminary Ecological Appraisal also records nesting birds and identifies the need to control lighting near trees potentially used by bats. Please confirm that any relevant effects of East Pye's nearby works have been assessed.

I ask that these concerns are addressed before consent is granted and that alternative compound locations and measures to minimise road disruption are fully examined.

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