

Submission ID: [REDACTED]

EAST PYE SOLAR - A PERSONAL IMPACT STATEMENT. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Good Morning.

I'm [REDACTED]
[REDACTED].

My house is approximately [REDACTED] from Narrowgate Way. This is a Restricted Byway and leads between fields to intersect Hundred Lane.

This area is designated part of the Site1.

Approaching from High Green, to the left side of Narrowgate Way, East Pye plan to install tracking Solar Panels, and on the other side it is proposed to site a massive 500kw National Grid Sub Station.

Because of their proximity, I walk these paths frequently and then onto Frith Way and Broadgate Lane. During the periods of prolonged dry weather, and drought like we have just experienced, I provide drinking water in various places for the wildlife almost every day.

Often accompanied by my wife, we observe the natural events take place, the Deer bound off then stop to watch us with suspicion, the Hares boxing and thumping their hind feet, a family of Foxes, cubs readying to make their own way in life, fleeting glimpses of small mammals scurrying about, Grass Snakes and Great Crested Newts looking for a meal and even occasionally at early dusk - a badger. It is abundant in insect life too, All manner of flying and crawling bugs, bees and butterflies. At night, if you stand still, you'll be buzzed by Bats and hear the Owls call.

During these treks I have made over 2000 recordings of Birdsong - all from this location, numbering 130 different varieties - 24 of which are of the Red List, meaning they are at serious risk.

When we discovered that our local area was to become one of the largest Solar Projects in the Country.....the news was devastating. We settled here to be part of a rural Community, to be surrounded by the natural environment - to be away from the complexities and harshness of urban living.

Now the needs of those heavily populated places demands that we have to sacrifice our chosen lifestyle to provide energy for theirs.

Regardless of any proposed mitigation, East Pye's construction devastation will drive out anything which can get away, much that cannot will just simply perish. Migratory patterns for visiting birds will be completely disoriented, and breeding habitats obliterated.

After years of this, little will return, the constant hum of high tension cable, the whirr of tracking motors and vibration from the generators and transformers will ensure an alien and hostile environment - and a hideous place for people to walk through. (Solar Panels have a very detrimental effect on birds and bats).

Everything here will change, none of it for the better.

We should not be the last generation which truly appreciates our wonderful Norfolk Countryside, nor does it have to be this way.

This Project is a misplaced Abomination. Sold to the Public as Sustainable Green Energy - but at the sacrifice of our natural environment.

I respectfully ask that the Examining Authority recommend East Pye's Application is rejected.

For all our Sakes.