

Written Representations submitted in response to East Pye Solar

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**Personal Impact Statements received By Block
East Pye Solar**

**Submitted by BEPS (Block East Pye Solar
[REDACTED])**

20250204 - Personal Impact Statement - Brooke - [REDACTED]

Date: 3 February 2025 at 21:33:21 GMT

Subject: East Pyle Solar impact statement

Please see below my impact statement, apologies for time it's taken, we have been away.

[REDACTED]

Our property directly backs onto the field proposed at Brooke for solar installation. We purchased the property in 2023 for renovation, to retire to. I was raised in Poringland, and am very familiar with the area. We have extensive family in Brooke village, and had looked forward to a quiet, tranquil retirement in a lovely property that backs onto open farmland, which did have an abundance of wildlife.

We have many concerns about the proposed solar developments :-

1. The sheer scale of the development. From the rear of our property, given the slope of the land, we will be able to see nothing but solar panels and associated fencing. The land was cleared over a year ago. Naively, we thought that the farmer was going to replace the removed trees and hedgerows, taking advantage of the Governments replanting initiatives. How wrong we were, turns out that if you remove the habitat for wildlife, they move on! Difficult to survey any wildlife that have been displaced. Totally disgraceful tactics from the landowner.

2. Noise. The BESS storage emit an incredibly shrill, high pitched noise. The effects on anyone's mental health that is within hearing of these units, will inevitably be affected. It's tantamount to inflicting tinnitus on residents. I am also extremely worried of the long term health effects these installations could have, no one knows as there is currently no data.

3. Construction. Our property is almost at the end of [REDACTED], on a blind bend, where the road narrows to almost single width. The construction traffic will have no option but to use this road. The increase in amounts of heavy traffic will be huge. The constant noise from this traffic from early morning will have an impact on daily life. I also worry for access to and from our property, the risk of accident will definitely rise.

4. I feel extremely frustrated that the local planning committees are to be bypassed for these proposals, effectively removing the voice of locals. All marketing by East Pye concentrates on what they perceive as positives, and locals very much do not. We are not being listened to, or considered. I'm happy to be called a NIMBY, I don't just not want panels in my back yard, I don't want them in anyone's back yard, there is no need when we have very real alternatives.

5. Loss of prime agricultural land. I'm not against solar panels, I have them on my roof. With a little imagination and investment, solar panels can be placed on numerous buildings, or, if really necessary, on land that does not adjoining some truly picturesque villages. So many villages are set to be blighted by these installations, which are ill thought out. Many other spaces are available which destroy no one's lives.

6. Loss of amenity. The Brooke installation edges a conservation area in places. The land also has residents on three of the perimeter edge's. The land is used for trekking, hiking and dog

walking. All wonderful country pursuits that make this area a lovely place to live. We looked forward to having prime, beautiful dog walking just outside our back door, a notion destroyed by this application. The industrialisation of the land, fenced off and inaccessible not only to people but wildlife too is heartbreaking. The romantic notion of sheep grazing around the panels is [REDACTED], I've yet to see one sheep among any installation.

7. Lack of a standard buffer zone. We are very worried that there is currently no definitive buffer zone proposed to protect residents from some or all of the issues mentioned above.

In short, we are desperately upset about the proposed siting of many of the solar installations, but the Brooke installation directly affects us. The thought of looking out over an endless sea of solar panels every day fills me with such a level of anxiety and despair; it wakes me at night already, before any permissions granted, or construction has started. I understand the need for renewable energy, what I do not and cannot understand is the proposed destruction of our beautiful county, when roof top installations could give a similar solution.

[REDACTED]

Impact statement in regards to site 9 being proposed by East Pye Solar for installation of solar panels.

Myself [REDACTED], my partner and our two children will all be directly affected if solar panels are installed on site 9.

We live at [REDACTED], our house and garden look directly over the proposed fields and the garden is within a few meters of where the solar boundary would start.

I have detailed the impacts below. I have also attached photos giving further detail and visualisation.

Barn Owls and other wildlife:-

As a family we care strongly about the environment and the wildlife in the area. I provide wild bird feed and nesting boxes for smaller birds and have a barn owl nest box at the end of my garden. This nesting box faces directly over and borders the proposed solar panel site. The box includes a web cam so that I can monitor breeding of the owls, I have attached successful breeding photos on subsequent pages. We also have many bats living and feeding in the area of our house and over the fields of the proposed solar panels, as can be seen easily during the summer months.

However:-

There was a large mature hedge with trees running through the fields from the [REDACTED] but unfortunately the farmer removed the hedges and screening in March 2024, destroying potential bird nesting sites and other wildlife cover in the process. Ultimately the removed hedges and trees were formed into massive piles and set on fire, hardly an act by someone who cares for the environment! I can see no logical reason as to why this work was completed and can only assume that this was to maximise potential for solar deployment with absolutely no regard for wildlife or the environment. The barn owls had returned to the nest box in early 2024, the removal of the hedge and trees was carried out in March 2024, at this point the barn owls left the nest box, did not breed in 2024 and have not returned in 2025.

Impact:-

The removal of the hedge and trees has resulted in genuine concern and worry for us that even actions being taken with the solar farm as a proposal is already having a negative impact on protected birds and wildlife. If a solar farm and fencing etc was installed on this site it would almost certainly result in the demise of barn owls, bats and other wildlife living and breeding in this area.

Impact on wildlife and barn owls.

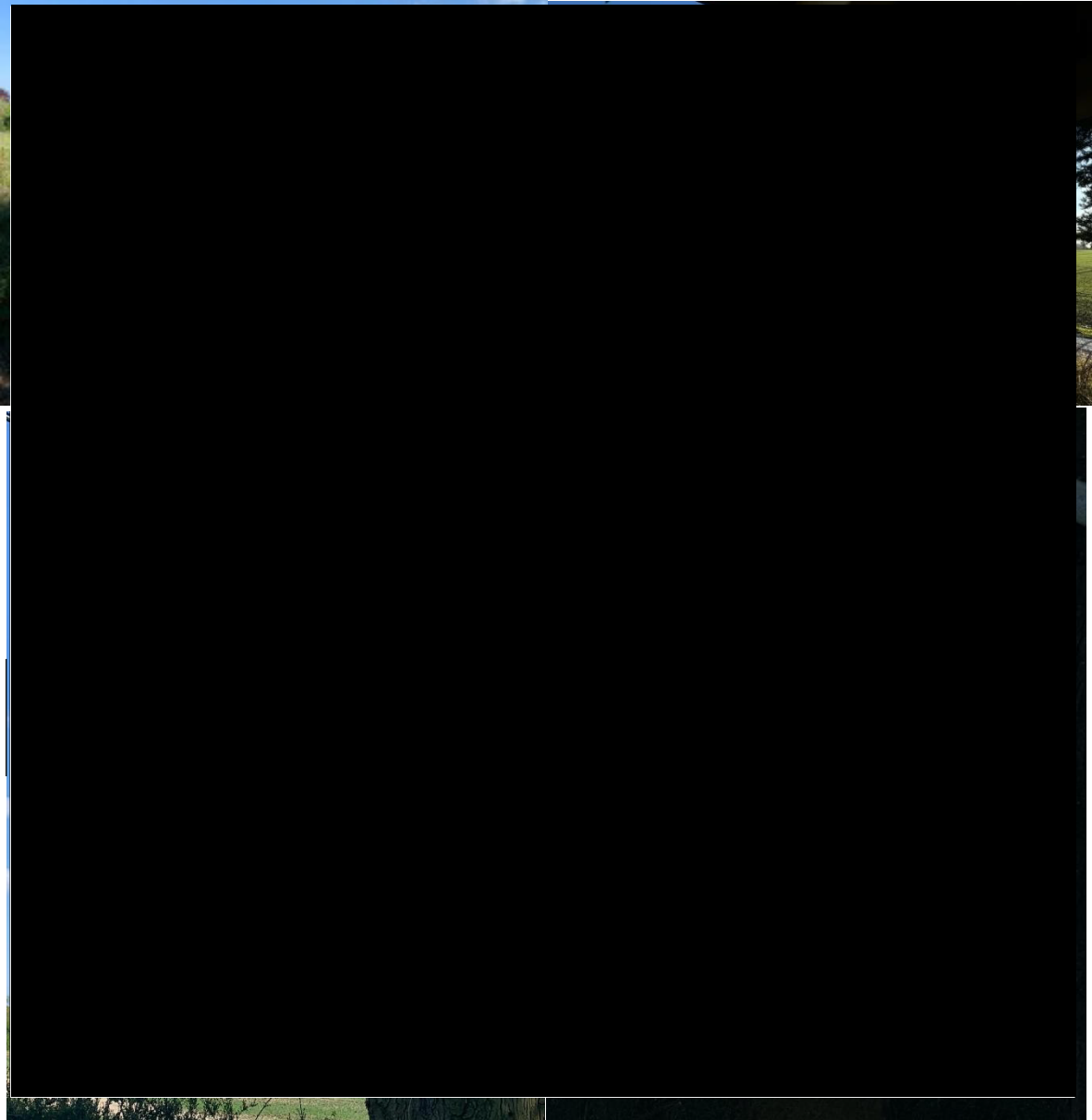
Owls breeding in 2022



Owls breeding in 2023



The Barn Owls were back in the nest box in early 2024, the large mature hedge and trees were removed in March 2024. The owls did not breed and left during the hedge destruction and have not come back.











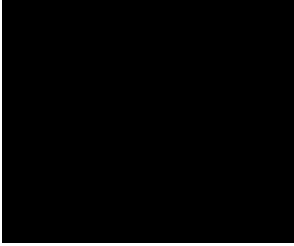
The field from [REDACTED] has a natural incline from the Brooke end all the way to Mill Lane/Littlebeck Lane. This incline will make it impossible to screen the solar farm from the houses on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as the solar panels would progressively increase in height as they move away from the village towards Mill Lane. The land increases in height by 9M from the [REDACTED]

The [REDACTED] would overlook a massive field of industrial black panels ever increasing in height moving away [REDACTED]. As the natural land increases in height, it would be impossible to screen any of this from [REDACTED]. This industrial view would be in the middle of the countryside and would have a massive negative impact on property values. As I was relying on downsizing in the future to support my retirement this potential negative impact is resulting extreme anxiety, stress and worry.



The site is very exposed and can be seen from every direction, it also has houses on three of the boundaries **Impact:**

Brooke is a conservation village and dates back to the time of the Domesday Book in 1086, meaning it is over 900 years old; installing a massive industrial solar complex almost up to the conservation area is just a ridiculous proposal and would have a massive negative impact on the area. A far better solution would be to install solar panels on existing buildings and new builds rather than defacing the countryside and removing valuable farm land.



5TH. February 2025

To whom it may concern,

Personal Impact Statement.

These are not thoughts I ever had intention to share.

Word association: Impact, CRASH, that is exactly how I would describe the impact of the application for an Industrial size solar site at the bottom of our garden.

When the image of your surroundings is altered, you realise just how much of your life is invested in those surroundings.

There is security in the objects and projections of happiness that surrounds those things, like a death, your home and the memories attached to that home, once compromised, threaten everything you believed to be true of your life.

We have been in this house for 30yrs, we rented the house for a year whilst looking for something else. We couldn't find anything so my husband said "let's buy this place, don't worry I will change it into a home you will love".

He has over the years, managed to do just that, we have created a house that we love and filled it with 30yrs of memories.

[REDACTED], we have had wildlife experiences that touch your soul, wild pigeons that will fly from my hand to my husband's hand and back, doves, partridges and pheasants that will eat from our hands.

One pheasant had her own Facebook page, we picked her up on the very field now proposed for solar panels, she was tiny and would not have survived the weather forecast for that night.

We brought her into the house, put her into a box on the rayburn and didn't expect her to make it through the night, but she did. We released her at 77 days old, we thought that would be it, but she came back.

She slept in our stables and finally left that autumn. She returned the following spring with one baby, the next year with five babies and the following year with incredibly, thirteen babies. This pheasant came into our house, she loved power

tools (we have video evidence), she would be beside us whilst we were working on the house.

To each other, we call our house 'the sanctuary', the place to come back to, to feel safe and secure, we celebrated our wedding here.

It seems to me, everything above is no more. Immediately that bubble is burst, that place is altered to become unrecognisable in your mind, your past and memories of that place are shattered and the image of your future is altered beyond recognition.

Not least, the uncertainty and financial implications, the value of our house is intrinsically linked to our future, it gives us choices or we thought it did. Significantly reduced value and certainly a reduced market (would you buy a house next to 150 acres of Industrial solar which will, in time be a scrapyard) throws our retirement and options into disarray.

We have become 'hostages' in our own home, the home we would eventually have moved on from to enable us to have a comfortable and self-funded retirement.

It is so shocking to the heart and mind and it is almost unbearable.

The dream of having my own horse at home has been my goal for as long as I can remember. I am now [REDACTED] old and my horse is 29, we are equally lame, she is definitely greyer than me but she is at home with us.

I was hoping that my life with horses would go on beyond my beloved girl, but I cannot face the prospect of having another horse here and riding next to the destruction of our countryside by industrial solar panels.

It is desperately sad that a dream attained could be destroyed overnight by anything, when it is a lie being sold to us under the threat that we must destroy our countryside, in order to save our planet, it is just FRAUD.

The strain that humankind's excessive consumption is putting on our planet is disastrous for the environment. We all need to consume less, whether it be plastic or otherwise, by all means ask us to 'GIVE UP' something to protect the planet, but not our countryside. I don't hear a rallying call from our government for us to consume less, fly less, use less energy.

The charity, Bite Back have shown that the 10 largest food manufacturers had combined carbon emissions world-wide, that significantly exceeded those of the entire global aviation industry and indeed, the emissions of the UK as a whole!

Cover those factories, wholesale units and supermarkets with solar if you must but don't tell me there is any justification for solar panels on farmland or the open countryside.

The thought of living with the threat of this project for several years is almost intolerable, lives will be ruined.

Sharing this feels like an assault on my privacy. I felt it was necessary, to show the degree of stress, worry and hopelessness I and no doubt many other people are feeling.

I crave the quietening of my mind but fear that it will not come any time soon.

When I go through our garden to my horse, I look at the surroundings, a few words of a poem go through my mind and I weep, every day.

“I missed you quietly today, so quietly that no one noticed.

I missed you so quietly today, but I felt it so loudly”.

[REDACTED], Island Green Power, East Pye Solar, your projects and policies are causing me distress, alarm and depression, what is the procedure for reporting this incident?

[REDACTED]

6th February 2025

Personal Impact Statement: Opposition to the Construction of Solar Farms on Adjacent Farmland

I am writing to formally express my opposition to the proposed solar farms to be constructed on the agricultural fields directly next to my property. While I fully support the transition to renewable energy, I have serious concerns about the significant negative impacts this development will have on my property, my quality of life, and the local environment.

Impact on Property Value and Marketability

First and foremost, I am deeply concerned about the impact this development will have on the value of my property. The construction of large-scale solar farms in such close proximity to my home would dramatically reduce its appeal to potential buyers. As it stands, the tranquil, rural setting is one of the primary features that attracted me to this area in the first place. The introduction of industrial infrastructure, including solar panels and associated equipment and fencing, will diminish the aesthetic and environmental qualities that make the location desirable.

I also worry about my ability to sell the property in the future. With the changing landscape and the industrialisation of what was once peaceful farmland, I fear that buyers will be deterred from considering my home, leaving me with limited options should I need or want to relocate. The potential stigma attached to living near an industrial site will make it harder to find a buyer at a fair price.

Industrialisation of Farmland

The rural countryside is increasingly at risk of becoming over-industrialised. Turning open farmland into a solar farm is a significant step in the wrong direction. Once this land is repurposed for industrial use, it is unlikely that it will ever return to its natural state or agricultural use. This not only impacts the local farming community, but also contributes to the degradation of our countryside, turning it into a site more akin to an industrial park than the working farm landscape that has historically defined this area.

Visual Impact on the Countryside

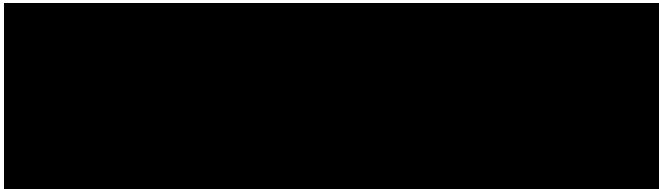
Another pressing concern is the visual impact this project will have on the surrounding countryside. My home is located in an area prized for its natural beauty, which greatly contribute to my well-being and enjoyment of the property. The installation of vast arrays of solar panels will forever alter the character of the landscape, creating an eyesore that will overshadow the

peaceful agricultural surroundings. The aesthetic damage caused by the large, mechanical appearance of solar farms will detract from the charm and peacefulness of the area for all who live here, visitors, and tourists who cherish the countryside.

In conclusion, while I recognize the importance of renewable energy initiatives, I strongly believe that this development is not appropriate for this area. The consequences for property value, the rural character of the land, and the visual landscape are too significant to overlook. I urge local authorities to consider alternative locations for the solar farm that do not negatively affect residents and the environment in this way.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of the sender.

5 February 2025

Impact Statement Opposing the Construction of Solar Farms on Farmland

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal for the construction of solar farms on agricultural land. While I fully support the transition to renewable energy, I believe that using productive farmland for solar energy production is not a sustainable or responsible solution. The following points outline the significant concerns regarding this proposal:

Loss of Arable Land for Food Production

Farmland is a finite resource, and the loss of productive agricultural land to solar farms could jeopardize our food security. With the global population rapidly increasing, it is crucial to preserve the land necessary for growing crops and raising livestock. Converting prime farmland into solar energy fields would reduce the availability of local food sources and make us more dependent on imported goods, which would have negative consequences on both the economy and the environment.

Negative Economic Impact on Farmers and Rural Communities

Farmers are the backbone of rural economies. Diverting farmland for solar energy production could lead to the displacement of local farmers, especially in regions where agriculture is the primary economic activity. The economic instability that may follow would affect families, small businesses, and communities that rely on agriculture for their livelihoods. The long-term economic consequences would outweigh the short-term benefits of renewable energy.

Environmental Impact and Land Degradation

While solar panels themselves are a clean energy source, the installation of solar farms often involves significant land disruption, soil compaction, and the loss of natural habitats. The process of clearing and preparing farmland for solar installation can lead to erosion, soil degradation, and a decline in biodiversity. Additionally, the long-term presence of large-scale solar farms may hinder natural ecological processes, making it more difficult for the land to return to agricultural use if needed in the future.

Better Alternatives for Solar Energy Development

Rather than taking valuable farmland out of production, we should explore more innovative ways to develop solar energy. Rooftop solar installations, brownfield sites, and areas of low agricultural value should be prioritized. Solar energy can be integrated into existing infrastructure, such as on the roofs of commercial buildings or along major highways and motorways, without sacrificing vital farmland. By utilizing these spaces, we can still meet our renewable energy goals without compromising food production or the economic wellbeing of rural communities.

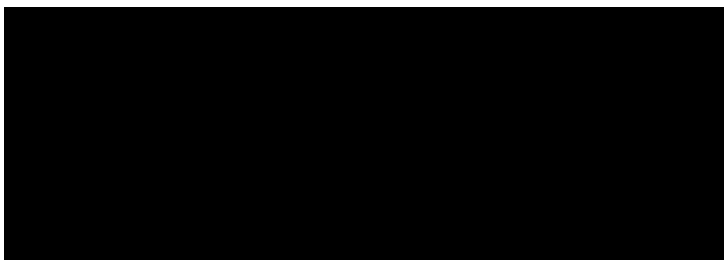
Cultural and Heritage Concerns

Agricultural land represents more than just a source of food; it is also part of our cultural heritage and identity. For many communities, farming is a way of life that has been passed down through generations. The construction of solar farms on farmland risks undermining this cultural connection to the land and disrupting rural traditions. The transition to renewable energy must be done in a way that respects and preserves local cultures and histories.

Conclusion

In conclusion, while the push for renewable energy is urgent and necessary, it is essential that we find solutions that do not come at the expense of our agricultural land, food security, or rural economies. The conversion of farmland into solar energy production areas is not a sustainable or balanced approach. I urge decision-makers to consider alternative sites for solar energy development and to prioritize the long-term health of our agricultural systems and communities.

Sincerely,





10th February 2026

PERSONAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Address: - [REDACTED]

EFFECTS OF PROPOSED EAST PYE SOLAR FARM (PARCEL 10)

My name is [REDACTED] and I am submitting this statement to outline the effect that the proposed East Pye Solar Farm, located across the B 1332, [REDACTED], would have on my daily life and wellbeing. Together with the negative impact the proposed East Pye Solar Farm will have on the area where I live.

In search of a countryside residence that offered peace and tranquillity I moved here some 24 years ago, with no inclination that the soul of the area would be under threat in years to come. My husband, [REDACTED] and I brought the then named [REDACTED] A beautiful 16th Century Grade II listed [REDACTED]. Thereafter, we became its custodians and together with the local council, who scrutinise every new planning application to ensure that it is in keeping with the ancient age of the property, [REDACTED] has remained well cared for and materially unchanged. Of course, solar panels on the roof are prohibited as they would be considered an eye saw and not in keeping with our property at all!

The Tumbledown Dick is well known in the village of Woodton and it has a rich history. The public house was painted by the well-known local artist, Edward Seago. A painting bought and in the possession of Michael Fleming the brother of Ian Fleming renowned for his James Bond novels. On 30th August 1939, two days before the outbreak of the 2nd World War two friends, Sir Alfred Munnings, one of England's most celebrated artists and Adrian Bell a poet, were found drinking at the Tumbledown Dick near Woodton. Both protectors of rural Britain, they were aware that the peace of the countryside might be shattered by war with Germany and they debated with animated dread at the prospect. To commemorate the evening Bell wrote a poem, 'At the Tumbledown Dick'.

History does have a way of repeating itself and although the East Pye Solar Farm cannot be compared with a German invasion the sheer size and scale of the project is worrying. In my case if the proposal were to go ahead the only Right of Way available to me would be barred by fifteen-foot solar panel structures stretching over acres and acres of A grade farmland, normally reserved for food production. A Solar Farm that would generate audible noise and unnatural and distracting glint and glare. An industrial estate in a place that should be reserved for farming and the rich diverse ecology that thrives here.

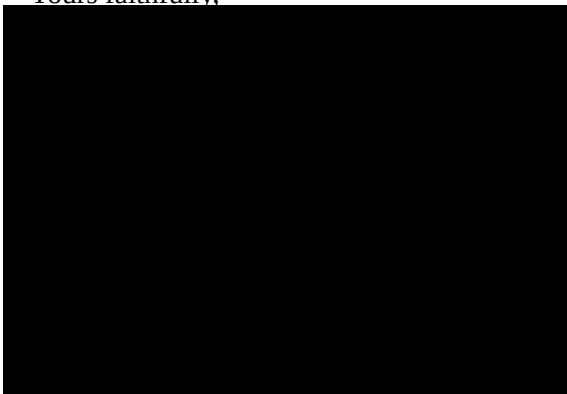
In addition, to living in a heritage property our garden and beyond supports a huge variety of wildlife. Deer, rabbits, squirrels, pheasants, red kite's, buzzards, birds typically associated with Norfolk gardens including woodpeckers and jays, and our barn owl box continues to be a success story. We also have a large pond where mallard ducks, moorhen's and a heron thrive. Sadly, hares that are often seen playing in the fields adjacent to Harvey Lane, that have been designated for Parcel 10 solar panels, are not visitors. Our fear is that the construction of the Solar Farm, despite planned mitigation, will be detrimental to the wellbeing of our wildlife.

The B 1332 Norwich to Bungay Road, [REDACTED], that runs alongside part of the proposed site, is to be used to carry heavy vehicles during the construction phase of the East Pye Solar Farm. This is of concern because the process will inevitably be disruptive and noisy on a road that is already busy. Woodton village has grown considerably over the past few years and despite an increase in traffic there has been no change to the infrastructure in the area.

Although, I support renewable energy in principle, the developments need to be appropriately located, and it is my belief that Norfolk has already been oversubscribed with Solar Farms and that the enormity of what is proposed in our area would be detrimental to all those that live in the vicinity. It would destroy our way of life and would take away all the positives that the area has to offer. Unfettered countryside, beauty, peace and tranquillity are but four from a long list of sacrifices that would have to be made. In addition, the detriment to mental health for residents living alongside and being surrounded by acre upon acre of fifteen-foot solar panel structures cannot be underestimated.

On these grounds I humbly request that permission for this project be declined.

Yours faithfully,

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[REDACTED]

07/04/2026

Hempnall Personal Impact Statement – East Pye Solar Farm

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed East Pye Solar Farm and its potential impact on the local area, community, and environment.

Environmental

1. Traffic Disturbance and Road Wear

The construction and maintenance of a solar farm of this scale will inevitably result in a significant increase in heavy goods vehicle (HGV) traffic along local rural roads. These roads are not designed to accommodate sustained high volumes of large vehicles, and this is likely to lead to increased congestion, noise, and disruption for residents. Additionally, the added strain will accelerate road wear and deterioration, leading to more frequent repairs and associated inconvenience.

2. Noise Impacts

The proposed development raises significant concerns in relation to noise, both during construction and throughout its operational lifetime. Construction activity and increased HGV movements will inevitably elevate noise levels over a prolonged period, disrupting what is currently a quiet rural environment.

3. Of particular concern is the operational noise associated with solar farm infrastructure, including inverters and transformers, which are known to emit a continuous low-frequency hum. In a rural setting where background noise levels are very low, even modest increases in noise can be highly perceptible and intrusive. This type of constant, tonal noise is widely recognised as being more disturbing than intermittent sounds, particularly during evenings, nights, and early mornings when ambient noise is at its lowest.
4. National planning guidance and standards such as World Health Organization and British Standards Institution emphasise the importance of protecting communities from adverse noise impacts, particularly where there is a noticeable acoustic character change. A continuous humming noise has the potential to exceed acceptable thresholds when assessed against existing background levels, leading to a significant adverse impact on residential amenity.

5. Furthermore, prolonged exposure to low-level but persistent noise has been linked to sleep disturbance, stress, and reduced overall wellbeing. Given the quiet nature of the surrounding area, there is a real risk that the introduction of constant operational noise would fundamentally alter the acoustic environment, eroding the sense of peace and tranquillity currently enjoyed by residents.

6. Loss of Agricultural Land

The proposed development would involve the use of productive agricultural land currently used for crop cultivation. This raises concerns about the long-term loss of valuable farmland, particularly at a time when food security and sustainable local food production are increasingly important. The repurposing of fertile land for energy generation may not represent the most balanced or responsible land-use decision.

Personal

1. Impact on Walking and Cycling

The local area is used by residents and visitors for walking and cycling, contributing to both physical wellbeing and enjoyment of the countryside. Increased traffic, particularly during the construction phase, could make roads less safe and less appealing for these activities. This may discourage outdoor recreation and reduce the quality of life for those who rely on these routes.

2. Wildlife and Ecosystems

The development has the potential to disrupt local wildlife and established ecosystems. Construction activity, fencing, and long-term land use changes could fragment habitats and displace species. While solar farms are often presented as environmentally friendly, their local ecological impact should not be overlooked, particularly in rural areas with sensitive biodiversity.

3. Light Disturbance

The introduction of security lighting and potential glare from solar panels may alter the natural light conditions of the area. Increased artificial lighting could contribute to light pollution, affecting both residents and nocturnal wildlife. The rural character of the area, currently defined by low light levels and dark skies, may be significantly diminished.

4. Impact on Mental Health and Wellbeing

The combined effects of increased noise—including persistent operational hum— traffic, light disturbance, and the industrialisation of a previously rural landscape may have a negative impact on residents' mental health and wellbeing. Peaceful surroundings, access to nature, and a sense of tranquillity are important contributors to mental health. The loss of these

qualities could lead to increased stress, anxiety, and a reduced quality of life for those living nearby.

Conclusion

While I recognise the importance of renewable energy in addressing climate change, it is essential that developments are carefully sited and managed to minimise negative impacts on local communities and environments. In this case, the cumulative effects on traffic, noise (including tonal and continuous operational noise), infrastructure, agricultural land, recreational use, biodiversity, light disturbance, and mental wellbeing raise significant concerns that should be fully addressed before any approval is granted.



20260211 - Personal Impact Statement - Fritton - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

2026

10 February

TO WHOM IT CONCERNS

OBJECTION TO EAST PYE SOLAR FARM

My name [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I am directly affected by the East Pye Solar farm proposal and wish to be registered and included in the book of reference as a Category 3 person in respect of that proposal.

I would like to claim compensation for all personal losses and harm which result or will result from this proposal affecting the area north of the village of Fritton.

I moved to the area in 1989 to work as a [REDACTED] away. I have lived in my present house since 1992. As a resident of Fritton since then and [REDACTED] I have a very strong claim to knowing the area intimately and I got to know almost [REDACTED] [REDACTED] which covered well over 100 square miles, including Fritton and Hempnall, the villages nearest to my home and most closely affected by the proposal. It is no surprise that most local residents share my objections and some have additional objections.

[REDACTED] the Grade 1 listed 12th century St Catherine's Church directly opposite are in the Conservation Area designated by South Norfolk Council. [REDACTED] Grade 2 listed and is directly opposite and less than 25m from the proposed solar farm on the field on the other side of the road; the solar arrays would be a similar distance from the church. In December 2019 the Council published its 'Fritton Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Guidelines' (available on its website <https://www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/planning/conservation/conservationareas/conservation-areas-in-south-norfolk>) which stresses the importance of the historical, scientific, architectural, agricultural, natural and visual aspects of the immediate area. The tranquil rural environment and every one of these various features would be permanently and irretrievably destroyed by the industrialisation of the area by a solar farm. The proposed arrays, 4.3m in height and much higher than standard ones, would contribute greatly to the visual upset for us. A 13m tall Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) is proposed for a position in clear line of sight from my property. Light pollution from security features, glare and glint from the sun, and electrical and construction noise pollution would be intolerable. Residential property including

mine has already suffered a reduction in value directly from the proposal to build a solar farm, and that value would drop further still by the actual presence of a solar farm. To put a solar farm in a place with similar visual, historic, natural and peaceful qualities such as Hampstead Heath or Regent's Park would never be considered or countenanced. It is extraordinary and unreasonable that productive farmland and this area should be destroyed by a solar farm.

I fear for my welfare and those of my family and local people if the solar farm goes ahead at all. I chose to live and work in South Norfolk precisely because of its rural nature with its seasonally changing character and views, because of its tranquillity, and because of the sense of natural rhythm which mean so much to me and those who live here. It is unacceptable to destroy it.

I have many objections, principally:-

- The loss of high-quality agricultural land would never be reversed. Even with political will and the predicted removal of the infrastructure several decades hence, the natural constitution of productive soil would be lost for good. Domestic food security is even more important than ever because of severe and widespread geopolitical trouble. The government's document (United Kingdom Food Security Report 2021: Theme 2: UK Food Supply Sources, Updated 22 October 2024 <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/united-kingdom-food-securityreport-2021/united-kingdom-food-security-report-2021-theme-2-uk-food-supply-sources>) makes the risk of food insecurity clear. It states that just under half of the actual food on plates is produced in the UK; and that degradation of this natural capital, the soil and agricultural land, poses an underlying threat to the UK's ability to produce food. Many different sources and authorities have published other documents and studies of a similar nature in decades past as well as increasingly in recent years.
- Flora and fauna: there is an extraordinary amount of wildlife here, in the air and on the ground, whose survival is wholly dependent on that natural ground. All insects and animals would suffer greatly from the loss of their habitat, as well as the permanent restriction imposed by fencing, and the physical structures of the arrays. Extremely severe environmental damage has already been demonstrated in a study by the Welsh Government at the much smaller Llanwern solar plant of 145ha. East Pye is much bigger, 1100ha. An important finding was that mitigation measures announced before the development have not worked. Where public projects are concerned lessons are almost never learned.
- Traffic: this village sits astride the C201 road from Norwich to Starston. The road is completely unsuitable for the heavy and prolonged construction traffic required to build a solar farm. All the other villages on this road have speed limits of 30mph, yet Fritton is the only one whose speed limit is 40mph even though it has no pavements or street lighting, safety features

which are generally accompanied by a 30mph limit or lower. Despite detailed representations to Norfolk Council to remind it of national government guidelines and the separate Police guidelines that rural villages should have a speed limit of 30mph, or perhaps less if they do not have street lights, pavements or where there are additional hazards (schools, difficult bends etc), Norfolk County Council has confirmed it will not reduce our speed limit and has refused to explain its disregard of the guidelines.

In summary the East Pye Solar proposal for this area and for my village is for many reasons detrimental to the wellbeing of those who live here, and highly damaging to the natural environment of soil, fauna and flora. The very name '*solar farm*' deliberately and misleadingly suggests an entity in harmony with the countryside, but is the very opposite. In reality it is an enormous industrial factory wrecking farmland, nature, and rural culture. A solar factory once built is also practically irreversible. There is strong feeling that local opinion is being wilfully ignored, and this aggravates the matter further. I oppose it.



20260211 - PERSONAL IMPACT STATEMENT - Fritton - [REDACTED]

PERSONAL IMPACT STATEMENT

To: The Planning Inspectorate / East Pye Solar Project Team Regarding: Objection to East Pye

Solar Farm Proposal Date: February 11, 2026

Name: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

1. Introduction and Reason for Residency

I moved to my home in Fritton in 2022. The primary motivation for this move was the unspoilt countryside, the quietness of the village and surrounding areas, and the desire for a secluded, safe, rural location for my child to grow up in. This development threatens the very qualities of life that led me to choose this community.

2. Disproportionate Regional Burden and Unfair Targeting

I am deeply concerned that Norfolk, and South Norfolk in particular, is being disproportionately targeted for solar development compared to the rest of the UK.

- **Regional Imbalance:** While government ministers claim solar only covers roughly 0.1% to 0.4% of the UK's total land, researchers and local campaign groups (CPRE) have identified that in parts of South Norfolk, the concentration of proposed solar is closer to 10% of the land.
- **The "Power Station" Effect:** Norfolk County Council has formally expressed concerns that the county is being unfairly pressured to become a "power station for London". I believe that renewable energy infrastructure should be spread more equitably across the UK to ensure no single rural community is forced to lose its identity.
- **Alternative Siting:** National targets could be met more sustainably by prioritizing rooftop solar on commercial buildings and brownfield sites before industrializing productive Norfolk farmland.

3. Cumulative Impact: The Industrial Patchwork

The East Pye Solar proposal (approx. 2,700 acres) must not be viewed in isolation.

- **Cluster Pressure:** When combined with the neighboring 3,600-acre Tasway Energy Park and other nearby schemes like High Grove (4,000 acres), the

result is a continuous "industrial zone" of fencing, cabling, and battery storage that spans tens of thousands of acres.

- Community Harm: This "patchwork of industrial installations" creates an unacceptable cumulative harm that fragments wildlife habitats and permanently alters the rural fabric of Norfolk more dramatically than any change in living memory.

4. Impact on Landscape, Safety, and Wellbeing

- Visual Amenity: Panels up to 4.5 meters high will replace natural scenery. Mitigation through hedging can take 15 years to reach effective height, meaning my child will grow up in an industrial shadow.
- Traffic: Construction will bring an estimated 96 HGV movements per day to rural lanes like The Street, Fritton and the B1527, which are entirely unsuitable for this volume of industrial traffic.
- Mental Wellbeing: Living "hemmed in" by miles of security fencing and CCTV causes a profound sense of loss and stress for residents who moved here for peace and connection to nature.

3. Traffic and Construction Disruption

The construction phase will bring heavy vehicles, noise, dust, and significant disruption to local roads. This would directly affect my ability to travel safely and comfortably, particularly along The Street, Fritton and the B1527 Bungay Road, neither of which are designed for sustained heavy vehicle use.

4. Loss of Agricultural Land

The land designated for this farm is currently productive agricultural land. Its loss reduces local food-growing capacity and causes a long-term shift away from farming. As someone who values the agricultural heritage of this area

Food Security: Norfolk County Council recently pledged (January 2026) to protect 16,000 acres of council-owned farmland, citing that "Norfolk has had too many solar farms already" and we must prioritize arable land that feeds the country.

Irreversible Damage: Converting these fields for a 60-year term causes irreversible damage to soil character and the agricultural heritage of South Norfolk.

5. Emotional and Wellbeing Impact

Living in such close proximity to an industrial-scale solar farm will cause me significant stress and a sense of loss. I deliberately moved here for the peaceful rural environment. If this receives approval, the area I rely on for relaxation, recreation, and connection to nature will be significantly diminished, directly impacting my mental wellbeing.

6. Cumulative Impact

The East Pye proposal directly affects both Fritton and Morningthorpe. When viewed alongside the nearby Tasway proposal, the cumulative effect risks transforming our rural landscape into a patchwork of industrial installations. This is not a sustainable or balanced approach to meeting energy needs and places an unfair burden on our local villages.

7. Noise, Glare, and Wildlife

While often described as quiet, the inverters, transformers, and maintenance activities generate noise that will be noticeable in our quiet environment. Furthermore, the construction and subsequent operation will undoubtedly disturb habitats, restrict animal movement (including deer, hares, and birds of prey), and reduce the biodiversity currently present around my home.

Conclusion

I support renewable energy in principle, but developments must be appropriately located and proportionate. The scale and proximity of the East Pye Solar Farm would have a significant negative effect on my daily life, mental wellbeing and the character of my home. I respectfully request that the application be refused.

20260227 - Personal Impact Statement - Stoke - [REDACTED]

Personal impact statement [REDACTED]

I live in Stoke Holy Cross, an adjacent village to the proposed East Pye scheme. The farm has been in our family for over a century, and we have lived here since 1920.

“Because of my long-standing connection to this land and community, I strongly object to the East Pye Scheme and the irreversible harm it would cause. The rural areas in these photos are all views of the countryside of the proposed scheme. By prioritising rooftop solar on existing industrial buildings, renewable energy can be expanded without sacrificing productive farmland or rural heritage such as its ancient field patterns.

The village communities of South Norfolk live here and our life stories are intertwined to this landscape.



St Catherine's Church,
Fritton with snowdrops
and daffodils looking
towards **the north side,**
a field of the
proposed scheme
(Photo by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 23rd Feb 2026)

The proposed scheme would industrialise a landscape that is both agriculturally productive and historically significant—particularly the historic route of the Pye Road/A140 whose significance few know about and whose legacy the proposal overlooks.



Walkers in the distance,
Fairstead lane to the **North**
and South the fields are of
the proposed scheme which
would obscure any views,
only solar panels would be
visible (Photo by
[REDACTED] 22rd Feb
2026)

The vast area in question is productive farmland and a delicate natural habitat, rich in history and valued for its tranquillity and heritage. The scheme is unsuitable and harmful for this attractive, rural area.



That the proposed scheme is placed on the historic route of the Pye Road/A140 and named after it is in my view, inappropriate and disregards the area's legacy. It commercialises or misrepresents our heritage.



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Ancient Oak tree looking south to field of the proposed scheme at B1527 and the Roman road A140 junction (Photo by [REDACTED] 23rd



Roundabout on B1527 and the Roman Road A140 with **fields of the proposed scheme to the East and West** (Photo by [REDACTED] 23rd Feb 2026)

Environmental concerns are paramount. There is no credible evidence that farmland, once converted for industrial use, can be restored to its original state. The loss of habitat by the proposed scheme would negatively impact local wildlife and disrupt established ecosystems.



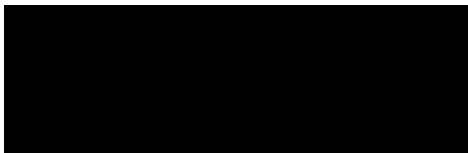
**Field in the proposed scheme at
The Street, Fritton with two hares.**
(Photo by [REDACTED]
23rd Feb 2026)

Chalk streams are often referred to as 'England's rainforests' due to their biodiversity and ecological value. Chalk streams—formed over 10,000 years—are globally rare ecosystems. Seventeen percent of chalk streams were in good ecological status (Environment agency, 2019). Sixty-two of Norfolk's counsellors demand urgent action to protect these rare chalk streams (Norfolk Wildlife Trust, 19 02 25). There are specific risks with the proposed development such as soil compaction, run off an shading. Any alteration to surrounding land use risks degrading water quality, flow patterns, and the habitats dependent on them.



North/South clear flowing
stream village of Hempnall 23rd
February 2026

or these reasons, I respectfully urge the planning authorities to reconsider this proposal in favour of alternatives that protect South Norfolk's heritage, biodiversity and productive countryside





20260303 - Personal Impact Statement - Saxlingham Nethergate -

3rd March 2026

To whom it may concern,

Re: Personal Impact Statement of the proposed East Pye Solar Development

As a resident of Saxlingham Nethergate, who's property is at the heart of the village, I would like to submit the following for consideration.

- **Impact of national food security:** [REDACTED], I am deeply concerned about the implications this development poses for land availability and national food security. The UK already relies heavily on food imports, sourcing nearly 50% of the food it consumes from abroad, including approximately 85% of its fruit and 50% of its vegetables. The proposed loss of some of our most productive and valuable arable land stands in direct contradiction to national ambitions to strengthen food security and reduce dependence on external supply chains. At a time when resilience, sustainability, and domestic food production are increasingly recognised as strategic priorities, the removal of highquality agricultural land risks undermining progress toward a more secure and selfsufficient food system.

In addition, personally, as residents of [REDACTED] situated within [REDACTED], on the proposed AIL and HGV route, I wish to record the following concerns:

- **Risk to house structure:** Our 400-year-old timber-framed house, on stone or rubble shallow foundations, is at serious risk from AIL movements weighing 150– 200 tonnes. The building and its utilities infrastructure were not designed to withstand such sustained vibration and loading.
- **Loss of safe pedestrian access:** Removal of the grass verge and pavement opposite our home will eliminate our ability to enter or exit safely on foot. As our property sits on a corner, road-widening and faster-moving traffic will create unacceptable safety hazards.
- **Night-time disturbance:** All our bedrooms bedroom sits only a few feet from the road, making noise, vibration, and lighting impacts particularly severe.

- **Impact on professional life:** As a [REDACTED] professional working from home on [REDACTED], construction disturbance will significantly impair my ability to perform my role.
- **Impact on village and community life:** Saxlingham Nethergate is a predominantly listed Conservation Area. The project threatens the character, cohesion, and wellbeing of the community we have invested in building.
- **Loss of property value:** We purchased our Grade II listed home in a Conservation Area in 2014 in good faith. Since November 2024, estate agents have advised that our home is effectively unsaleable until the application is refused or, if approved, fully built out—likely years away. Buyers cannot assess the scheme's impact on landscape, traffic, and heritage assets.
- **Overall impact on mental health:** Since first learning of the proposal in October 2024, I have experienced significant anxiety, distress, and concern for our long-term future in our home and village.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

20260218 - Personal Impact Statement - Saxlingham Nethergate - [REDACTED]

Impact Statement - Proposed East Pye Solar Development PINS Reference: EN0110014 (Long Stratton and Surrounding Villages)

We live [REDACTED] part of the conservation area. We are exceedingly close to part of the development and directly adjoin one of the proposed access routes to the site.

We moved here 16 years ago largely due to it being a lovely tranquil rural (pastoral) location away from traffic and industrial developments. The proposed East Pye solar PV development will have a material impact on our quiet enjoyment of our property and our enjoyment of the surrounding countryside. Indeed it will completely change the nature of the area and indeed pretty much destroy all the reasons we moved here in the first place.

We are especially concerned about the construction phase of the development which will have a

massive impact on us in terms of noise (traffic and contraction) and overall impact on the surrounding environment.

We would like to specifically like to highlight the following:

1. Site Access: Our property directly adjoins a farm track East Pye intend to use for access to the site, both during construction and thereafter.

The [REDACTED] itself is a narrow, single track road which is part of [REDACTED] and is in constant need of repairs (it's just been resurfaced, but no doubt by this time next year will be full of potholes and road subsidence again) and it simply is not suitable for use by the countless HGVs and machinery needed to supply the site. Not to mention the danger to the pedestrians who use it (including individuals in wheelchairs [REDACTED]). Note Cargate Lane, a much bigger, wider road has had signs on it saying "Not Suitable For HGVs".

As a related point on one our outbuildings (a typical Norfolk clay lump building) faces directly onto [REDACTED] at its narrowest point and there is every possibility that the hugely wide HGVs that will be using [REDACTED] will hit and damage the building.

If the scheme goes ahead access to the site both during construction and thereafter should be via Broaden Lane.

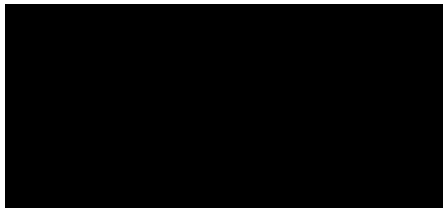
As for the farm track, it is currently a narrow, muddy, countryside track. For use as a construction access point it will no doubt need widening, metalling and for mature trees to be felled (within the conservation area) for site lines onto [REDACTED] from rural/agricultural to industrial. This will completely change the nature of this part of [REDACTED] and adjoining land.

More generally it seems utterly ludicrous that the proposed “two way” route to this area of the scheme is through Saxlingham Nethergate. That road is completely unsuitable for HGVs. Such use would be a substantial hazard to all other road users (pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, etc) and most likely also properties close to the route.

2. Disturbance: There will be substantial noise disturbance and pollution impact to our property during (and potentially after) construction. If the scheme goes ahead working and delivery hours should be restricted to 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Also all footpaths should be kept open during construction and not closed just to make life easier for East Pye.

3. Landscape/Visual Impact/Amenity loss: The visual impact upon attractive countryside from acre upon acre of panels, fencing, roadways and cameras will be huge. The loss of amenity will be substantial. As explained above, we moved to [REDACTED] because it is in a lovely tranquil pastoral setting, it will completely change our enjoyment of the property to have to look at walk through corridors of wire fencing, cameras and 4m+ high panels.

4. Ecology: We have spent 16 years building/developing a wildlife haven in our garden. In this respect, there is a pond at the back of our garden which has Great Crested Newts in it (we have photographic evidence) and having an industrial complex so close, not to mention construction traffic and a construction site so close, is clearly inappropriate. East Pye have also never visited the site to carry out an ecological survey, which makes you wonder how seriously they take ecological issues.



Personal Impact Statement of East Pye Solar Project

Impact on house structure.

Church Hill and surrounding areas lie within a historically sensitive landscape, with Saxon and medieval significance. Heavy goods vehicle routing via narrow rural roads close to heritage properties could cause significant and irreparable damage.

Given the proposed tonnage of the vehicles (150-200 tonnes for the abnormal indivisible loads (AIL)), the fact that we are within one meter of the road, and that our house is over 400 years old, is a timber frame with no foundations and listed, we are deeply concerned on the impact this will have the structure of our property. It was not built to withstand this kind of sustained structural strain.

This property is an essential part of the character and history of Saxlingham Nethergate and should be protected at all costs. [REDACTED], it retains many features such as stained-glass windows donated during the local church renovations in the 1800's, potentially dating back many hundreds of years. Given its significance, a photograph of the house appears on the front

[REDACTED] and the property is mentioned in several historical publications.

Impact on the soil and infrastructure surrounding the property.

These include water supplies, drains, electricity cables and overhead internet cables servicing our home.

Construction traffic disturbance.

The main bedrooms of the property are at ground-level and only a few feet from the road.

The first-floor bedroom window also looks directly onto the road below. It is noted on the East Pye website that "Where practicable, construction deliveries will be coordinated to avoid HGV movements during the traditional AM peak hour (08:00-09:00) and PM peak hour (17:00-18:00)." This suggests that as well as having the usual noise from peak time traffic, we will also be expected to endure construction traffic disturbance outside of these hours, such as during the day, evenings and weekends. This totally destroys the peace and tranquillity

which we consider a core reason for choosing to live here. Traffic requirements are yet again being above the well-being of the local community.

Added to that, if this proposal goes ahead, heavy construction traffic will be passing within a few feet of all our bedrooms. Not only will this affect our ability to sleep, the stress and anxiety caused by this amount of heavy traffic passing by so closely while we sleep, and the potential dangers, will have a significant impact on our mental and physical wellbeing.

Unsafe exit and entry to the property.

Given that we are directly on the proposed AIL and HGV route, reduced safety is likely to be highly significant. Already the volume and speed of traffic have increased significantly in the time we have lived here. Additionally, if the highway is altered, there will be no requirement for vehicles to reduce their speed in order to pass the oncoming traffic. Exiting onto the highway will become perilous. Removing pavements and verges to widen the highway in order to accommodate AIL's will further remove any safe pedestrian route to our home, making accessing our property on foot both dangerous and difficult.

Property value and saleability.

In early 2025, we made the decision to move house, (but to stay in Saxlingham Nethergate) due to a need to reduce our maintenance costs, energy costs, obtain a larger garden, and provide more off-road parking for vehicles and visitors to our property. Since the announcement of the East Pye Solar, our property has becoming increasingly unsaleable and less appealing to buyers. Until the application is either refused planning permission or, if granted, completed, which may take many years due to grid connection availability, we are trapped in a property that has become unsuitable for our needs, and exceeds our planned expenditure at this stage of our lives. Additionally, loss of property value limits our choices in obtaining a new property elsewhere.

Additionally, prospective buyers who may have been attracted to a rural, countryside property surrounded by wildlife and country walks, will no longer consider Saxlingham Nethergate a suitable option.

Safeguarding of school children and other pedestrians.

The pavements around the village are already incredibly narrow in places. It is just not safe to have large construction traffic navigating bends and rural roads where pedestrians are using these narrow highways.

Impact on the local environment.

We regularly walk and exercise in the surrounding countryside. This will become limited if this proposal goes ahead, affecting my physical and mental wellbeing.

Additionally, this proposal would have a major impact on the wildlife and nature in the area, restricting movement of a number of species. This area is a vibrant, natural environment and this project is nothing more than environmental vandalism which will destroy ours and nature's habitat for generations. All of which causes me huge distress.

Financial impact and earning capacity.

Based on previous case studies from Cleve Hill in Kent, <https://stopeastparkenergy.com/anightmare-the-grim-reality-of-living-next-to-a-mega-solar-building-site/> the noise and disturbance will likely impact my ability to work, as well as affecting my mental and physical health, which will have further knock-on effects on my financial situation.

Impact on way of life.

Much of the village is a conservation area and listed. The East Pye Solar Plan threatens our sense of community and the future we have worked hard to build.

Impact on my mental health and anxiety levels.

Since learning about the East Pye Solar Initiative I have been deeply concerned, depressed and anxious about what the future holds for the remainder of our lifetime.

20260224 - Personal Impact Statement - Topcroft - [REDACTED]

My name is [REDACTED], I was born and raised in Shotesham until I got married and moved to Topcroft. I have lived in the area affected by the proposals my entire life ([REDACTED]) and am particularly familiar with the local area and landscape.

This has changed over the years, as all things should, with more houses, buildings etc. but the character of the area has not been destroyed. The East Pye Solar Development will change this, dramatically altering not only the local landscape but the rural feel of the area and all but eradicating the local character. This is open rolling hills and deep valleys which is a rare commodity in Norfolk, particularly with how unspoilt it currently is.

Hence, I feel I must write this statement to lodge my strong objections to the proposals and to take the opportunity to explain not only how it will affect me personally, but how I feel it will permanently and negatively affect all local residents and seasonal visitors alike.

The development will be visible to me from every access to my village. It will line all my usual routes in and out of the village, impacting every journey I make in my daily life and every opportunity I have to enjoy the area in which I live, whether that be waking, cycling or riding my horses. This will negatively impact my mood and wellbeing as it will that of all local residents. South Norfolk District Council place a great deal of emphasis on the benefits of amenity and biodiversity within the Greater Norwich Local Plan and SPD policies, as does Norfolk County Council and National Planning Policy (paras 135 and 137). Paragraph 138 of the GNLP states that;

'Achieving sustainable development is at the heart of the planning system. This means striving to meet social, economic, and environmental needs to provide a good quality of life for existing and future generations'

The proposals will disproportionately affect the ability of everyone, residents and visitors alike, to enjoy the local area and cause irreparable damage to the associated amenity value. This goes against the above statement and the ethos of healthy and sustainable development.

I love seeing the open fields which, given the undulating hilly nature of the area, allow long-ranging views of the local countryside as supported by the South Norfolk Landscape Susceptibility SPD. Observing the landscape changing with the season and the farming year has dictated the local character of the area for as long as I can remember. South Norfolk Council have a number of policies aimed at protecting the character of the local area and the views it provides such as those contained within the South Norfolk Place-Making Guide SPD and Policy 2 of the GNLP among others. Norfolk County Council and National Planning Policy also contain several policies aimed at preserving and enhancing the local landscape character and views. I have seen no satisfactory evidence that the immense harm a development project such as this will do to the local character has been appropriately assessed or mitigated. The proposed hedging designed to screen the solar panels from surrounding areas for example will only work if you are stood right next to the hedges themselves and only then during summer months. The expansive views which define the overarching character of the area along

with its agricultural nature will remain irreversibly damaged as a result of the development. This is contrary to the aims of all levels of planning policy.

I am also incredibly concerned about the developments effect on the wildlife of the local area. Given the highly rural nature of the area the local ecosystem is virtually unspoilt by human intervention with many endangered species, insects and habitats present both within the area earmarked for development and the local area. I am concerned how the removal of so many fields, including areas managed for ecological benefit in accordance with the governments sustainable farming practices, will affect grazing and reduce existing habitats and meadows, essential for both insect and small animal life. How the inherent glare generated from the panels will affect local and migrating bird life and how effectively closing off large areas of the landscape will disrupt foraging and migration patterns. I have personally been following a herd of between 30-50 Red Deer (depending on the time of year) who have a migration route through Topcroft and have taken great joy from watching them grow and thrive.

The development area includes a number of mature oak trees which are marked as to be removed. I'm sure someone will propose they will be replaced; however, these replacements will take many decades to effectively offset the biodiversity losses of these mature trees. It's not just a case of removing an old tree and replacing with another young one somewhere else, some of these trees are hundreds of years old.

The root system of trees and hedges not only absorb water they help to maintain the integrity of the land and soil system. They provided a semi-permeable barrier which acts as a wind break in fierce winds and snow, significantly reducing the effects of strong winds, protecting both plants and property as well as wildlife.

South Norfolk Council has a number of policies including the emerging Greater Norwich Green Infrastructure Strategy Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and the GNLP Policy 3 Environmental Protection and Enhancement aimed at protecting biodiversity and National policy has recently been amended to ensure biodiversity net gains are a part of every planning application (NPPF paras 187 - 201). Given the above, I believe these proposals are in contravention of all of these policies and the ethos behind them. The land take of the development alone will cause serious and irreparable harm to valued local ecosystems.

Norfolk is also an agricultural area, growing crops like barley, wheat and sugar beet to name but a few. These crops have been grown successfully in this area for centuries and form an important part of the local economy and food supply chain. Norfolk has some of the best agricultural land in the country, removing so much of it and effectively sterilising it against future food production, by introducing underground utilities and shading the soil for so many years, will increase further the pressure on food production both locally and nationally. We only have so many areas of fertile agricultural land left for growing food and if this land is no longer agricultural, where will these crops be grown?

Flooding is an increasing problem in all areas of the UK. We currently benefit locally from natural "helper" vegetation such as hedgerows which reduce erosion and slow floodwater and mature trees such as Oaks who need 10 to 15 gallons of water a week. Agricultural practices also increase water uptake and increase

ground cover, reducing the volume of flooding and slowing flows whilst also acting to reduce erosion and flooding impacts downstream. The proposed development will act to concentrate rainfall in multiple runnels between each row of panels, whilst effectively starving the soil beneath them from rainfall. This will have devastating effects locally, increasing the speed of flooding and the level of erosion, whilst also creating areas of rain shadowed soil where little to no plant growth will allow dry compacted earth to be easily eroded by wind. South Norfolk and North Norfolk Councils both have extensive policy regarding the effective management of flood risk (GNLP Policy 3, Development Management Policies Document) as does national policy (NPPF Paragraph 170 – 182). I believe the proposals are in contravention of these policies and have not provided sufficient mitigation, management or justification for going against them.

Developers would lead us to believe that solar farms are quiet, yet the inverters, transformers and general maintenance of all the equipment will certainly act to increase noise. I am specifically concerned about the constant low level background noise, which will be particularly noticeable in the quiet rural landscape as defined by the South Norfolk Landscape Susceptibility SPD. This will be particularly difficult to mitigate given the open natural nature of the local landscape and will be especially detrimental to the health and enjoyment of local residents, due to its incessant nature.

The development will also increase traffic, particularly of a HGV nature, which will lead to increased noise and pollution.

As touched upon above the glare from the panels may potentially impact passing traffic leading to increased accidents on the narrow and often winding country lanes surrounding the development. There are also flight paths across South Norfolk, with Norwich Airport themselves regularly objecting to planning proposals on the grounds of increased glare and safety concerns for pilots. The RAF and American Air Force also regularly carry out day and night training exercises over the area proposed for the solar farm. I have not seen any assessment of the glare risk to overhead aviation and therefore have concerns this has not been adequately assessed.

I also understand the electricity produced by these panels is partly for the new homes being built at Long Stratton, it is SNDC policy for developments over 10 houses to have 10% of homes with solar panels which begs the question of why this development is needed? The area of countryside which has been lost to provide the housing mentioned has already caused harm to the local environment. Is it necessary to compound this further with an oversized solar farm? It would seem from my layman's perspective that local residents and the local landscape are being asked to suffer the consequences and live with the long term effects of energy generation which will be fed into the national grid for use elsewhere, without reaping any of the benefits.

My MP has led me to believe the reason that all new houses do not have solar panels is that they cannot be built quick enough to satisfy the Government's targets for net zero. But a new housing development is built much quicker with less devastation than this proposal. And yes, I understand housing development will not produce as much energy, but the number of new houses that do not have

solar panels would have reduced the need and scale of the proposed solar farm would it not? Micro scale generation is also inherently more sustainable and requires less investment and maintenance as strategic scale infrastructure is not needed and the upkeep rests with the householder.

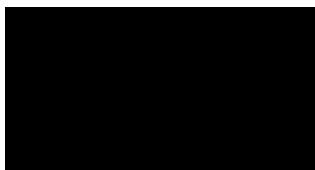
We are led to believe these solar panels are to produce energy to contribute to "Net Zero" yet all the heavy machinery, lorries, cables etc. that is needed for this brand new "development" contradicts that.

The proposals include blocking access to footpaths locally. If a footpath is blocked, there will be complaints to the Local Highways Agency, who will be tasked with investigating and prosecuting. People love to walk in the Countryside as it is good for mind, body and soul. Which is why so many were thankful when "The "Right to Roam" in England was entered into law. This is primarily governed by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, which allows public access to certain types of land for recreational purposes. The Ramblers Association has between 100k and 143k members, all people who love to walk in the Countryside. If you then add in all those who like to walk, run, and jog the figures are much, much higher. Many of the villages in this area organize walks through the countryside during the summer months. This will not happen if rights of way are closed or re-directed around unsightly solar panels, denying many who not only gain exercise from these walks but companionship, conversation and social interaction.

Some people love to live in noisy, bustling areas, I don't, it's not me, it makes me tense and nervous, I need peace, quiet, wildlife and serenity for my mental and physical wellbeing, which is why I chose to live where I do.

The most awful thing is that most won't realise the dreadful, horrific full consequences of the proposed solar development until its too late.

Yours



20260224 - Personal Impact Statement - Tharston - [REDACTED]

Personal impact statement

[REDACTED]

I have lived in South Norfolk since 1994, to begin with in a small farm labourers cottage in Wacton Village, then in several of the villages including Newton Flotman, Mulbarton and now Tharston. On my mother's side my family's roots lie deep in the countryside of South Norfolk. My grandmother being born in Banham and her father an agricultural farm labourer. My great grandparents and great great grandparents are resting in the cemetery at Cuffer Lane, New Buckenham.

I grew up in North London however, I frequently visited South Norfolk as a child where I grew to love and appreciate its wide open views and breathtaking large and dramatic skies. I have memories of home made country wines shared amongst my relatives at our family get togethers. On holidays here my mother and grandmother taught me about the wildflowers of the hedgerows and my father took me on walks through the charming country lanes and woods pointing out red squirrels (now outcast by greys) and naming birds for me and teaching me about the British countryside.

I am a [REDACTED] and have had the privilege of working for 47 years mainly in the [REDACTED]. I completed my training in [REDACTED]. I spent several years gaining experience and I have also lived and worked in Newcastle Upon Tyne. I moved to South Norfolk because, after saving hard, property prices were accessible to a single salary [REDACTED] and my family and roots were here in the beautiful countryside. I had dreamt of living simply in the countryside for most of my life. When I found the cottage by the [REDACTED] my dream had come true and I wrapped myself up in everything good that living the countryside of South Norfolk has brought to my heart, mind and soul.

Living here in the charming countryside of South Norfolk has been my source of comfort and solace bringing a feeling of well being that I could not find living in a city, particularly because of the stresses that the role [REDACTED] can bring together with the constant noise, urban landscapes and travelling to and from work in the inner city.

When I first came to live here I worked at [REDACTED], now known as the [REDACTED] and after that I worked as [REDACTED] based in Poringland. I covered a large area of South Norfolk's villages [REDACTED] there including Long Stratton, Mulbarton,

Swainsthorpe, Foxhole, Saxlingham, Seething, Brooke, Rockland St Mary, Newton Flotman, Shotesham, Stoke Holy Cross, and Hempnall to name but a few. You see I know the beauty and charm of the area with its single track narrow lanes that I navigated on my way [REDACTED].

On my time off I walked and enjoyed what the countryside here has to offer. I love the majestic veteran and ancient oaks, home to thousands of species, that tower above the cowslips, snowdrops, and wild primroses that fill the ditches in early spring. Celendines and violets bloom at the base of the trees and wild orchids can be found along the banks of the Tas River. I love to watch the hares in March boxing and chasing in the open fields between Hempnall and Woodton.. I pass badger's sets on my walks near Arminghall and watch small herds of deer crossing from field to wood. Raptors, bats and owls hunt over the fields and hedgerows and woodland birds such as long tailed tits fly between the hedgerows in family groups.

The view's across the Tas valley to ancient churches dating back to Anglo Saxon times are special and unique as are the many characterful aged buildings rural in character and setting that make this area of South Norfolk and England a place of outstanding and unparalleled beauty.

After my [REDACTED] rol [REDACTED] [REDACTED] orleston on Sea. Those years included the Covid 19 pandemic and all the trauma and sadness that experience brought to us all. Fortunately for me and as we were instructed to "stay local" I was able to get out and walk in the countryside here. I discovered more of the special beauty along the wonderful footpaths that criss cross the area. I walked many sections of Boudicca Way especially when we were allowed to have an exercise partner. Having this wonderful place to walk in saved me from becoming overwhelmed and depressed by the awful situations at work that I faced [REDACTED]. I lived alone and together with my exercise partner our walks in the countryside and observations of wildlife in this special area kept my sanity. I continued [REDACTED] [REDACTED] without a day of sickness and I really believe that it was because this place gave me the perspective on life I needed then to keep going.

I will say to you that I am deeply concerned about the effects of climate change and I can see the need for alternative energy sources. I believe that solar panels have a place in the energy equation but not on prime quality farmland or in the beautiful British countryside. Their place is on roofs, on warehouses, car parks and factories. In my heart and soul I am devastated to think that East Pye Solar will be destroying the beauty and uniqueness of this area of South Norfolk. My well being is negatively impacted by the thought of the industrialisation of this area. Where there were once beautiful open views and skies there will be black scapes, wire fencing, lights and cctv cameras. So abhorrent.

My house value will drop and I will be unable to move away from this industrialised area as other areas unaffected by this mass industrialisation will become refuges away from this blight. Property prices there will rise due to demand and where does that leave someone like me? [REDACTED] of working hard, saving and achieving my dream of living in the South Norfolk countryside will be gone from me for the remainder of my lifetime.

Noise and disruption, damage to the lanes and routes will have a negative impact on my daily life. The road and walking routes I use will become inaccessible and blighted by views of fencing, substations, solar panels, batteries, lights and cctv. I believe that this is an act of greed without any concern for the people who live so close to this industrial mega solar farm.

It is difficult to fully express how devastating this will be for me. I have a deep and organic love of the countryside. East Pye Solar have ruined a large part of my life and my well being since I first learnt of their project.

20250204 - Personal Impact Statement - Brooke - [REDACTED]

My name is [REDACTED] and I am submitting this statement to outline the personal impact that the proposed East Pye Solar Farm would have on me.

The solar farm would dominate the land all around where I live, so that every journey out from my village would be impacted by large solar panels, fencing and infrastructure, significantly altering the area in which I live. It would effectively turn the local rural environment into an industrial one.

Much productive agricultural land would be lost by this development, reducing our food security and damaging the rural environment.

Although solar farms are often described as quiet by their developers, the investors, transformers and maintenance activities generate noise that will affect local residents and visitors to the area. Glint and glare from the solar panels could impact my residence, road users and the local airfield.

Construction of these huge areas of solar panels will undoubtedly disturb habitats, restrict animal movement and reduce biodiversity.

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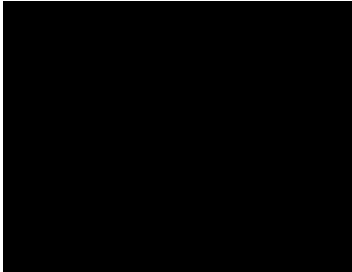
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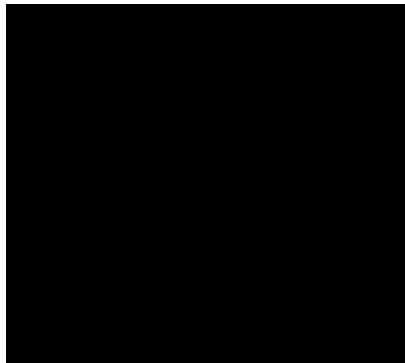
For the reasons above, I strongly request that this application be refused.

Thank you.

Kind regards.



20251106 - Personal Impact Statement - Hempnall -



Personal impact statement  site 3

To say my wellbeing is almost entirely derived from living in the peace and beauty of the countryside is no exaggeration.

This nightmare of the prospect of EPS has kept me awake at night, reduced me to tears and is already causing me depression and anxiety.

If this scheme goes ahead it will be the destruction of everything I have ever worked for and valued,  of effort down the drain of working to fulfil my dream of living in the countryside, I will not want to live here anymore, let alone walk it's footpaths, and because it is unlikely anyone else will want to either, we will become prisoners in a nightmarish prison compound landscape no one, including myself will want to venture out in.

If you think this is an exaggeration picture this outside our home, 100's of 3.5 and 4.5 meter metal high solar panels, inverters, battery storage units, sub stations, and access roads all encased in high deer proof fencing dotted with

security cameras and hazard warning signs, each panel will have fans to cool them in hot weather, so we'll have the joy of listening 100's of them going off in hot weather, not to mention the motors on tracking panels and the hum inverters make when it is powered to the maximum, some fields will have movement sensor floodlights at night, none of the footpaths around Hempnall will be unaffected, some will be grim corridors of wire metal and glass with hazard warning signs with no views but metal, glass and wire to look at, our sense of being in the countryside obliterated. Screening will be ineffective for at least a decade, if ever.

The scale of this is so huge we will have to drive for miles to find a bit of open countryside to walk our dog, and even then, the threat that the few fields left will disappear will leave me feeling angry and fearful.

I am already depressed at the potential loss of our beautiful countryside and [REDACTED], but if this goes ahead and the diggers move in I will be beyond despair, it won't be just the noise invading our home and disruption on our roads during construction that will send me in a downwards spiral, it will be the fact of knowing this government is riding roughshod over us and our countryside, knowing it will knock tens of thousands of pounds off the value of our home with no compensation, knowing it will have negligible effect on global warming, will not be a benefit to Norfolk or arguably even the UK,

This is not something I can live with without it seriously impacting on my mental health.

This will in short, ruin my life and there will be no way out.

20251120 - Personal Impact Statement - Tivetshall - [REDACTED]

Personal Local Impact Statement: Objection to Proposed Solar Development at Tivetshall

Date: November 20, 2025

From: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

This statement outlines my strong objection to the proposed solar energy development, including the associated Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), at East Pye, based on the profound and unacceptable impacts this scheme will have on my quality of life, the local environment, and the long-term safety of my community and home.

1. Irreversible Impact on Quality of Life and Landscape Character

The proposed industrial-scale development, occupying 6,500 acres, represents an irreversible industrialisation of our cherished rural environment.

a. Loss of Rural Amenity and Way of Life

As a resident of Tivetshall, my quality of life is deeply connected to the tranquillity of this area, defined by low ambient noise and dark night skies. My ability to enjoy this setting will be destroyed:

- **Dog Walking and Recreation:** I rely on our current quiet rural lanes and footpaths for safe and stress-free dog walking and for observing local wildlife (as part of my hobby as an amateur photographer), such as local deer, hare's & rabbit's, owls, birds of prey, woodpeckers as well as numerous migrating birds that visit the area. The inevitable increase in heavy construction traffic (HGV movements) and future operational traffic will immediately render these lanes unsafe for myself and my dogs and destroy their recreational value for the next 40 years.
- **Loss of Tranquillity:** The visual intrusion of hundreds of acres of black panels and high security fencing, coupled with the constant operational noise (see Section 3), will irrevocably destroy the peaceful character of the area, replacing the beauty of the countryside with an intrusive industrial infrastructure.
- **Deterioration of Mental Wellbeing:** Scientific evidence highlights the significant mental health benefits derived from connecting with nature and accessible open green spaces. The destruction of our immediate, accessible rural landscape and its replacement with a fenced, industrial site will remove a vital source of stress relief and outdoor engagement, resulting in a demonstrable negative impact on the mental wellbeing and health of residents.

b. Destruction of Countryside for Future Generations

The sheer scale of this development effectively sterilises this land for the lifetime of the project. This proposal sacrifices prime agricultural/rural land for temporary energy production, fundamentally changing the landscape character of our village. This destruction of the rural visual amenity cannot be mitigated by planting perimeter hedgerows; the visual impact from elevation and public rights of way will remain devastating and permanent for multiple generations.

2. Environmental and Ecological Degradation

While the development is promoted as environmentally beneficial, the local impact on biodiversity and existing ecology is demonstrably negative.

- **Habitat Fragmentation:** The construction process, followed by the installation of extensive security fencing, will sever existing wildlife corridors. This fragmentation will inhibit the movement of local mammals (such as deer and badgers) and disrupt the feeding and breeding patterns of ground-nesting birds and invertebrates.
- **Altered Microclimates:** The large expanses of panels create microclimates through constant shade and altered rainfall runoff patterns. This can impact soil ecology and disadvantage native plant species that thrive in direct sunlight, thereby reducing the diversity of local flora.
- **Loss of Observation Points:** The high security fencing, combined with intrusive CCTV poles, will prevent residents from enjoying and observing local wildlife, which currently contributes significantly to community wellbeing and environmental awareness.

3. Noise and Light Pollution

The operational phase of the solar farm, particularly the BESS, will introduce new, persistent sources of noise pollution incompatible with a rural setting.

- **Noise Pollution from Inverters and Transformers:** Solar energy conversion requires inverters and transformers which generate a continuous, low-frequency tonal hum (typically 120Hz and its harmonics). In a quiet rural area with low ambient background noise, this hum, particularly when cooling fans operate under peak load, can become highly intrusive and cause significant annoyance to nearby residents, affecting sleep and general wellbeing.
- **Nighttime Noise from BESS:** Unlike the solar panels, the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) must operate and cool 24/7. This means the associated cooling systems and HVAC units will introduce continuous, audible noise, violating the nocturnal tranquillity of the area.
- **Light Pollution:** Although panels themselves do not emit light, the mandatory security lighting and CCTV systems required for a BESS

compound will generate light spill, disrupting the dark sky amenity enjoyed by residents and negatively impacting nocturnal wildlife.

4. Unacceptable Safety and Hazard Risks

The inclusion of the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) introduces catastrophic safety risks that are unacceptable in close proximity to residential areas and local infrastructure.

A. Catastrophic Fire, Explosion, and Runaway Risk from Battery Storage

The BESS uses lithium-ion technology, which is highly susceptible to a catastrophic failure mode known as thermal runaway. This process begins with an internal short or fault, creating a violent, self-sustaining chain reaction where internal heat causes rapid, uncontrolled cell-to-cell failure, escalating into an intense, deep-seated fire and potential explosion.

- **Extreme Hazard:** This runaway fire risk is not hypothetical. It leads to the instantaneous release of highly toxic and flammable gases (e.g., hydrogen fluoride, carbon monoxide).
- **Toxic Fumes:** A BESS fire produces a vast plume of corrosive and toxic gas, posing an immediate and severe threat to the health of residents, emergency responders, and livestock, especially considering the prevailing wind directions.
- **Deep-Seated Fire and Reignition Risk:** BESS fires are notoriously difficult to extinguish, requiring enormous volumes of water for cooling and sometimes reigniting days or even weeks later due to residual "stranded energy." The local emergency services may not be adequately equipped or resourced to handle an incident of this scale and complexity.

B. Increased Flood Risk and Groundwater Contamination

The large, impermeable surfaces created by thousands of solar panels alter natural drainage patterns, increasing surface water runoff and the likelihood of flash flooding in surrounding areas.

Furthermore, in the event of a BESS fire, the large volumes of water required for suppression create significant environmental hazards:

- **Critical Threat to Drinking Water (Norfolk Aquifer):** It is critical to note that **our local water supply in Norfolk is drawn from the underlying groundwater aquifer.** If a BESS fire occurs, the firefighting water becomes highly contaminated with toxic electrolytes, heavy metals, and corrosive residue.
- **Irreversible Groundwater Pollution:** Without robust, proven containment infrastructure (bundling and pollution control devices) that

can handle a catastrophe of this magnitude, this toxic runoff will inevitably penetrate the ground and contaminate our sole source of drinking water, resulting in catastrophic and long-term ecological and public health damage.

Conclusion

The proposed solar and BESS development poses an unacceptable level of risk and detriment to this community. The industrial scale of the project will fundamentally and irreversibly destroy the unique rural character, tranquillity, and recreational amenity enjoyed by myself and my family, which constitutes a severe impact on our quality of life and mental wellbeing. Combined with the severe, unmitigable fire and environmental contamination risks posed by the BESS, particularly the threat to the crucial Norfolk groundwater aquifer, this development is entirely inappropriate for its proposed location.

I urge the Committee to reject this proposal in its current form to protect our local heritage, environment, and the safety of all residents.

Kind regards,



20260210 - Personal Impact Statement - Fritton - [REDACTED]

Effects of Proposed East Pye Solar Farm.

My name is [REDACTED]. I am submitting this statement in order to outline the personal impact that the proposed East Pye Solar Farm, located within [REDACTED] of my home, would have on my daily life, wellbeing, and the character of the area in which I live.

I moved to this area 14 years ago, in order to enjoy the local rural environment, peacefulness and quality of life it provides. At the time of moving to the area, I contacted Norfolk County Council Planning Department and was advised that no development was feasible, as the area surrounding my property was outside any development window, it being rural agricultural land and so I have expected that to remain the case.

1. Impact on Landscape and Visual Impact.

The proximity of the solar installations within [REDACTED] of my home and an electricity sub-station within [REDACTED] of my home, means that the development will dominate the immediate landscape outside the windows of my house. The sub-station will be on high ground that the East Pye Project Manager has agreed that it will be difficult to screen. Currently I look out on a rural landscape and enjoy watching the daily presence of many large mammals and raptors, etc, on the fields neighbouring my property. I walk the local footpaths in order to remain healthy and as I know that contact with natural surroundings assists with maintaining my mental health. I have previously lived in built up areas and know that the threat of the rural scenery being replaced by large solar panels, fencing and infrastructure will cause me serious mental health problems. The change of land use from rural to industrial with fencing and cctv cameras, will leave me feeling confined, overlooked and destroy my enjoyment of the peaceful character of the area.

2. Loss of Agricultural Land and Amenity.

The land opposite my house is currently productive agricultural land and is classified as best and most versatile land. It has been used to grow crops for the entire time that I have lived here and is used by local enthusiasts for shooting, metal detecting and bird watching. To take such a large acreage of good farmland out of food production at this time, will diminish the ability and need for Britain to have "food security", as outlined by many Government Departments.

The development will effect the lands drainage. As the land feeds the headwaters of the River Tas, changes in drainage pattern could significantly impact this unique and internationally important chalk stream.

The area known as Site 5, has several footpaths that cross it. Norfolk County Council have previously invested in publicising the amenity value of these and other local footpaths with walkers and horse riders taking advantage of the rural landscape afforded by the paths. That amenity will be lost if the proposals go ahead as I and others in my family will not wish to walk beside and between fences as we will feel trapped and unsafe, despite cctv provision which will simultaneously intrude on our privacy whilst exercising.

3. Noise, Glare and Disturbance

I am seriously concerned about the noise and disturbance that will occur with the construction of a sub-station and panels so close to my home.

I have seen proposals that the site will be open from 7:00 in the morning and deliveries of equipment etc will take place at night to avoid traffic problems. The impact on my sleeping pattern and enjoyment of my property will be severely impacted by the on going construction activity given how near the site is to my house and the aforesaid inability of East Pye to provide screening and sound baffling.

I am also concerned by the distinct possibility that glare and glint from the panels will cause issues for me inside my house, in my garden and for road users.

I am considerably worried that given the proximity of transformers, inverters and machinery, life in and around my house will become untenable. The present near silence stands to be replaced by an electrical hum and background noises that will disturb my mental health.

4. Impact on Wildlife and Biodiversity

The fields opposite my home (Site 5) and the surrounding area supports a huge variety of wildlife, plants and micro organisms.

I regularly see three species of Deer, Hares, Rabbits, Owls, Red Kites, Buzzards, Crows, Rooks, and a multitude of smaller species. There are always Bats and Swallows dipping over the fields in summer months and there have been visits from Oyster Catchers, Lapwing and even Otters.

I discussed at length with East Pye, what might be done to ensure that this bio-diversity would continue given that the Site would be surrounded by deer proof fencing to exclude larger mammals, and was told that there would be bio-diversity within the soil which would offset the loss of these creatures. There is currently enormous bio-diversity in the soil made richer by the

application of manure, which will of course also cease, causing further issues around where the surplus will go. Another environmental potential hazard?

From my personal perspective, excluding animals from fields and building an electricity sub-station, will never increase bio-diversity, it is ridiculous to pretend that such an industrial installation acts as an improvement to bio-diversity.

5. Traffic and Construction Disruption

The construction phase, would bring heavy vehicles, noise, congestion, dust and damage to local road surfaces. There are many ancient Oak Trees lining the B1527 and I imagine that these would either need to be removed or they will be damaged when larger equipment, transformers etc, are transported along that

road. That would be a huge loss to the environment. The volume of solar panel deliveries alone will cause a major impact on local road infrastructure.

[REDACTED], outside my house, will likely become a rat-run for traffic seeking to avoid delays and this will impact on noise and danger to the occupants of my house.

If the proposals proceed, my ability to access the A140 and B1332 via the B1527 are inevitably likely to be impaired by delays etc..

Noise from traffic and late delivery of materials and arrival/departure of the workforce will also impact my property due to its proximity to Site 5.

6. Emotional and Well Being Impact

I chose my property because after [REDACTED], I needed to find a peaceful, tranquil area to live. If an industrial scale solar farm and sub -station is built in such close proximity to my house, I will suffer mental health problems without doubt. No form of mitigation will prevent that from occurring. My ability to relax, enjoy my garden, walk local footpaths and enjoy the natural world, or even sleep will be totally disrupted, 24 hours per day. I cannot contemplate moving at my age, and so the impact of the proposals should the solar farm go ahead, will be catastrophic to me.

7. Overall Impact

The East Pye Proposals cover over 2700 acres of agricultural land in the area I live. I have studied the plan of the area and there will be no way out from my house, where I will not have to see industrial scale solar panels and associated hardware.

I moved to a rural agricultural area and I will find myself in an industrialised landscape.

There are proposals to cover further areas of South Norfolk with similar installations which will make the entire area a patchwork of fields of glass and fencing. It will be displeasing aesthetically but it will also become an area requiring constant maintenance, CCTV cameras and fencing. I will have an overwhelming personal sense of loss and despair.

Although I support efforts to improve our green energy requirements, the East Pye proposals are disproportionate and do not take into account the impact on my personal, life or well being.

The proposals are paradoxical to the Government imploring farmers to produce more British grown food, as they will take the 2700 acres of land, out of production, which is ridiculous.

The solar panels are imported, worsening Britain's trade gap and cannot be recycled easily, which causes problems with removal in the future.

East Pye's own consultation team agreed with me that tidal power was a far more reliable and sustainable form of green electricity generation than solar power.

In view of all reasons stated above, I respectfully request that the application be refused or reconsidered.

Submitted by.....

[REDACTED]

10th February 2026

Address: [REDACTED]

Effects of proposed East Pye Solar Farm

My name is [REDACTED] and I am submitting this statement to outline the personal impact that the proposed East Pye Solar Farm approximately located [REDACTED] and the search corridor located approximately [REDACTED] from my home, would have on my daily life, my families life, wellbeing, and the character of the area in which we live. My family and I moved to this area due to its tranquillity and quality of life 6 years ago and expected this to remain as it has been. We purchased here as this was to be our for ever home and the place to have a growing family and provide generational living for our elderly and retired parents.

1. Impact on Landscape and visual Amenity

The proximity of the Solar Farm approximately located [REDACTED] and the search corridor located approximately [REDACTED] from my home means the development would dominate the immediate landscape in the area. The current natural rural scenery that we enjoy on a daily basis whilst walking in the area, would be replaced by large solar panels, fencing, and infrastructure, significantly altering the visual amenity where we live. This industrial change would diminish our enjoyment of the outdoors and the peaceful character of the area.

2. Loss of agricultural Land

The land designated for the solar farm is currently productive agricultural land classified as best and the most versatile land. It's loss reduces local food-growing capacity and changes the traditional use of the countryside. As someone who values the agricultural heritage of this area, we are concerned about the long-term shift away from farming and the cumulative effect of multiple such developments. This proposal will undoubtedly cause irreversible damage and change to soils and the land character.

3. Noise, Glare, and Disturbance

Although solar farms are often described as quiet by the developers, the inverters, transformers, and maintenance activities generate noise that would be noticeable in what is currently a quiet rural environment. Given the close distance, this noise could affect my home life. There is also potential for glint and glare from the solar panels, which could impact both my residential amenity and local road users nearby.

4. Impact on Wildlife and Biodiversity

The area around my home supports a huge variety of wildlife including and not restricted to deer, hares, rabbits, pheasants, owls, kite, buzzards, and other birds of prey. Construction which is likely to take several years and the subsequent operation of the solar farm will undoubtedly disturb habitats, restrict animal movement, and reduce biodiversity. While mitigation measures may be proposed, they cannot fully replace the natural, undisturbed environment currently present.

5. Traffic and Construction Disruption

The construction phase would bring heavy vehicles, noise, dust and the disruption to local roads. This would affect our ability to travel safely and comfortably, particularly along The Street, Fritton and the B1527, Bungay Road, which are not designed for sustained heavy vehicle use. These are also roads we regularly travel for our commute to work and nursery pick up and drop offs.

6. Emotional and Wellbeing Impact

Living so close to an industrial-scale solar farm will undoubtedly cause me and my family stress and a sense of loss. We deliberately moved to this area for the peaceful rural environment that currently exists for our young family. If the proposed solar farm receives planning approval the area surrounding us which we rely on for relaxation, recreation, and the connection to nature would be significantly diminished, impacting our mental wellbeing.

7. Cumulative Impact

Several renewable energy developments have already been proposed or approved in the wider area. The cumulative effect of these projects risks transforming the rural landscape in Norfolk into a patchwork of industrial installations. This is not a sustainable or balanced approach to meeting energy needs.

We support renewable energy in principle, but developments must be appropriately located and proportionate. In this case, the scale, siting and close proximity of the proposed East Pye Solar Farm would have significant negative effect on our daily life, the landscape, and the character of the area. For these reasons, we respectfully request that the application be reconsidered or refused.

Yours sincerely,



20260211 - Personal Impact Statement - Woodton - [REDACTED]

Personal Impact Statement: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

We submit this statement to outline the personal impact the proposed East Pye Solar Farm, located approximately [REDACTED] from our home, would have on our daily lives, wellbeing, and the rural character of the area.

We have lived here for nearly 11 years and in a neighbouring village previously for 21 years. We chose to make our home in Woodton because of its open countryside views, tranquillity, and the quality of life that rural living provides. We value the peace, clean air, and natural surroundings — if we had wanted a busy and more urban environment, we would have chosen to live in Norwich. Our daily walks with our dog through the surrounding countryside are an important part of our routine and wellbeing, and the unspoilt landscape is central to why we live here.

Landscape and Visual Impact

At just [REDACTED] away, the development would dominate the landscape around our home. The rural views and natural scenery we enjoy daily for dog walking would be replaced by extensive solar arrays, fencing, and infrastructure. There is no doubt that such industrialisation will significantly harm the visual amenity and peaceful character of the area which we, and others, both seek to enjoy.

Loss of Agricultural Land

The site comprises of versatile agricultural land. Its loss would reduce local food production which we fully encourage and erode the longstanding farming character of this countryside which has been in place for many years. We therefore have grave concerns about not only the long-term and potentially irreversible impact on soil quality, but in the cumulative loss of productive farmland.

Noise, Glare and Disturbance

Despite being described as low-noise developments, solar farms generate sound from inverters, transformers, and maintenance activity. At such close proximity, this would be noticeable in what is currently a quiet rural environment. We are also concerned regarding the potential for glint and glare affecting nearby homes and road users.

Wildlife Impact

The surrounding fields support a wide range of wildlife, including deer, hares, rabbits, pheasants, owls, kites, buzzards, and other birds of prey. Construction and operation would inevitably disturb established habitats and restrict wildlife movement. Mitigation cannot fully replace the natural environment that has developed over many years.

Traffic and Safety Concerns

One of your major concerns is the volume of construction traffic which would introduce significant heavy

vehicle movements, noise, and dust to local roads which we use daily for work and family life. The already busy B1332 (Bungay to Norwich Road) is not designed for sustained heavy goods traffic and is used by regular bus and school services, with pedestrians and children waiting along limited pavements. The potential safety implications are of serious concern, and we wonder whether this has been considered?

Wellbeing and Cumulative Impact

Living in such close proximity to a large-scale industrial development would cause without a doubt considerable stress diminish the peaceful rural environment that supports ours and our family's mental wellbeing. As individuals from medical backgrounds, we understand the importance of the environment to health. Furthermore, with other renewable developments proposed or approved nearby, there is a real risk of cumulative industrialisation of the Norfolk countryside.

While we support renewable energy, any developments must be appropriately located and proportionate. Given the scale, siting, and proximity of the proposed East Pye Solar Farm, we believe it would have a significant adverse impact on our home, safety, surroundings, and family wellbeing.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that the application be reconsidered or refused.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

20260320 - PERSONAL IMPACT STATEMENT - Saxlingham Nethergate - [REDACTED]

The possible construction of East Pye solar farm is causing my mental health to spiral downwards. The very thought of losing our precious countryside to an industrial landscape makes me so sad and angry. I find the idea of fertile agricultural land being permanently industrialised both perverse and intensely worrying bearing in mind the pressures of food security.

I am concerned about the impact on wildlife habitats, free movement of mammals will be impossible and feeding patterns and routes will be lost forever.

Pouring concrete on to green and fertile land is the very antithesis of caring for our environment- the land will never be returned to agricultural use because it will be permanently contaminated.

The danger of increased flooding from impaction on the claylands soil - Saxlingham Nethergate village centre floods already with the smallest amount of rain when the water table is high, which is becoming more frequent with current weather patterns.

The loss of amenity of our landscape with footpaths being disturbed and possibly re-directed/closed.

Walking on footpaths surrounded by solar panels will be soul destroying.

The danger from walking on pathways that are fenced in on both sides would mean that I can not enjoy the countryside as I do now.

I ride regularly on our bridleways and restricted byways - it will become dangerous to do so with the increased traffic around the country lanes.

If the solar panels are moving ones it will be even more dangerous to ride near them as horses will be spooked.

During construction phase the movement of lorries on small country roads will disfigure the countryside permanently, which will continue when repairs and replacements are needed.

Increased traffic both during construction and continuing will ruin the peacefulness of the area.

The noise of construction will be heard all over the village and beyond.

If the solar panels are moving ones there will be permanent noise disturbance for all residents.

We currently have far reaching dark skies (for which Norfolk is well known) which will be polluted by lights on the solar fields.

I want to know why our way of life is being sold out so that investment banks can make money at our expense?

PUT SOLAR ON ROOFS AND BROWNFIELD SITES - NOT ON COUNTRYSIDE

PROTECT OUR FOOD PRODUCING LAND

PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE

Kind regards

[REDACTED] (Chair, Saxlingham Nethergate Parish Council)

20260331 - Personal Impact Statement - Topcroft - [REDACTED]

My name is [REDACTED] and I am submitting this statement to outline the personal impact that the proposed East Pye Solar Farm would have on me.

The solar farm would dominate the land all around where I live, so that every journey out from my village would be impacted by large solar panels, fencing and infrastructure, significantly altering the area in which I live. It would effectively turn the local rural environment into an industrial one.

Much productive agricultural land would be lost by this development, reducing our food security and damaging the rural environment.

Although solar farms are often described as quiet by their developers, the investors, transformers and maintenance activities generate noise that will affect local residents and visitors to the area. Glint and glare from the solar panels could impact my residence, road users and the local airfield.

Construction of these huge areas of solar panels will undoubtedly disturb habitats, restrict animal movement and reduce biodiversity.

The construction phase would bring heavy vehicles, noise, dust and disruption to local roads. This would affect my ability to travel safely.

Living so close to an industrial-scale solar farm would cause me mental distress and a strong sense of loss of a peaceful rural environment.

Several renewable energy developments have already been proposed or approved in the wider area. The cumulative effect of these projects risks transforming the rural landscape in Norfolk into an area dominated by industrial development. This is not a sustainable or a balanced approach.

For the reasons above, I strongly request that this application be refused.

Kind regards.

[REDACTED]

I live with my husband , daughter and [REDACTED] Father -in-Law at [REDACTED]. We will be one of the families most directly impacted by the latest solar farm proposals. Quite frankly , we are devastated in so many ways and should this terrible proposal go ahead, our life , home , community and environment will be forever and irrevocably ruined.

Firstly, industrialisation and unregulated development of open countryside and farmland (which still currently produces crop) is absolutely wrong ! It will not solve issues, only create further issues down the line. Surely, the empty shelves during COVID just demonstrate how we need to be MORE dependant on domestic food production during times of instability in the world. Taking perfectly suitable farmland and turning into sheets of glass , metal and toxic chemicals (which will eventually damage soil and end up in landfill) is NOT the way forward for 'Green living' or for our country. I am all for investigating and implementing alternative power sources IF it is genuinely going to hugely benefit our country and the environment and not just line the pockets of the greedy and politically hungry! It should also not be done at lightening speed and without a cohesive national plan ,helping us to get the most out of our limited land with minimal casualties of both wildlife, environment , food production and homes.

The way in which the government has underhandedly and undemocratically ridden rough shod over the regular planning rules to ' wave through' such proposals, without any due process or giving a genuine voice to those who will be most affected, is just a disgrace to the idea of democracy! Many of the so called NSIPs are actually Not one big submission but a chain of smaller , greedy projects linked together in order to avoid the scrutiny of the due planning process. Our home was only given permission to be built if it complied to the rules of 'a building of architectural significance' - the proposed panels will be erected only 5m from the edge of our ' architecturally significant' property.

The proposed panels will be seen from many of the windows of our home (it is a three story. House with far reaching views) at VERY close quarters, bringing not only an horrific outlook but , glare, noise of moving panels, possible future health impacts as yet unseen with this new technology, wildlife destruction , potential harm and damage to our family and property (as seen with similar solar farms during recent storms and high winds) ... the list goes on !!!

On an even more personal note, our house will become unsaleable , according to some local agents and at best , will be significantly devalued. The sale of this home was to help fund our retirement . We have worked hard all our lives to buy this home and now our future feels very frightening - this is causing both myself and my husband significant stress and we are very worried about what this will mean for our future. We discuss this daily and it has meant that I am currently particularly depressed and tearful. My poor husband has spent years away from us striving to provide the peace and privacy that this home affords us. It all feels like we have been robbed and have no control over our own future. We even looked into development possibilities prior to purchasing the house and there was nothing flagged ... probably due to the fact that there was no need for discussion with planners so this all feels very underhand and not how a democratic society should work at all.

We moved here for a quiet life in a beautiful village / country setting and this house has allowed us the space to have my [REDACTED] d Father-in-law living with us. In turn he has been able to enjoy watching birds and wildlife [REDACTED] . We have bat boxes , bee hive , bird boxes and have been planting fruit trees and planting a garden to ensure that we are doing our part in encouraging and nurturing local wildlife and habitats.

I have asked the people of East Pye Solar to come to my home ,to see for themselves just how close this will be to our house and how unacceptable & potentially dangerous it would be but have had no visit/response to date

We feel that this type of decision should be scrutinised like any other planning submission and involve the very people who know and understand the local communities and environments the most ie:- Parish and County councils .

I send this hoping for fair and due consideration to our plight.

Sincerely,



Herewith our comments on the solar industrial site at Brooke.

1. Brooke is a well established conservation area - surely one of the least suitable sites for industrial level developments such as the solar panel development across 150 acres or so around the village. Many of us will have moved to Brooke as it has been, in theory, protected from this kind of development - and as a conservation village house prices have been higher than many other locations - we shall be badly let down as house prices generally will reduce.
2. The industrialisation of open countryside will impact the rural landscape - not just the fields themselves but any fencing, security cameras, footpath access etc. Creating large areas of industrial style solar panels on these open (and productive) fields is likely to have long term effects on soil and wildlife - and especially for people living adjacent to the fields, possible mental health issues.
3. The cobbling together of many field locations to create a so called `strategic` infrastructure is clearly to remove the ability of local people to have their say - this to say the least is dispiriting and a serious blow to any confidence we might have in government decision - making - [REDACTED] quite simply has a political target to meet which is far from sensible as seen by many inside the energy industry. Meanwhile there will be a serious impact on so many lives who live and have access to the countryside.
4. The loss of 150 acres around Brooke may not seem much in the grand scale of things - but those of us who live closeby can see a clear loss of food production in favour of a poorly thought through industrial development. The alternative of roof top solar panels, on house and factories, supermarkets, car parks etc has been shown to be a viable alternative and a policy which would command much more positive support from the people of this country.

I hope these comments are helpful as the Parish Council fights this deplorable proposal.

With best wishes

[REDACTED]

20250208 - Personal Impact Statement - Brooke - [REDACTED]

Hi, I understand you are collating feedback on the proposed East Pye development. I think I sent you an initial email expressing concern several weeks ago and I also wrote direct to East Pye.

After a period of reflection I am still of the belief that this is a strongly flawed proposal. Prime farming land in a leading agricultural region should be protected against loss of its ideal use. The country needs to boost agricultural output not diminish it. There are other areas to better site solar panels.

Time has not lessened my dismay at the prospect of extensive solar fields so very close to Brooke. East Pye have stated they wish to lessen the acknowledged negative impacts of solar fields, whether this be environmental or human impact. When I spoke with the East Pye project manager at the open meeting in Woodton. I was advised that they wished to minimise impact on homes and individuals and that this was their policy. If this is the case it is extremely difficult to understand why the large areas adjacent to the south of Brooke were selected. When they invited land owners to put forward suggestions for fields to be used, surely there must have been some guidelines to them asking them to not choose fields in full view of and very close to several properties and businesses? Were such guidelines given? If so, why was the Brooke proposal not rejected from outset as failing to meet the stated criteria? If no such guidelines were given to the land owners, surely this was a grave error on behalf of East Pye and one that they should certainly correct.

I am very worried that the Brooke element of the development may come to pass if due attention is not given to human impact. The prospect of lengthy disturbance of construction and the horrendous visual impact that will blight not only myself and my wife but generations to come is hugely depressing and is distressing to us.

If solar farms, against the weight of logic are deemed by government to justify their presence in farmland, at least they should ensure they put them on farmland that cannot be seen from numerous homes and blight the local population. There is enough land in this area to ensure this need not happen.

I hope the feedback you receive will eventually reach those who will make the final decisions and that they will respond in a sympathetic and caring manner.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

20251108 - Personal impact statement - Hempnall - [REDACTED]

The personal impact of the proposed East Pye Solar Scheme for the area I live in is massive. It hurts me deeply. The fact that at least ten local villages will be hugely affected by this scheme, and that large areas of beautiful countryside will be effectively transformed into one huge industrial area is devastating. It hurts that hundreds of acres of good farmland will be subsumed and ultimately destroyed by this ill considered and unethical proposal.

The thing I find particularly upsetting is the heavy handedness, the lack of consideration and the unfairness of the whole scheme.

There has been minimal consultation. The consultation we have had only came after the whole layout of the solar 'farm' had been mapped out and contractually agreed with the landowners. We were presented with what was largely a fait accompli. Like it or lump it, this is what we're going to do so get used to it. . This is unacceptable.

To add to the heavy handedness and unfairness, because the scheme is large enough to be categorised as an NSIP (Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project), local objections can be utterly ignored and the Secretary of State can simply give his OK to the whole scheme. He has shown already that he is perfectly capable of overriding very strong legitimate objections and rubber stamping such schemes elsewhere in the country. This is authoritarian behaviour.

The Prime Minister has added his voice to the clampdown on dissent, calling those who object "nimbys and blockers", emotive and insulting language.

This leaves me feeling very angry and at the same time disempowered and depressed. We are being steamrolled by a government that refuses to even listen to valid argument. Objections are suppressed or ignored. When your own government shows how little they care about you how can you feel anything other than disillusionment, despair and depression.

Yes, renewable energy is a good thing, but destroying the countryside by covering good farmland, (which is needed as we currently import 40% of our food) in solar panels is ridiculous. There are more than enough rooftops and brownfield sites which could be used to generate the power we are told we need.

No other country is doing this.

To add even more injustice and unfairness to the situation, our environment gets destroyed but we get no benefit from the power generated. The parties that benefit are huge multinational investors such as McQuarrie, who now own Island Green Power, the company behind East Pye Solar. It makes my blood boil that a 'Labour' government ([REDACTED] never again!) gave the go ahead for huge capitalist ventures like multinational banks etc to profit hugely from the wanton destruction of British farmland and the way of life of rural communities. That wasn't in the manifesto. .

I have always had a deep love for the countryside. I feel incredibly lucky to have been able to move to the quiet rural part of South Norfolk which I now live. Not to get too poetic about it but rural beauty and tranquility is balm to the soul. That is the reason why so many people spend a good part of their leisure time out in the country. Large numbers of town and city dwellers come out to the countryside to walk, cycle, eat etc, it is important to far more people than just those who happen to live there.

The loss of views, the fencing in of footpaths, the noise and disruption and the environmental damage caused by East Pye Solar's scheme will take all the joy out of the experience of being in the countryside anywhere near it.

I feel depressed, anxious, bullied, disempowered and enraged by this affront to everything I stand for.



8/11/2025

20251123 - Personal Impact Statement - Great Moulton - [REDACTED]

I would like to outline my personal impact statement as follows for the proposed East Pye developments in and around Great Moulton.

We live in probably the closest dwelling to the one of the proposed Sub stations submitted by East Pye in Great Moulton.

Our property price will devalue, we have had our property in the market from August to Nov 2025. We have had viewers but all have mentioned the plans for the village by way of East Pye! We are now off the market at this current time. I am in the housing business and over time can supply figures to support my statement.

Noise with development, disturbance along the road, with possible disruption to my frontage.

The view we have enjoyed for 34 years will be destroyed by a sub station looming over us, views from our garden will never be the same again. In my view the selling point to our home.

Noise from the sub station, which I understand will be constant. Vibration and flicker will be experienced from the panels which will be in close proximity to us. We will not in my opinion be able to enjoy our garden, sit or entertain outside as we have previously.

The stress, general worry and upset can not be quantified but be assured heightened anxiety and stress is already an issue within our household, which in turn will have an impact on our general health and well being.

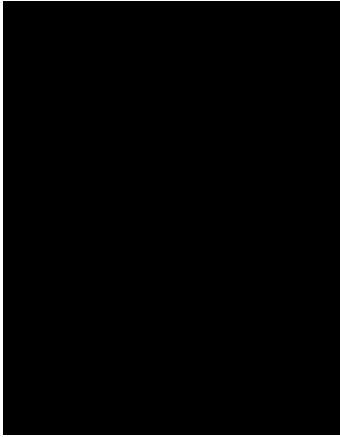
Sub stations in my view, should not be placed close to houses. The risk of fire is real, if a fire occurs our house will be affected by smoke, disturbance and fear of the fire spreading. Our house insurance will increase (who pays for that?)

East Pye have in my view not taken into consideration the dwellings closely located to their plans.

There is little screening surrounding these proposed sites, especially north of the proposed sub station. It will take at least 30 years before this screening is established, I shall have one way or another moved on by then.

The maintenance of the sub station will increase traffic flow along this tiny road, along with noise disruption, which will affect our enjoyment of our home, together with lights from the plant glaring into the night sky.

This so called development will destroy lives. Ours for certain



20260220 - Personal Impact Statement - Hempnall - [REDACTED]

Proposed East Pye Solar Development – South Norfolk

Resident: [REDACTED]

I am a full-time resident of [REDACTED] Hempnall, where I have lived with my family for the past 16 years. Our home is located within close proximity to the proposed East Pye Solar development, in what is currently a peaceful rural agricultural landscape.

My objection and concerns relate to the direct and personal impact this development would have on my family's home life, wellbeing, livelihood, and my daughter's education.

Impact on our home environment and family wellbeing

We chose to live in Hempnall specifically for its quiet rural character, dark skies, open countryside, and natural environment. This peaceful setting is essential to our family's wellbeing.

My husband works [REDACTED] for extended periods. When he returns home, the peace, quiet, and natural surroundings of Hempnall are essential to his mental recovery, wellbeing, and ability to rest. The industrialisation of the surrounding countryside with large-scale solar infrastructure would fundamentally change the character of the environment he relies upon for rest and recovery.

My son [REDACTED] The calm, predictable, and quiet rural environment we currently live in plays a vital role [REDACTED]
The countryside provides a stable and restorative environment that would be significantly altered by the presence of industrial-scale development, construction disruption, and the long-term change to the rural landscape.

The loss of tranquillity, natural views, and rural character would have a direct and harmful impact on our family's mental health and quality of life.

Impact on my daughter's education

[REDACTED], and the countryside around Hempnall forms a fundamental part of her education. We regularly use local footpaths, fields, and natural areas to support her learning in science, geography, environmental studies, and physical wellbeing.

The presence of a large-scale solar development in close proximity would reduce the availability and quality of the natural environment that forms an essential part of her daily education. It would replace open agricultural countryside with industrial infrastructure, changing both the visual environment and the experience of being in nature.

This would have a lasting negative impact on her educational experience and wellbeing.

Impact on my livelihood

My income is directly dependent on the rural character and environment of Hempnall. I host visiting students from Europe who specifically choose to stay in our home because of its peaceful countryside setting and traditional rural English environment.

These students come to experience quiet countryside, wildlife, and rural life. The presence of a large-scale solar development let alone the construction work would fundamentally alter the character of the area and making it not possible for me to host students for a number of years.

Change to the character of the local area

Hempnall is a rural village characterised by agricultural land, open countryside, and a peaceful natural environment. The introduction of extensive solar infrastructure would industrialise the surrounding landscape and permanently alter the character of the area.

This would result in:

- Loss of rural character and tranquillity
- Visual industrialisation of agricultural land
- Harm to the peaceful residential environment

- Reduction in the quality of life for nearby residents

These impacts would be long-term and difficult or impossible to reverse.

Conclusion

My family has lived [REDACTED] for 16 years. Our home, livelihood, and family wellbeing are deeply connected to the peaceful rural environment of Hempnall.

The proposed East Pye Solar development would have a significant and harmful impact on:

- Our family's mental health and wellbeing
- My husband's recovery from offshore work
- [REDACTED]
- My daughter's education
- My livelihood hosting visiting students
- The rural character and tranquillity of our home environment

I respectfully ask that these personal impacts be given full and serious consideration when assessing this application.

The peaceful rural environment surrounding our home is not simply a preference, but a fundamental part of our family's wellbeing, education, and livelihood.

[REDACTED]

As a resident for over 20 years in Saxlingham Nethergate I am writing to object to the East Pye Solar project and wish to register with you how adversely this will affect my wellbeing and mental health

I regularly walk around the affected area and I find it personally devastating that great swathes of the beautiful countryside and public footpaths will be blighted by these enormous solar panels, not only for myself but the wildlife and nature that currently thrives in this area, but will be severely affected by the East Pye Solar project

In addition, I am also deeply concerned about the impact the heavy duty goods traffic will have on the roads through the village.....there seems to be absolutely no consideration at all for the residents of our village.

I also have a concern about the loss of productive farmland through this project.... the recent Middle East war is demonstrating how important food security is for our nation, and this project will only damage our food production capacity

Yours

[REDACTED]

20250210 - Personal Impact Statement - Brooke - [REDACTED]

Whilst we have a number of concerns about the efficacy and appropriateness of large solar farms to help meet government targets for green energy, we have tried to restrict our comments here to issues that affect us directly. However, the policy of depending so heavily on PV technology, with the problems associated with lithium sourcing, handling and dependence on China and other Far Eastern countries as suppliers, plus the difficulties of recycling/repurposing.

Site 9 on the EPS plan is bordered on three sides by narrow single-track roads, not suitable for construction traffic, and already over-subscribed by local travellers and used as 'rat runs'. We chose to live in quiet South Norfolk to enjoy the tranquillity of the countryside and a development of this magnitude would surely destroy that calmness.

The solar panels are to be mounted on 15 foot frames and surrounded by security fencing, and pole-mounted CCTV cameras. Most of the proposed sites are in sparsely populated areas and we fear that they could well be targets for vandals, not only damaging some of the panels and reducing their performance but attracting undesirable elements to South Norfolk. We are confident that most residents of South Norfolk do not want to be overlooked by industrial-scale constructions. They, like we, wish to continue enjoying the countryside.

[REDACTED]

From [REDACTED]

Re: Violation of our landscape with solar panel's

I would like to protest most strongly against the ruination of the landscape around the productive farmland around Brooke and neighbouring villages with acres of solar panels.

I totally agree with all the other protesters and their pointers as to the environment and impact of the covering of thousands of acres of productive farmland and loss of habitat for many species.

This project would be a great injustice to everyone living in the south Norfolk area and would impact the area for generations to come with the destruction of the environment and landscape with something that nobody has any idea of the long term impact.

Best regards

[REDACTED]

Thanks for the draft objection letter. My wife and I, and other members of our family, as well hopefully as friends, are intending to submit an objection. I was just concerned whether we should not also be submitting an objection, or at least copying it, to the local authorities involved, and also to the Government, as surely it is they who need to be convinced of the case against the scheme rather than the company itself?

As people who hugely value the countryside and villages potentially damaged by the plan, rather than residents of those villages, we are in a different position to many people who will be objecting, and I wonder if we should be objecting on a more personal basis.

Any thoughts as to the most effective way we can play a part would be helpful.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

20251114 - Personal Impact Statement - Great Moulton - [REDACTED]

Id like to strongly object to the proposals of solar panels

Ive lived in the countryside most of my life, in Great Moulton for last 37 years

I am a footpath walker and love the beauty of our countryside and count myself very fortunate to live here, my family are also farming related, I believe not only are you destroying such a beautiful sight of our land but taking away a food source and employment and devastation to wildlife

I think this country has gone mad

How on earth can any of this be justified

Net zero is a joke, im all for doing our part but when we have other countries that negate what we do I ask myself why??

You will be taking away livelihood, natural beauty, habitat and lots of what nature has to offer as well as the tranquility and mental well being of many people who sought to dwell in a village and enjoy their surroundings and lifestyle

We in UK are just a small island and already the housing developments are eating into our land , solar panels etc are welcomed but not on our beautiful land which will only be a picture in history books should you continue

please read this as a strong objection

[REDACTED]

20251119 - Personal Impact Statement - Saxlingham Nethergate - [REDACTED]

My personal impact statement {PIA}

I am forwarding a copy of the email I have sent to Dalcour Maclaren who are acting on behalf of the East Pye Solar Project . My grave concern is the passage of heavy construction vehicles along The Street in front of [REDACTED] } will damage the footings. As it was built in the 16th Century it has no deep foundations. I have requested that another route should be chosen avoiding Saxlingham Nethergate village altogether due to it being a Conservation village with many listed properties lining The Street. As yet I have had no reply from Dalcour Maclaren and thus am writing to you for additional support in raising my concerns.

Thankyou.

I live at [REDACTED]

I have a number of concerns over the proposed East Pye Solar development. Specifically, loss of valuable agricultural land, unsightly industrial landscape, destruction of natural habitats, adverse impact on public rights of way, loss of property value and concern over the height of panels.

I also have concerns over the proposed route for the delivery of transformers. The route will go past my house. The extremely wide and heavy vehicles will damage our road, verges, vegetation, water pipes and water meter. I understand that these vehicles will be travelling through the village during the night and I am concerned that the noise, vibration and light flicker will disturb my sleep.

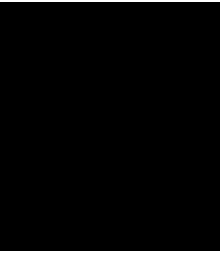
I am also concerned that the community will suffer through the possible loss of some of their property frontage and the damage to very old properties in a conservation area. Furthermore probable damage to roads, oak trees, verges, vegetation, water pipes, culverts, bridges and ditches. There will be greater risk to the safety of school children at the school and to users of the playing field. There must also be some concern that emergency vehicles will not be able to access the village at night.

Your sincerely

[REDACTED]

23rd November 2025

Our meadow address where we keep our horse is:-



The proposed Photo Volatics would be located directly at the bottom of our meadow

Currently our meadow is just outside the area of flooding as recognised by the Environmental Agency Flood Risk

Our concern is the proposed solar panels due to there individual size wil have a surface area equal or greater than piece of land at the rear of our meadow

Also add on the factor the concrete to used to support the structural steel frames will reduce the surface area water can seep into

Therefore when we have heavy rain there will be a greater surface area on the glass and a smaller area on the ground to take the surface water run off

Therefore water will over a period of time will saturated the ground and will make the adjacent areas of ground constantly wet

This will mean we will not be able to use our land for grazing the horse for probably six months of the year

Also remember the soil is mainly clay and slows down permeability and will reduce the grass and will result in more perennial weeds growing

The ditch at the rear of our meadow never get cleaned out so any clearing of same needs to be identified in a maintenance programme (every three years)

Also the movement corridors needs to be large enough to accommodate a 3.5 ton 360 digger to carry out any maintence works

With regards to Glint and Glare my opinion there needs to be a separate Glint an glare impact analysis for a scheme of this size and be part of any planning process

I also think technology has not been tested on this scale of solar farm and is likely to prove expensive and may never work

Best regards

[REDACTED]

20260212 - A poem - XXXXXXXXXX

The skylark's song choked in silicon dust,
Where ancient loam is traded for greed,
A landscape brokered in a breach of trust,
To serve a myth of sustainability need.

Beneath the weight of glass and steel,
The life of countryside ceases breath;
A hollow pact with blind political seal,
That sows a harvest of industrialised death.

The hedgerow falls, losing nature's fare,
Where briar bloomed and goldfinch dwelled.
Hare and deer banished to where?
As heavy machines construct modern hell.

And what of us, who watch the meadows die?
We pay the tribute in soaring electric bills,
While foreign ledgers blossom beneath our sky,
And sunsets glimmer amongst blacked out hills.

The chalkstream, once a vein of light,
Now runs with ghosts, chemicals and silt,
A poisoned ribbon winding through the night,
The silent witness to a nation's guilt.

The trout are gone; the gravel beds grey,
As toxins leach where clear waters once ran,
The price of "progress" thrown upon the clay,
The arrogant, ephemeral work of man.

And when the decade's fickle sun has set,

And panels crack, unrecyclable and vast,
What legacy will our own children get,
But deserts made of wire and shattered
glass?

They'll walk a land that's neither wild nor sown,
A desecrated ghost of what was there,
To reap the bitter crop that we have grown:
A hollow earth, just humming in the air.

I live in [REDACTED]

The proposal for both East Pye and Tasway are alarming to say the least. According to the map a huge area of where I live, drive and walk will be affected and my daily life a constant reminder of the fact that I would now be living in an industrial led space.

I moved here for the very reason most people moved out of towns and cities to the south of Norwich. For the views, openness unblighted outlook and the feel, yes the feel of the place.

I have been here since 2019 and bought a house to renovate and then stay [REDACTED] and my daughter and I are carrying on the project largely unaided. AS we both want to stay and enjoy the blood sweat and tears we have poured into this, our HOME.

Every aspect of this industrial scale project is a huge concern. From the obvious impact on the landscape, wildlife and biodiversity we have witness around us from the nightly visits of bats over the house to a variety of owls around us in the local woods and barns.

We have only just gained some peace and quiet around us and our one track road since the bypass was completed. Where during this process with road closures we have buses, lorries and cars trying to get through and cars coming into the drive to pass each other, so much so we have had to have gates put in to avoid the mess they were creating.

Will we really and honestly benefit from the landscaping thats proposed in and around the solar panel sites. This feels like a lip service to the residents. WOULD YOU BE GENUINELY COMFORTABLE WITH HAVING THIS ALL AROUND YOU WHERE YOU LIVE. I seriously doubt it.

Yes we need to sort out this countries consumption of energy but why it has to be concentrated this side of Norfolk is such a MAJOR scar on the area, Im sorry I do not understand why you would consider that any of us in the area would be comfortable with it.

Just a thought from a security point of view would a spread of our energy sites be more prudent. Less of a risk of sabotage from outside influences or other countries. Or are you going to put up fencing and security systems which adds to the blight.

Then there is the noise, mess, traffic and everything else that affects a build of this size and scale and for so many years. The cost of our homes if we choose to sell during these changes for a number of life situations that do come up. The value and obvious changes to the area will form the decisions of buyers. This makes me feel dread and sick in my stomach if I think on it. So I try not to

The list goes on and on as I hope you can imagine if you walked in our shoes.

I love this area I live now and feel fortunate to have found it and it has provided a safe and positive place to dwell.....

I hope you actually read this letter and pause even if just for a moment to consider how this will affect our lives and those who have also chosen to dwell briefly or a life time.



20260220 - Personal Impact Statement - Aslacton - [REDACTED]

I have lived in Aslacton for over 50 years. I was a pig farmer. It is a stressful business and it culminated in [REDACTED].

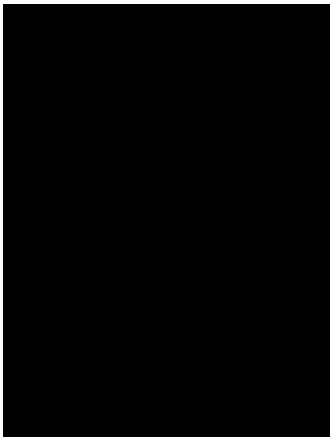
My recovery drew heavily on my love of the local countryside. Our lovely network of tree and hedge lined lanes, our undulating fields with their crops changing colours and textures as they develop through the seasons.

The thought of our countryside being dedicated and industrialised by acres of appalling solar panels, sub stations and battery storage is already causing me great anxiety and distress.

I am not against solar energy, I have panels on my house. I am completely against them on good farmland. The roofs and even the sides of some buildings, domestic, industrial and municipal should be used.

The suggestion that solar sites will have any effect on global warming and weather patterns when we only contribute 1 percent of emissions is ridiculous.

This is another example of this Government not thinking through the implications of their actions.



20260220 - Personal Impact Statement - Aslacton - [REDACTED]

I have lived in South Norfolk villages Great Moulton, Tivetshall St Mary and Aslacton since 1987.

Living in such a beautiful part of the Country has given me solice and sustained me in times of difficulty during my life.

I love the peace and quiet, the wildlife the wildflowers and bird song in the hedges and roadside verges.

I have had many sleepness nights worrying about what it may become, an Industrialised dead landscape with 24 hour noise and light polution.

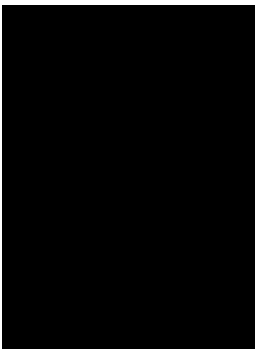
It fills my days with worry and i could weep for what we might loose.

Im not against solar in the right place indeed i have panels on my house, but on good agricultural land it is wrong.

We already have 3 solar farms to my knowledge under construction. One between Old Buckenham and Attleborough. One in Mulbarton and one on the outskirts of Palgrave near Diss. There is one at Trowse and one near the Hempnall roudabout. I think we already have our fair share.

We are not going to be compensated for loss of property value never mind the impact on our mental health.

It is like living in a nightmare from which you cannot wake.



20260220 - Personal Impact Statement - [REDACTED]

My family moved to Norfolk from Suffolk nearly nine years ago, and part of the attraction was the tranquil ,peaceful, lovely countryside that Norfolk enjoys. Seeing the devastation of so much of the local countryside is upsetting and worrying, why are Solar Panels not on brown field sites, put on factories tops for example, multi-story car parks, or imposed as a regulation that all new build houses have solar panels installed on them, Why should agricultural land that should be used to feed our nation be used to pursue a Net Zero objective

The beauty of Norfolk and Suffolk is being eroded without addressing the concerns and worries that so many of its inhabitants , what about the environmental costs, the effect on wildlife, essential for our well being, Has EVERY aspect of this and other proposal been FULLY thought through, I would suggest not, there are other ways and means

Regards [REDACTED]

20260320 - Personal Impact Statement - Saxlingham Nethergate - [REDACTED]

The possible construction of East Pye solar farm is causing my mental health to spiral downwards. The very thought of losing our precious countryside to an industrial landscape makes me so sad and angry. I find the idea of fertile agricultural land being permanently industrialised both perverse and intensely worrying bearing in mind the pressures of food security.

I am concerned about the impact on wildlife habitats, free movement of mammals will be impossible and feeding patterns and routes will be lost forever.

Pouring concrete on to green and fertile land is the very antithesis of caring for our environment- the land will never be returned to agricultural use because it will be permanently contaminated.

The danger of increased flooding from impact on the claylands soil - Saxlingham Nethergate village centre floods already with the smallest amount of rain when the water table is high, which is becoming more frequent with current weather patterns.

The loss of amenity of our landscape with footpaths being disturbed and possibly re-directed/closed.

Walking on footpaths surrounded by solar panels will be soul destroying.

The danger from walking on pathways that are fenced in on both sides would mean that I can not enjoy the countryside as I do now.

I ride regularly on our bridleways and restricted byways - it will become dangerous to do so with the increased traffic around the country lanes.

If the solar panels are moving ones it will be even more dangerous to ride near them as horses will be spooked.

During construction phase the movement of lorries on small country roads will disfigure the countryside permanently, which will continue when repairs and replacements are needed.

Increased traffic both during construction and continuing will ruin the peacefulness of the area.

The noise of construction will be heard all over the village and beyond.

If the solar panels are moving ones there will be permanent noise disturbance for all residents.

We currently have far reaching dark skies (for which Norfolk is well known) which will be polluted by lights on the solar fields.

I want to know why our way of life is being sold out so that investment banks can make money at our expense?

PUT SOLAR ON ROOFS AND BROWNFIELD SITES - NOT ON COUNTRYSIDE

PROTECT OUR FOOD PRODUCING LAND

PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE

Kind regards

[REDACTED], Saxlingham Nethergate resident