

I live and work in the area covered by the East Pye solar proposal and use the whole area for recreational purposes. I'd already made a written submission earlier in the year listing my concerns about impact of East Pye Solar if the project goes ahead. It was my intention to do some research into the devastating impact the type of noise and light pollution created by solar factory construction and operation has on people, in particular people with neurodiversity who are frequently more sensitive to noise and light, especially low frequency noise. The intention was to allow me to provide facts and figures in my next statement that shows the specific impact on people who are neurodiverse and will be significantly impacted by the noise emitted by solar factories. When you have to consider the decibel rating of basic household appliances when purchasing them, the thought of being surrounded by low level noise you can not control or escape from is terrifying. I was not able to do this research and this resulted in my concerns focussing more on how I will no longer be able to use the countryside around me to maintain my wellbeing, if the project goes ahead. It's focussed my mind on how important the area's we choose to live in are for our wellbeing, along with the impact when the area is under threat of destruction. In reality I currently have neither the time or the energy to deal with the impact of projects that will destroy the peace and tranquility of the countryside and green spaces I use to support wellbeing. It is work I should not be having to do. If East Pye Solar project goes ahead the peace and tranquility of the country area I've chosen to live will be industrialised and its character destroyed for ever. What I others should be able to do is use the peace and tranquility of the area to maintain our mental and physical health. I should not be having to worry about being trapped in the middle of a power station in a properties I most likely wont be able to sell. My home will have all the down sides of living in an industrial city area but none of the benefits of living in a city area. If this project goes ahead people will be broken completely by the noise and destruction it will bring and the loss of nature and green spaces around them.

We are constantly told that spending time in nature is beneficial to both mental and physical wellbeing. If the East Pye Solar project goes ahead there will be no true countryside left, what there is will only be accessible by traveling through vast industrialised areas to find little pockets of greenery. Even in a local pocket of greenery is it unlikely the noise and light pollution from the industrialised areas will not be evident. It will be necessary to drive considerable distances to spend time in the true country side and this in itself will have a negative impact on the environment. With ever increasing fuel costs people will be unable to access the countryside and green spaces. The wellbeing of people who live in what is currently the countryside but will become a large industrialised power station, is going to decline and this will put a strain on already stretched health services.

The proposals are lengthy and complex and more than the average lay person can understand or has time to wade through. They are not written in plain English and I have not yet seen anything that shows what the benefit to South Norfolk will be. I can't even see anything that shows what the benefit to the UK is it appears everything will be made in foreign countries and all the profits will go to non UK companies. I see nothing in any of the proposals that considers the impact on people who will have their peace and tranquility destroyed for ever, yet not be able to move as their properties will become unsaleable, or in many cases already have.

While I am fortunate in that as I am in the centre of the village I live in I will not have solar factory equipment in view of my home. However I will still need to change my way of life to allow me to continue to follow my current countryside interests such as cycling, walking and nature watching. These will no longer be possible in my local area as I have no interest in walking along side high fences looking at solar panels to reach a spot of greenery that the wildlife will most likely have deserted. I have no interest in cycling on roads I'd be expected to share with heavy industrial vehicles. It would neither be enjoyable or safe. People including myself go walking and cycling in the countryside to listen to nature not the hum of solar factories.

Everyone living in midst of the proposed solar factory is likely to suffer and once the damage has been done there is no going back as the human impact has not been addressed in the proposal. I have used the term factory as every definition I have found for 'Farm' is along the lines of 'A farm is a plot of land that is used to grow crops and raise livestock' . The East Pye Project will destroy these plots of land , reduce capacity for growing crops and raising livestock and therefore reduce UK food security. The proposal has not addressed this.