

I have lived in Woodton for over 70 years, this East Pye Solar scheme will be spread over some 2000 acres of Best and Most Versatile farmland in this area and if this scheme is approved our beautiful and rural countryside will be ruined. We will no longer be able to walk the public footpaths, horse-ride or cycle safely if this development proceeds.

The single track roads between Woodton, Shotesham and Hempnall are only suitable for cars which have to pull over into field openings to pass one another and are definitely not suitable for heavy earth-moving machinery and the vehicles required for the installation of this solar scheme. My direct route to reach our main shopping centre of Norwich from Woodton is via Shotesham and major disruption will be caused for us and all the local people if heavy vehicles use this route.

My family have farmed in Woodton for three generations since the 1940's and we are being greatly affected by this solar scheme in that a cable corridor CRC9 is being proposed to cut through the centre of our fields in Woodton causing great disruption to our work, lives and crop planning. The displacement of tons of earth from our fields will create problems for us for many years until the area eventually returns to its original condition - if it ever does. We have spent over eighty thousand pounds on drainage to improve the condition of these fields in the last 10 years alone.

I am very proud to say that for the past 20 years Barn Owls have nested and reared their young in our old brick barns on the farm. The proposed cable corridor CRC9 will run close to their nesting site and will cross their hunting ground it will also run adjacent to Becketts Wood an Ancient Woodland and County Wildlife Site. According to the British Trust for Ornithology I have been advised that as a Schedule 1 species it is an offence to disturb Barn Owls during the breeding season May-September. I am very worried that we will lose these beautiful birds if their habitat is ruined by this scheme. I strongly disapprove of yet more of our prime Norfolk farmland being decimated on this scale for this proposed sprawling and disjointed array of solar panels which will cover some 2000 acres.