

I have lived in Woodton for 66 years and three generations of our family have farmed our land at Woodton since the 1940's. We are now faced with the unacceptable prospect of a cable corridor CRC9 being installed through the centre of our farmland at Woodton to service solar panels for the East Pye Solar scheme. There has been no consultation between us and Green Island Power or their representatives as to the route that this cable should take. It is proposed that it should go right through the centre of our land causing great disruption to our arable crop planning and fodder provision for our 200 herd of Pedigree Holsteins, Pedigree Jerseys and beef animals.

The cable corridor will affect some 270 acres of our land and will cause great disruption to our working environment and planning for several years, not only with the tilling, drilling and harvesting of crops but also with the movement, feeding and husbandry for the 200 plus animals on the farm at Woodton.

A great many years have been invested in our farm to keep the land in prime condition including drainage on all of our fields to prevent flooding and run-off and which has cost us a huge amount of time and money. If this cable corridor is approved my many year's experience tells me that all of this soil improvement will be lost.

If this scheme proceeds, day to day operations on the farm will be disproportionately affected especially during busy periods i.e. harvest time with the movement of our combine harvester and tractors hauling corn from fields to the farm.

Also moving livestock to their summer grazing in April and then back onto the farm for the winter period.

We also farm land at Saxlingham and a cable corridor CRC9/CRC10 is going through one of our fields there which I find totally unacceptable and which will cause us more inconvenience and disruption.

As to the proposed solar panels in the village of Shotesham which is classified as a Conservation Village where no planning applications are allowed for new builds. It is quite unfathomable as to why and how solar panels are even being considered for this village.

I strongly object to this sprawling East Pye Solar scheme which will destroy 2000 acres of prime farmland. Instead all new housing should be fitted with solar panels and any large scale schemes should be primarily on disused industrial sites.