

I object fundamentally to the East Pye Solar NSIP because there are already adequate solar energy and BESS projects either built, under construction or in planning to meet DESNZ's CP2030 and CP2035 targets for East Anglia.

As such, the East Pye Solar project is not essential to fulfil national renewable energy objectives. Indeed it would unnecessarily take up capacity on the transmission grid which will be required for other types of required generation, and result in curtailment costs.

It is an inefficient form of electricity generation anyway, as it produces most power when little is needed, and least power when it is most needed.

Solar farms rely on the construction of vast buildings containing batteries to store the electricity - costly to build and a potential fire risk too.

It is really hard to understand why anyone is seriously considering tying up good agricultural land for 40 years to produce energy in such an inefficient way - and at such a cost to our environment and wellbeing. Food security is going to be an increasing issue as the world becomes more and more unstable economically & politically. And if you insist on solar as a source of (intermittent) energy, why not place the panels on rooftops - of warehouses, car parks etc - as is done in many European countries? On farmland? - that is just crazy!

And what of the damage you would be doing to memories here in South Norfolk of our agricultural past - and the old common land, ancient trees and hedgerows. Footpaths fenced in with no view anymore of open countryside and no escape if alone and put in a vulnerable position by someone else on this restricted footpath.

The extreme and wide-ranging harms posed by this scheme—to the landscape, community, wildlife, farmland, and nationally significant heritage—are not justified by any demonstrable critical need for it. This proposal represents an unjustifiable assault on rural Norfolk that fails to balance national policy with local environmental protection.