

The scale of project does not reflect NPPF Paragraph 198, which requires development to be appropriate to its location and to fully consider the “likely effects (including cumulative effects)” on the natural environment and living conditions. EPS (Island Green Power / Macquarie an Australian Company) make no secret that they intend to own all the farmland (c5000 acres) affected by the project by using the compulsory purchase powers which they are afforded as a NSIP.

There is no evidence of any due diligence being performed on Macquarie. Macquarie's reputation is horrendous: regulatory breaches, enormous executive compensation packages, financial engineering loads acquiring assets with heavy debt while delivering expensive and/or substandard public services, extracting high profits - the list goes on. The Thames Water issue is one of the biggest problems facing our new Prime Minister

It is beyond comprehension why this application has even been submitted by EPS and how it has got this far when within its own literature it states “it accepts that prioritised schemes already meet our regional solar capacity target”.

EPS also state that this location has been selected solely on the basis of commercial land agreements and lack of connection capacity at Norwich Main, not environment suitability.

“A Farm by definition is an area of land devoted primarily to agricultural processes; it is the basic facility in food production”.

EPS is absolutely not a farm; it is a Mega Energy Industrialisation and should be called that.

EPS is the Armageddon of thousands of acres of farms, natural environment and a way of life all existing since time began.

We live in a safe, beautiful and nature saturated, quiet and clean air environment enjoying the benefits this has on our physical and mental wellbeing.

The EPS Mega Energy Industrialisation would obliterate every minute but essential component part.

Our “historic landscape and way of life / living conditions” replacing it with disruption, extreme noise, loss of liberty and habitats and most worryingly a very real risk to life (human and wildlife, farm animals etc.) from the very real threat of risks from explosion, fires, chemical contamination and even water contamination i.e. the real risk of a catastrophe they nor the Government are legally required to rectify. No total evacuation provision or correction policy or law provides protection. e.g. Home insurances do not provide cover for industrial chemical contamination.

We, like most Norfolk villagers, are country folk to our core with an unprecedented zest for a rural outdoor way of life and conscious and proactive involvement in every complex conservation need of this vast and varied rural environment, with generations of learned and specialist history, skills, knowledge and our life's experiences, tales and learnings, passed generation to generation, securing and enhancing this most treasured nature filled rural Norfolk environment and way of life for our generations to come.

As country folk, past and present, we have never in our history taken our rural way of life or culture, our natural environment; the countryside, wildlife, flora, the tranquility of even just hearing birdsong and the wind, our plentiful producing high grade farm lands so important to feeding this country, our legacy and ongoing conservation of this land and the enormity of our responsibility not only to our identity, but our core mental and physical wellbeing, by being so “simply at one with nature” in this irreplaceable environment, for granted.

I refer you to the Princess of Wales own recent public video accounts of “the importance of to her family being at one with nature for her and her family's physical and mental health and wellbeing”. Their ground zero. We feel no less of an attachment today and going forward for the physical and mental wellbeing of Norfolk villagers.

Our countryside roots and all this encompasses are inherent in Norfolk residents.

It is our Norfolk shared heritage which forges our strong village and inter village communities and collaboration that attracts people to not only holiday in the county but to move here too for the better quality of life.

I have been a resident of Wacton for 36 years and now frighteningly live within project sites 1&2 in close vicinity (0.9km as the crow flies) of the Great Moulton “critical project deliverable structures” i.e. the proposed 2 x 400 KV substations, the National Grid Substation covering 6 hectares, the 800-1000 battery containers, miles of fences, security cameras and intensive lighting in this most compacted and most dangerous area of the EPS project as well as the 14ft rotating solar panels. 0.9 km from my property as the crow flies.

I am also directly impacted by site 4, Long Stratton and to the east of it, this being my nearest town and route along the A140 and to villages the “other side”.

The unequivocal attraction of Wacton for my family and dogs 36 years ago was its unequalled 80 acre common and extensive range of footpaths and bridle paths (several historic like Boudicca way) to Great Moulton across the Great Moulton plateau and to the equally authentic surrounding villages, without barely needing to touch a road.

Whilst younger I used to bike everywhere around the Wacton area of South Norfolk. So personally devastating that all of these villages and areas are now shown within the EPS project area for South Norfolk from Great Moulton to Seething. Now retired I still every day continue to walk or travel to and train my dogs around these same villages, footpaths and areas.

One of my favourite and main local routes is walking the Great Moulton plateau from Wacton along Hall Rd, Sallow Rd and onto Gore lane dropping in on friends for a coffee on Frith Way.

The tranquility, the bird song and bird sightings as well as hares, deer (moncjac and red) and birds of prey, and the so very far reaching vistas in every direction which change due to the hue during the different times of day and different weathers, as well as the flourishing flora and abundant wildlife, is the heart of mine and so many villagers life.

Just this summer with the unprecedented heat I and friends have set up wild life water stations from Wacton, Sallow Lane, across the plateau and other local footpaths and maintained these. I particularly have overcome the difficulty due to heath issues of carrying heavy loads of water where I cannot drive as well as calling on friends in Great Moulton to top up my water containers.

I have been so very rewarded by seeing deer, pheasants, English and French partridges, hares and insects, particularly bees continue to flourish because of this.

I have 0.9 of an acre of land and have also witnessed the benefit of maintaining watering stations even on my own land. We currently have a deer and fawn born on our land, 18 different aged baby pheasants that have made us home plus numerous squirrels, rabbits and insects and wonderfully several hedgehogs we released last autumn for the local rescue. Frighteningly these animals lifelines travel across the areas earmarked for destruction by this project.

At a time when many organisations, institutions and even our King are going all out to better and improve the natural environment, how can these environment obliterating projects be passed when there are so many alternatives being disregarded? We have hundreds of houses being built without solar because it is not law until next year! Even new businesses are able to say it is too costly to build solar over their carparks!

I am distraught beyond comprehension for mine and our following generation's wellbeing having reviewed EPS's net biodiversity claim of a 10% gain, when they have so inadequately researched and documented (predominantly as a desk top exercise) the base line loss from the project through to the total decimation of its existing 5500 acres of prolific natural environment, wildlife, flora, farmland and waterways especially its nationally important chalk aquifers.

EPS do not detail environment by environment and species by species and insect by insect what the loss will be and as such they do not detail how each species will be brought back into existence plus 10%, once the project is completed. Each project must show a 10% biodiversity gain. Unsurprisingly no reference is made to the destruction and biodiversity loss during build, renewal or decommissioning.

The 10% net gain claimed results from "generic desktop modeling", not long term, every season, data capturing out in the actual world.

On this basis there is effectively nothing to contest any company declaring a paper gain of 10% biodiversity on paper when in reality these pre project environments will be decimated forever.

The EPS project will obliterate an ancient heritage, natural environment and landscape while imprisoning thousands of Norfolk residents within and around a Mega Energy Industrialisation suffering loss of escape through financial degradation and with a very real risk of catastrophe to all forms of life.

This must surely infringe our human rights.