

I am writing to object to the proposed East Pye Solar Farm development.

I recognise the importance of renewable energy, however, I have serious concerns regarding the scale and location of this project and the impact it will have on the surrounding area.

The development would result in the loss of productive agricultural land and would fundamentally alter the character of our rural landscape. The extensive array of solar panels, together with the associated fencing, CCTV cameras and other infrastructure, would have a significant visual impact and would diminish the enjoyment of the countryside for both residents and visitors.

There are also concerns regarding the effects on wildlife and habitats, particularly when hedgerows, fields and existing ecosystems are disrupted. Furthermore, increased construction traffic and ongoing maintenance activity would place additional pressure on local roads that are not designed for heavy plant vehicles, and will cause considerable disruption to nearby communities.

I believe that brownfield sites, industrial land, and rooftop installations should be prioritised over valuable farmland and open countryside. These alternative locations would provide opportunities for renewable energy generation while having a far lower impact on the environment, local residents and the distinctive rural character of the area.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge that serious consideration be given to the suitability of this proposal and to the availability of more appropriate sites.