

I wish to register my absolute objection to this East Pye Solar scheme, both in its entirety and specifically to the devastating effect it will have on Great Moulton.

Great Moulton is a quiet, rural village and community that dates back to Saxon times and it has been the home to me and my family for 25 years. If this project was to be approved, it would completely change the local environment, blighting it with major infrastructure installations to the detriment of the people that live here and who visit here and to the detriment and probable loss of the flora and fauna that also live here. The wanton destruction and permanent loss of thousands of acres of productive farmland is also at odds with the food security requirements of the nation. (The suggestion that the 60-year lifespan of this scheme is only 'temporary' is absurd and an insult to everybody impacted.)

The siting of the sub-station and Battery Energy Storage System in Great Moulton is completely inappropriate in respect of the accessibility and impact during its construction phase and then the ongoing noise and light pollution throughout its operation. (As I mentioned, Great Moulton is a very rural village and doesn't even have street lighting.) The real effects and potential risks to air, water and soil contamination that this industrialisation of our landscape will have on the people and the wildlife is beyond acceptable.

From a personal perspective, the impact will be immense. The views from my house will be changed forever, with open fields being replaced with massive industrial units, fencing and lighting and the peace and tranquillity that I enjoy today in my garden will be lost completely. The value of my property will be significantly impacted and my future plans for downsizing for our retirement severely compromised.

And to say that this gives me cause for concern is a gross understatement.

This proposed scheme represents an unjustifiable assault on rural Norfolk that fails to balance national policy with local environmental protection and the impacts to landscape, community, wildlife, farmland, nationally significant heritage... and people.

I am not opposed to the principle of renewable energy – I fully understand the need for alternative sources such as solar and nuclear – but I am fully opposed to the East Pye Solar proposal.