

My name is Ann Stothard and I live in Stratton St. Michael. This is my written representation in the form of A Personal Impact Statement.

My registration identification number is: [REDACTED]

If this project goes ahead my property will be bordered by sites 4A and 4B

I moved to Norfolk, with my partner, in May 2022. We both retired and wanted to move to a more rural, peaceful and picturesque part of the country. We looked forward to the dark skies, and the convenience of being within easy travelling distance of the Broads and the Norfolk coast. We had family already living in Norwich so pretty much all boxes were ticked. We were aware when we moved that a bypass was being discussed, for Long Stratton, and it was no surprise when work began. We endured months of disruption, sleepless nights, due to day and night-time noise, traffic hold ups and limited access in and out of our property, whilst the bypass was constructed, fully aware that it would be of absolutely no benefit to us. In fact we are in a worsened situation. Nevertheless, it was a decision **WE** had made and finally it was over! Then came the bombshell! Imagine our horror when we learnt of this, latest proposed, abomination. Another project of absolutely no benefit to us, but with the addition that it would continue as a blight on the rest of our lives. Currently we have an unhindered view across our neighbour's property and green fields to Brick Kiln Lane. The area is a haven for all wildlife: mammals, bats, birds, bees, insects and amphibians alike. We can walk down Church Lane, past our beautiful old church, to join ancient footpaths, beside farmer's fields, (plots) with crops thriving on some of Norfolk's Best and Most Versatile (BMV) agricultural land. I walk this route every day. Not just for the views but for the peace of mind, fresh air and feeling of well-being it brings, and also because I want, and need, to stay as active as I can in my retirement years. The [REDACTED] Again BMV land, with cattle grazing. Now we stand to lose all this beauty on our doorstep. If this project goes ahead we are faced with the threat of 4.5 metre high, sun tracking solar panels across our familiar and dearly loved landscape. All surrounded by six foot high security fencing. Not just one or two fields but literally acres of them. Heartbreaking is not a big enough word to describe the depth of emotion I feel. The [REDACTED] manner in which this project has been presented has been both intimidating and frightening and let's not forget the additional [REDACTED]. Apparently it has become acceptable to take peoples' futures and destroy them without any consideration of the impact on their well-being, peace of mind or happiness. In this era of focus on mental health, where is the concern for the damage being inflicted on all the village communities involved? What about those people more vulnerable, less strong, less able, to cope with the pressures being brought to bear on them? The value of this property, and all the others under threat of this proposal, will be devalued significantly. This was my forever home, or so I thought! Having spent a lot of money, and time in the beginning, to make it so, work has ground to a halt to enable the fight to save us from this [REDACTED]. The dream is spoilt. [REDACTED] it does for the majority of people involved, from 'we cannot let this happen, we must fight' to utter despair at the prospect of the life we may be faced with. Some I am sure will be unable to cope. Our property is located on one of the main tourist routes through Norfolk to the Broads and our wonderful North Norfolk coast. What holidaymaker is going to enjoy travelling miles, through acres of solar fields to arrive at their final destination, in all probability, to be surrounded by yet more solar fields. Ultimately this industry will fail and those persons who earn their living in it will suffer too. We will have no agriculture, no tourism, no peace and no prospect of any return to the life we worked hard to achieve.

The Photos attached show [REDACTED] Church Lane past the church and the sites to the left which are targeted for solar panels.



St Michaels Church



Figure Site 4B looking west



Church Lane towards Brick Kiln Lane Site 4B on left