

Firstly I would like to say I'm not against solar. I have a small piece of land a short distance from home, it doesn't have electricity or water. I use solar panels for lighting an gather rain water. The solar panels are located on the shed roof where the lights are needed.

Which is my objection with East Pye's proposal using good agricultural land rather than every new build be it residential or commercial buildings etc. plus utilising existing buildings.

In my personal impact statement I made many points about the landscape i.e. Mature Oaks and the Wildlife.

When I attended and spoke at the hearing at Dunston Hall I didn't hear anything from The East Pye Team (EPS) to ease any of the fears raised in my impact statement, in fact my concerns were increased. I felt the lead spokesperson didn't have any personal knowledge of the area proposed for the solar panels, which I feel diminished his understanding of the concerns being raised by heartbroken residents. e.g. A Saxlingham resident raised the proposed widening of the road and partial demolishing of the War Memorial. Which of course has been a huge concern for those living nearby to the proposed bigger road especially in relation to the stability of properties which are several centuries old.

But after this concern being raised, EPS later said it wasn't going to widen the road or demolish any part of the War Memorial. Surely this point could have been clearly thought through and been dismissed before causing so much unnecessary worry and anguish.

War memorials in my opinion are sacred monuments in memory and respect of those who were brave and made the ultimate sacrifice, giving their lives for us and this option should not have been considered at all.

This summer has shown that there isn't enough water for the existing requirements yet alone for washing solar panels.

Again this summer and we are being told it will soon be the normal for our summers, has seen the absolute destruction that was caused by fire taking many Fire Crews and sometime days to get them under control. As per the "Journal Pioneer - SUMMERSIDE, P.E.I. Two weeks to the day since it started (7th Sept), the battery fire at Summerside Sunbank has been declared officially out". Some of the proposed EPS battery storage are near homes and business's, yet there doesn't seem to be a definitive plan of how these homes and business will be protected. All I have found re the Norfolk Fire Brigades battery storage plan is around prevention, minimising the risk, fire safety provision etc. which is brilliant but surely there needs to be a detailed plan for fires, how to contain, put them out etc.

I also questioned the glare from the panels for road and air users. The MOD regularly has training exercises in this area, on 2nd September during the afternoon a Chinook Helicopter and a Jet, completed many low level passes over Topcroft and the surrounding area, I didn't manage to get a photograph but a friend did at Denton, which I will attach.

The following is information available on a simple google search - East Pye Solar Farm Parent Company is IGP UK Projects Limited, which is a subsidiary of Island Green Power's UK group holding company, Island Green Power Group Limited (IGP). IGP is a leading developer of utility-scale solar projects and battery storage systems. The company is wholly owned by Macquarie Asset Management, via its managed funds. Macquarie Asset Management part-owned Thames Water from 2006 to 2017 through a consortium of infrastructure funds and other investors. Macquarie Asset Management's ownership of Thames Water has been marked by significant fines and penalties due to operational failures and neglect. Thames Water has been fined a record [REDACTED] by the water regulator Ofwat for failing to protect the environment and letting down its customers. The company has also faced a [REDACTED] penalty for [REDACTED] related to its sewage operations, and [REDACTED] for payments to shareholders that were deemed "undeserved" given the company's performance. These fines highlight the financial engineering and operational failures that occurred during Macquarie's tenure as the owner of Thames Water.

To me this shows a blatant disregard for the environment, wildlife or UK laws and regulations. Which is contradictory, as the reason being given for solar panels is mostly environmental. The companies history does nothing to allay any fear but increase them for our beautiful Countryside, Wildlife.

Channel 5 has a new series called "Sam and Ade Go Birding", [REDACTED] who is a an avid twitcher said on the program "Norfolk is one of the great bird locations" but will it be, if covered in solar panels, with the risk of heat exposure, entanglement etc.?

I'm not going to rewrite the points in my first Impact Statement but I would like to say that, they are all still valid points of concern.



