

James Ledsham

From: Robert Cook
Sent: 02 October 2026 13:30
To: [REDACTED]@parliament.uk
Cc: East Pye Solar
Subject: RE: Written Representation - East Pye Solar

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email on behalf of your constituent, Mr Brian Beadle, regarding the proposed East Pye Solar project.

The Planning Inspectorate's role is to ensure that all relevant representations are considered during the examination of the application and that all interested parties have an opportunity to present evidence and views.

The issues raised by Mr Beadle are matters that fall within the scope of the examination process and his representation will be added to the deadline 1 submissions for consideration by The Examining Authority.

Should Mr Beadle wish to he may continue to participate in the examination by submitting written representations and responding to examination deadlines through the East Pye Solar [project page](#) on the National Infrastructure Planning website using the '[Have your say on an application](#)' function.

The website contains all application documents, examination submissions, procedural decisions, the examination timetable, and details of [how representations can be submitted](#).

Assistance with the process can also be obtained by contacting the Planning Inspectorate's case team using the [project mailbox](#) (eastpyesolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

We appreciate the strength of feeling expressed by your constituent and can assure you that all representations received are taken into account as part of the examination process.

Kind regards



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Date: 29/09/2026, 14:12:16

I am contacting you on behalf of my constituent and have included below his email. Can a written response please be provided to [REDACTED]@parliament.uk

From: BRIAN BEADLE <[REDACTED]@aol.com >
Sent: 25 September 2026 13:08
To: [REDACTED]@parliament.uk
Subject: Please help us

Hi Ben

As you know I've been a [REDACTED] and ask you if you could "double down" on your Pye Solar objections we spoke about and although we agree with renewable energy is a help to being self sufficient on power that this mammoth blight to our landscape should be in a more suitable area.

"We have taken our fair share"

These are my points in an email format .

I am writing to formally register my strong objection to the proposed East Pye Solar project in South Norfolk. While I support the broader national transition to renewable energy, the sheer scale of this industrial development is entirely inappropriate for this rural landscape. It poses severe, unmitigated threats to the health of the local community and our vulnerable wildlife.

I urge the Planning Inspectorate to reject this application based on the following critical impacts:

1. Unsustainable Traffic and Infrastructure Disruption

The project will require thousands of heavy goods vehicle (HGV) movements along narrow, rural lanes. These roads lack the structural capacity for this volume of heavy traffic, creating an acute highway safety hazard for pedestrians, cyclists, and local drivers, and threatening to erode protected verges and historic road surfaces.

2. Airborne Dust and Public Health Risks

The extensive topsoil stripping, trenching for miles of cabling, and constant heavy vehicle movements across hundreds of acres will generate severe, localized dust pollution. This poses a direct, measurable risk to public health.

- **If you or members of your family have an existing respiratory condition, such as asthma or Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD):** This massive influx of construction dust and diesel particulate matter will directly aggravate your symptoms, degrade your daily quality of life, and create an unsafe living environment.

3. Severe Noise Pollution and Mental Well-being

The multi-year construction phase will subject nearby residents to highly disruptive noise, including prolonged mechanical pile-driving to anchor the panel racking.

- **If your property sits directly adjacent to the proposed site boundary or along the designated HGV delivery routes:** You will be forced to endure relentless, high-decibel noise for up to 12 hours a day.

Furthermore, the long-term operational hum from the Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and inverters will cause chronic sleep disturbance, elevated stress, and severe long-term impacts on your mental health.

4. Destruction and Fragmentation of Local Wildlife Habitats

The industrialisation of these agricultural fields will devastate local ecosystems.

- **If you have regularly observed protected species, such as rare Barbastelle bats or nesting owls, on or near your property:** This project will actively destroy their vital foraging corridors and nesting sites. The prolonged noise and artificial light pollution will permanently displace these sensitive species, entirely undermining any claims of long-term biodiversity net gain.

For these reasons, the environmental, physical, and psychological costs to our local community far outweigh the benefits of this specific development. I strongly request that the Planning Inspectorate refuses permission for the East Pye Solar project.

Thank you for considering my representation.

Yours faithfully,

Brian Beadle

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SUBJECT: Urgent Representation Regarding Cumulative Rural Impacts of Utility Solar & BESS Projects in Norfolk
Dear Sir

I am writing to you as a constituent in South Norfolk to express my deepest concerns regarding the rapid and unchecked expansion of utility-scale solar applications across our county, most notably the proposed East Pye Solar Project within your constituency, alongside nearby schemes like The Drovers and High Grove.

While I recognize the national necessity for low-carbon transition, the physical reality of these projects represents an unprecedented threat to our rural economy, agricultural heritage, and local biodiversity. As a member of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) Select Committee, I trust you will understand the gravity of removing 9,500 cumulative acres of productive, arable topsoil across Norfolk for ground-mounted arrays. This aggressive industrialization of the countryside directly undermines regional food security and permanently alters the rural landscapes you have pledged to champion.

I have attached a comprehensive, data-driven briefing note contrasting these extensive solar installations against a dense, continuous Nuclear Baseload Power alternative. I strongly urge you to review the following critical issues highlighted in the document:

Massive Spatial Inefficiency: Ground-mounted utility solar requires 18 to 27 times more surface area per MWh than nuclear power. The combined Norfolk solar footprint (9,500 acres) generates intermittent power (~22% capacity factor), whereas a single, compact 1GW nuclear plant occupying just 830 acres runs continuously at a 90%+ capacity factor—generating over four times the actual annual electricity on a fraction of the land.

Battery Energy Storage (BESS) & Contamination Risks: Unlike self-contained nuclear systems, these solar schemes depend on massive lithium-ion battery banks. These installations carry severe, documented risks of thermal runaway, which release toxic gases (including hydrogen fluoride) downwind to residents. Furthermore, emergency fire suppression creates highly toxic chemical runoff that threatens the private groundwater wells relied upon by rural properties.

Severe Local Disruptions: Enclosed nuclear infrastructure leaves perimeters virtually silent (~40 dBA). Conversely, utility solar and battery cooling banks emit a persistent, open-air, low-frequency 120 Hz tonal hum that radiates directly into flat rural landscapes, introducing a constant source of chronic environmental noise for nearby homeowners.

The Ecological "Lake Effect": Large horizontal glass grids polarize light in a way that mimics water bodies, creating fatal avian traps for migratory birds that dive directly into the panels at high speed.

The £3.5+ Billion Financial & Grid Burden: Connecting these sprawling onshore renewables requires forcing destructive infrastructure like the 114-mile Norwich to Tilbury (N2T) overground pylon corridor across our countryside, racking up billions in auxiliary costs while nuclear utilizes centralized, high-density infrastructure grid points.

Local authorities like Lincolnshire County Council have already mounted successful High Court Judicial Reviews against centrally approved Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs), arguing that the cumulative landscape destruction of these clustered fields has been fundamentally downplayed.

As our representative in Westminster, I ask that you challenge the assumption that Norfolk must sacrifice its valuable farmland and local peace to subsidize space-inefficient, high-risk infrastructure. I request that you object to the scale of the East Pye application and support a shift in national planning policy back toward highly secure, high-density baseload power stations like nuclear.

I look forward to hearing your position on this critical matter and learning how you intend to defend South Norfolk's rural environment from this irreversible encroachment.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Beadle

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