

Consultation details of East Pye Solar at The Maltings 10/12/24

From District Councillor Delme Thomson

Following the discussion at last week's Parish meeting, I wanted to ensure the council had received the message below, including details of the **public consultation on 10 December**.

I assume you have – but assumptions can be dangerous!

If you haven't already received this, please feel free to share as you feel best.

I am not sure if I'll be able to attend on 10<sup>th</sup> December as my diary is up in the air right now. I can confirm though, that as a member of the Development Management (Planning) Committee, I'll be watching this carefully, but will NOT be engaging with the applicants. I never do – so as to avoid any risk of predetermination, should this come to committee for a decision – as I expect it may well do in the future.

From East Pye Solar

We are contacting you by way of courtesy on behalf of Pathfinder Clean Energy (PACE) regarding proposals for a Solar Farm ("Station Road Solar Farm") on land north of Station Road, Tivetshall, Norfolk, NR15 2ED.

The proposed site has been carefully selected. South Norfolk's open terrain and the nearby grid access make it well-suited for a solar farm development. Expert consideration has been given to a range of factors including: local resident well-being, grid capacity, solar irradiation, environmental designations, cultural heritage, ecology, biodiversity, flood risk and agricultural land quality. We are still conducting a number of detailed studies, which will inform the final scheme design and respond to each of these topics. We have recently requested an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) screening opinion from South Norfolk Council, which will decide the extent of the surveys we undertake.

In addition to providing much needed renewable energy, the solar farm will also support local businesses, including Simpsons Malt Limited, the fifth-generation family malting business. The company's Tivetshall Maltings is located just over the Great Eastern Main Line near the proposed site. By integrating a solar farm into its operations, it will help the company achieve its goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2030, securing a sustainable energy source that protects the long-term future of this local employer.

You will soon receive a consultation brochure with information about the proposal, inviting you to attend a public consultation event for our proposals. The event is to be held at the Maltings and will be held on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024**. During our consultation period, we would like to engage with a cross-section of the community so that everyone has a chance to put forward their views, and we greatly value all feedback received. More details of this event will follow shortly.

We would be more than happy to discuss our application with you in the meantime and answer any questions you may have. Please let me know a convenient time for a briefing if this is of interest.

