

## High Grove Solar Farm

The Parish Council feel that every household in Bradenham should be aware of the intention of the Government to cover thousands of acres of agricultural land in Norfolk with solar panels.

A considerable number of these will be sited in Bradenham and the surrounding villages.

If you are already aware we hope you have written to Mr Miliband and your MP. To all of those who were not aware and have not yet registered your dismay at the project we urge you to write as soon as possible. To have any chance of succeeding in getting the plans halted they need bombarding with objections not by just one or two of you, but by every household.

The building of this solar factory may cause issues with the property market as no one likes uncertainty.

The argument that they are being made in China, shipped half way around the world and then constructed by a German company can be highlighted. Also these panels are often being made with the use of forced labour.

Noise from huge battery stations, transport to the sites, flooding and fire are all potential hazards.

The impact on important environmental areas such as we have in Bradenham, ruining agricultural land for years, even after they have ceased, are further points that can be made.

You could suggest that these solar panels would be far better located on factories, car parks, all new builds, or places like Thetford Forest where the land is too poor for agriculture.

The electricity solar factories produce is required in the London area and the people of Norfolk will receive no benefit for the loss of amenity and the blighting of a huge area of our beautiful countryside and first class farmland. This is why we feel, that every householder in the parish should write to their MP and Ed Miliband objecting to the imposition of these panels. Write to House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA or email [ed.miliband.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:ed.miliband.mp@parliament.uk)

We feel that you should all compose your own letters so that each one reads differently. The authorities will be required to read them individually rather than a single objection signed by all.

Your local MP is Mr George Freeman can be contacted at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA or Rooms 333-335 Breckland Business Centre, St Withburga Lane, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1FD.

Email address [george.freeman.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:george.freeman.mp@parliament.uk)

The Highgrove project is at the pre application stage. The application is expected to be submitted in October 2025. When the application is received by the inspectorate they have 28 days to decide whether to accept it for examination. If they accept the application, you will then be able to register to have your say and view all the application documents.

The stages of this process which relates to a national infrastructure project are as follows:

**Pre application** This is where the applicant starts to create their application. The applicant is required to consult with people and organisations in the area. They must also create detailed documents about the impact the project could have on the environment.

It is important to get involved at this stage to influence the application before the applicant sends it to the Planning Inspectorate.

Acceptance not started, Pre examination not started, Examination not started, Recommendation not started  
Decision not started What happens after the decision is made not started

In order to keep up to date with this project we would suggest that you go on the government website at [WWW. Gov. UK](http://WWW.Gov.UK) look for nationally significant infrastructure projects advice pages. Navigate your way around the site then select how to register to have your say. Check to see if you qualify in that regard. If you do Click on the relevant project which of course is Highgrove. Note as the project is currently at pre application stage the full application is not expected to be submitted until October 2025. When the inspectorate receives the application they have 28 days to decide whether to accept it for examination. If the inspectorate accepts the application it is only then that you will be able to register to have your say and view all the application documents.

**Use the link below for further information**

<https://national-infrastructureconsenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN0110010>

**Get Updates** - Enter your email address to receive updates on project progress, information on how to have your say notifications when key documents are published. Contact us Telephone: 0303 444 5000 Open Monday to Friday: 9am to 4pm. Closed on weekends and bank holidays.

Email [highgrovesolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:highgrovesolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

When writing an email, quote the name of the project in the subject line.

They aim to respond within 10 working days. Alternative formats. Call or email to ask for project documents in alternative formats such as PDF, large print, easy read, audio recording or braille.