

I would like to add to my points on the negative impact of the sunnica scheme on mental health and also to add points on physical health. The East Cambridgeshire Vulnerable Community Strategy (2018-2023) states that 15.3% of Year 6 children in East Cambridgeshire are classified as obese. Public Health England have identified East Cambridgeshire's local health priorities as supporting older people to live

independently, safe and well; tackling homelessness and supporting healthy lifestyles. Reducing the footpaths and forcing people to have such negative views of solar panels will directly impact on physical activity in the area and on mental health.

Suffolk: In Suffolk, it is estimated that over 106,000 residents experienced a common mental ill health condition in 2020, with the most common conditions being anxiety, depression and phobias. 7,235 people registered with a GP in Suffolk had a GP registered diagnosis of severe mental illness in 2020/21. Generally, the lives of people with severe mental illness are 15-20 years shorter than the rest of the population. The number of people admitted to hospital because of intentional self-harm has increased in Suffolk in recent years; in 2019/20 the rate in Suffolk was significantly higher than England (213.7 admissions per 100,000 residents compared to 192.6 admissions per 100,000 residents).

Suffolk acknowledge that Physical health and mental health are closely linked. People with long-term conditions, including diabetes and heart disease, are two to three times more likely to have depression. The more physical ill health problems a person has, the more likely they are to have a mental ill health problem. People with more than four physical health conditions are nearly seven times more likely to experience mental ill health than people in good physical health.

Sunnica scheme will disincentivise people from going into their local countryside for walks and cycle rides. Also- the negative impacts of the view when driving past these awful places will add to all of this distress.

Please do not encase these villages in solar panels- brownfield for solar - or isolated places - not around people. Do not make us a social experiment. Thank you.