

I am writing to express my extreme concern regarding the proposed routing of the main power cable for the Cottam Solar project at West Farm, Normanby by Stow DN21 5LQ (What3words succumbs.calms.alarm) If the proposed project goes ahead (which I object to) then the cable route, with its high electromagnetic fields and associated health risks to those living nearby, will pass very close to a number of properties including my family residence.

I would urge that a site visit is conducted prior to any permissions being given and that an alternative route approximately 150 metres South, crossing the grass field at West Farm before crossing Stow Road B1241 (What3Words rarely.mega.sampled) be considered. This would be an easier route to use, crossing fields instead of tarmac roadways, private driveways and gardens and this would take the cable route well away from the current and proposed houses at West Farm and West Farm Cottages.

My concerns are that if this ill-conceived project is to proceed, the current route will lead to massive and unnecessary disruption to the local residents during the construction phase, as the driveways where vehicles are parked will be cut off. The health risks to residents are being ignored by the cable being sited near to housing. The current route crosses the property of two land owners but consulting with a third landowner could facilitate this alternative route. The third landowner has already been approached by one of the other local solar projects with a view to cable routing. Why has the Cottam Solar project not consulted with this landowner?