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## News update – Solar Alliance

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to share a brief update on the current status of several solar schemes proposed across Norfolk, as activity in this area continues to evolve at pace.

### Current Position of the Schemes

The solar farm schemes in Norfolk are now at different stages of the NSIP process:

<b>High Grove Solar Farm</b>	Pre-application / Statutory consultation completed  Submission of the DCO application deferred from Spring 2026 to a later date.
<b>East Pye Solar Farm</b>	Pre-examination / <b>Registering to have your say</b>
<b>The Drove Solar Farm</b>	Examination / <b>Initial hearing held on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2026</b>
<b>Tasway Solar Farm</b>	Pre-application / Paused

### Why Action Is Needed Now

Over recent weeks, the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) solar farm proposals in Norfolk have now progressed through various stages of the planning process. I would like to highlight two proposals that are now under examination.

#### East Pye Solar Farm

The East Pye Solar Farm is now in the critical NSIP Examination phase, where submissions and evidence shape the Inspectorate's assessment. At this point, individuals and organisations can register as Interested Parties and submit relevant representations. Registration is essential to participate meaningfully in the Examination, have views formally considered by the Examining Authority and influence outcomes.

CPRE Norfolk has prepared and submitted its representation which you can find on our website

[East Pye Solar Farm – Registration of Interest - CPRE Norfolk](#)

We hope you will find the following useful when drafting your own response to 'Register to have your say' in The East Pye Solar Farm NSIP examination. The deadline for the registration is 10 June, please follow the link below to register.

[Register to have your say about a national infrastructure project - National Infrastructure Planning](#)

## **The Drove Solar Farm**

Following earlier consultation stages, the developer submitted a Development Consent Order (DCO) application in late 2025. This application has been accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate and is now in the examination phase, with hearings beginning in May 2026. This marks a significant step forward, as the proposal is now subject to detailed scrutiny at a national level. Parties and individuals who have 'Register to have your say' are now able to take part in the hearings and submit additional written statements objecting to the application. Interested parties should also provide with their written representations any data, methodology and assumptions used to support their submissions. Further written comments and objects need to be submitted by 2nd June 2026.

## **What Happens Next**

Over the coming months, there will be important opportunities for:

- Registration as an Interested Party in relevant examinations
- Submission of Written Representations
- Participation in hearings where appropriate.

As always, CPRE Norfolk plays a vital role in monitoring these developments and advocating for sustainable, landscape-sensitive outcomes. Continued engagement through consultation responses, local coordination, and information sharing remains essential.

Best wishes,

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