

HOW TO OBJECT

There are three ways to submit your objection.

Online Planning Portal >>

Visit planning.baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/

Register or login to your account. Search for application reference DC/20/05895 or DC/21/00060, select the Comments tab and Make a Comment.

Email >>

Send your objection to

planning@babermidsuffolk.gov.uk

You must include the application numbers above in the subject line, and your full name and address in the email.

Post >>

Send your objection to this address:

Development Management
Babergh District Council (or Mid Suffolk District Council) Planning Department
Endeavour House
8 Russell Road
Ipswich IP1 2BX

You must include the application numbers above, as well as your full name and address in your letter.

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FIND OUT MORE

We believe that, by keeping the countryside as countryside, by preserving productive agricultural land, and by maintaining the tranquil walks that link our villages, we protect our heritage and everyone can enjoy the benefits that come from this special and valuable environment.

Find out more about the solar power plant application and the potential impact from CARE Suffolk below. We are a group of local people who care about the rural environment.

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*Community Alliance for
a Rural Environment*

Working to protect and enhance
our local open green spaces





Enso Energy have submitted a planning application to build on 242 acres of prime food growing land that seeks to remove the green spaces between the villages of Somersham, Flowton, and Burstall, and replace them with monotonous rows of glass and metal.

Planning Applications **DC/20/05895** and **DC/21/00060** are available on the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council website to view and leave objections on. There are two applications because the site is abnormally large.

The application is incomplete in detail, full of inaccuracies, and ignores its surroundings and the interconnectedness of the countryside.

Many statutory consultees and organisations - who advise on developments such as this - are very concerned about the development and the negative impacts it would have on the local communities. They are raising their concerns. Now they need your valuable local knowledge and experiences to help object to this development and get it refused.

8 Reasons You'll Want to Object to Planning Applications DC/20/05895 and DC/21/00060

- 1. Prime and fertile farmland will be taken out of arable crop production, instead of growing Great British food.** It is efficient and sustainable crop production and would remove long term local jobs. Better options exist such as on brownfield sites, warehouse rooftops, and car parks.
- 2.** Compaction of the soil during construction, and concentration of rainfall off the panels, would **worsen the already regular flooding of roads** from water runoff, especially at Burstall Brook, and through the commuter route from Elmsett and Somersham to Ipswich, with no way to undo this for 40+ years. Suffolk's Flood Team have raised significant concerns and are currently objecting to the development.
- 3.** ~500 tonnes of hazardous batteries in new installations would be left in the countryside, with no provision to contain fires/explosions or deal with major incidents. **Suffolk's Fire & Rescue do not have adequate provision to tackle a battery fire of this size.**
- 4.** Burstall, Bramford, Flowton, Somersham, and Elmsett will become **islands in a sea of industrial solar installations.** A second 202 acre plan for Bramford is pending and developers are constantly trying to secure access to other land in the area.
- 5.** Existing **habitats and wildlife** – deer, bats, hares, skylarks and yellowhammers – would be destroyed or displaced, and stunning healthy trees planted as wind breaks cut down.
- 6.** Miles of historic **public footpaths** across this valued and tranquil landscape will be confined to views of hundreds of acres of steel, glass and fencing and noisy electrical buzzing. The openness and peace of the countryside would be lost to people and wildlife.
- 7.** A year of **construction traffic and heavy vehicles** on roads in Burstall, Somersham, and Little Blakenham.
- 8.** This is **inefficient use of physical space** around the Bramford substation. The 49.9MW of solar **power generated is a tiny fragment** of that forecast from East Anglia Wind Farms which is up to 9,600MW. Space is still needed for all the cables. Renewable energy is needed, but putting the solar power here would constrain the ability of the offshore wind energy to get to homes and businesses across the UK.