

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/21/04711** and select the Comments tab and Make a Comment.

Email >>

Send your objection to planning@babergmidsuffolk.gov.uk
You must include application reference **DC/21/04711** 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 reference **DC/21/04711**, as well as your full name and address in your letter.

DEADLINE >> Monday 25th October 2021



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 its 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





EDF Renewables have submitted a planning application to change 210 acres of prime arable land out of agricultural use, and to build 114,000 2.5m high solar panels and steel fencing all over it for 35 years. And they can apply to keep it even longer too!

Planning Application **DC/21/04711** is available on the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council website to view and leave objections on. If you objected to the Enso Energy application, you will need to submit an objection to this application too. They are not carried over.

The application is incomplete and completely ignores the cumulative impact of all THREE large scale solar installations proposed for this beautiful area of Suffolk countryside. This area is already contributing significantly to the renewable energy effort. Let's not destroy the rest of this stunning 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 our local communities. They are raising their concerns. They need your valuable input to help object to this proposal and get it refused.

8 Reasons You'll Want to Object to Planning Application DC/21/04711

1. 210 acres of prime and fertile **farmland, growing Great British food, will be taken out of arable crop production for only 69 acres of solar panels**. The rest will be unused and wasted. This is efficient and sustainable crop production which our country needs. Better options for solar exist, such as on nearby new housing and 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 along Tye Lane, with no way to undo this compaction for 35+ years.
3. The application includes a request to remove the land from agricultural use, making it **more likely for housing** if the installation is ever removed.
4. Bramford, already under strain to become a suburb of Ipswich, would also become connected to Bramford Tye, Flowton, Somersham, and Burstall villages if this and two other similar solar applications nearby went ahead.
5. Existing **habitats and wildlife** – deer, bats, hares, skylarks and yellowhammers – would be destroyed or displaced, with deer forced onto roads.
6. 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 you, your families, and the next generation.
7. 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 to deliver that energy to the rest of the UK. Renewable energy is needed, but putting the solar power here would constrain the options to get the offshore wind energy to homes and businesses across the UK.
8. The solar panels will be visible for miles around, with **prominent views from Bramford, Bramford Tye, and Little Blakenham**, as well as numerous public footpaths and bridleways in the area.