

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/22/00683** or **DC/22/01243** and select the Comments tab and Make a Comment. You only need to add your objection to one and it will be counted for both.

Email >>

Send your objection to planning@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk
You must include application reference **DC/22/00683** & **DC/22/01243** 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 references **DC/22/00683** & **DC/22/01243**, 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 PV 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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Your Help Is
Needed Again!

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*Community Alliance for a
Rural Environment*

Working to protect and enhance
our local open green spaces



Flowton

Yes, another solar farm!! Statkraft have submitted a planning application to turn 148 acres of prime arable land into a solar PV and battery storage site, covering it with 61,000+ 10ft high solar panels, steel fencing and large shipping containers for 35 years. And they can apply to keep it even longer too!

Planning Applications **DC/22/00683** & **DC/22/01243** are available on the Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council website to view and leave objections on. If you objected to the Enso Energy and EDF applications, you will need to submit an objection to this application too. They are not carried over.

Map Key:
Statkraft = red
EDF Renewables = orange
Enso Energy = yellow

This application comes on top of two other similar plans - shown on the map - that have been 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 raising concerns about the development and the negative impacts it would have on our local communities. They need your valuable input and local point of view to help object to this proposal and get it refused.

8 Reasons You'll Want to Object to Planning Applications DC/22/00683 & DC/22/01243

1. Prime and **fertile farmland, growing Great British food, will be taken out of crop production** at a time when the UK food security is at risk from climate change, the pandemic and now war has broken out in Europe. This land has grown a large variety of crops even in recent years. Tying up "Best & Most Versatile Land" for inefficient energy production is illogical. Better options exist for solar on rooftops and carparks.
2. Compaction of the soil during construction, and concentration of rainfall off the panels, would **worsen the already regular flooding of roads** as water flows into Tye Lane and Burstall Brook, eventually ending up in the River Gipping, with no way to undo the compaction for 35+ years.
3. 53 large shipping containers of hazardous batteries would be left in the countryside, with no provision of water supply to defend against fires/explosions. **Suffolk's Fire & Rescue do not have adequate provision to tackle a battery fire of this size.**
4. Bramford is already under strain to become a housing suburb of Ipswich, extending this to Bramford Tye, Flowton, Somersham, and Burstall villages if this and two other similar solar applications nearby went ahead, turning the area into an industrial suburb.
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. If the site is ever decommissioned Statkraft plan on leaving underground equipment below 1.5m in the ground, as if it were a landfill site. Thus contaminating the ground and reducing its chances of ever becoming agricultural land again.
8. Solar panels are best placed where there is demand for electricity, as it reduces transmission waste. There is a **chronic oversupply of electricity in East Anglia**. Siting solar panels around Bramford substation would only increase the oversupply and waste problem, and **increase the need for even more pylons.**