



## 12<sup>th</sup> April Progress Update – Tye Lane Solar Farm

### Ongoing pre construction works and Photos

In December 2023, Mid Suffolk District Council granted planning permission for EDF Renewables’ 49.9MW Tye Lane Solar Farm. Since then we have been very busy discharging the various planning conditions. We have awarded the construction works to Grupotec Renewables Limited. Once all the relevant pre-construction conditions have been discharged we will start the main construction works.

### Tye Lane Road Improvement Works:

S278 application is ongoing with technical approval achieved.

Vegetation clearance works were carried out in Feb 24 at the site entrance and the three new passing bay locations, in preparation of the Tye Lane road improvement works expected to take place at the end of May/beginning of June 2024. This will improve access along the road for the public and aid material deliveries during the construction of the solar farm.



Figure 1 – Site entrance vegetation clearance completed



Figure 2 – Layby 2 vegetation clearance completed

Figure 3 – Layby 1 vegetation clearance minor clearance of cut material to complete



We have also recently carried out the “Road Conditional Survey” on Tye Lane, and submitted this to the Council.

During the survey works, two Anglian water pipes that run beneath the site entrance were identified. With this in mind, we have opted to keep the existing concrete site entrance in situ and increase it in size to the east to accommodate the heavy goods vehicles. This approach will also allow us to keep the site entrance open to the public.

**EDF Archaeological Works:**

376 trenches are to be opened, at agreed locations with the Suffolk County Council archaeologist. Works are being done to a good standard and progress is going well. The works are forecast to be completed at the beginning of May 24, and we are looking to be offsite just in time for the May bank holiday.

To date, not many features of archaeological interest have been discovered, with the exception of the three intertwined burials to the north east of the site. These have been exhumed under the caring touches of the archaeologists, and moved off site.

**Archaeological Progress Photographs:**



*Figure 1 – Progress West of the EA cables and South of the Gas lines*



*Figure 2 – Progress East of the EA cables and South of the Gas lines*





*Figure 3 – Progress East of the EA cables and in-between the Gas lines*



*Figure 4 – Progress East of the access track*





Figure 5 – Progress West of the access track (all trenches closed)\_