

Bentley Solar Farm – Statement 20/01/26

On behalf of Mr Howard & Mrs Margaret Nuttall of Little Bush (since 1980), located adjacent to the North East edge of the field closest to the church.

“When the farmers were protesting against the inheritance tax, their banners said “No Farmers, no food”, my banner would say “No farmland, no food”.

All over the country large areas of land are being sold off for building on. Not a few houses but large estates like the one in East Bergholt. Why doesn’t the government make it compulsory for all new builds to be fitted with solar panels, surely this would minimise the need for hundreds of acres to be covered in glass.

On a more personal note, living at Little Bush we would bare the full brunt of the noise and disruption when the building of the site is in progress.

My husband has mobility and other health issues, mostly confined to a chair during the day. We have no transport of our own, so we would have no choice but be subjected to the relentless noise and disruption 7:30am to 6pm six days a week plus heavy load deliveries on Sundays.

It would simply be a living nightmare!” - Mrs M Nuttall

I wish my Mother’s statement could convey the level of anxiety that she is feeling, she already suffers with high blood pressure and I fear how this will effect her mental and physical health.

What my Mother didn’t mention was the fact that instead of views of fields and feeling of open space, the only thing they will be able to see will be chain-link fencing dotted with security cameras. I guess the fear of being driven out of her home caused it to slip her mind.