

# Yare Valley Society

Enhancing the Valley  
for Wildlife and Informal Recreation

**Newsletter 125 August 2025**



This Newsletter is devoted to a single (but big) issue.

## Your help is needed

Please help YVS to safeguard the Valley by responding to a consultation on the likely impact of installing pylons, solar panels, and other energy developments in the Yare Valley.



### **Pylons on Marston Marsh?**

#### **The background**

South Norfolk District Council is consulting on a draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which deals with **Landscape Susceptibility in relation to Energy Generation, Storage and Transmission** as it relates to **Local Character Areas\*** (LCAs) within its boundaries. It has drafted assessments of how susceptible the LCAs are to the development of solar photovoltaic panels, anaerobic digestion (AD) plants, battery storage facilities, overhead powerlines including 400kV lines that utilise the largest pylons (35-50m), underground cable routes, and substations. Among the

LCAs assessed is LCA F1: Yare Valley Urban Fringe which is a part of South Norfolk that lies in the Yare Valley on the south side of the Norwich boundary (the river is the boundary).

The Yare Valley Society is concerned that the present draft susceptibility assessment in the consultation does not take fully into account the special circumstances of LCA F1. It is unique amongst the LCAs of South Norfolk, lying as it does in an urban fringe and forming part of the larger Yare Valley Green Infrastructure Corridor.

YVS is pressing for LCA F1 to have a special status and be included in the main body of the report under its own separate section. The YVS case for special status is [here](#).

## How you can help

Please read the [YVS case](#), and if you agree, please then email ([planning@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk](mailto:planning@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk)) to give your own *personal* angle on why F1 should be given special consideration.

The consultation ends on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025, but please respond now.

## Additional information

The click on the items below for the consultation documents.

[Landscape Susceptibility in relation to Energy Generation, Storage and Transmission - SPD](#)

[Landscape Susceptibility SPD - Supporting Documents Appendices and Impact Reports.](#)

For a second submission to South Norfolk Council, YVS is preparing a detailed response to [Appendix 3 Landscape Susceptibility Analysis](#) of F1 (Pages 76 to 85). You might like to have a look at this and send in your comments.

## Thank you for caring for the Valley

**\*Local Character Area** status provides a degree of protection from inappropriate development. In the case of the Yare Valley LCA this is reflected in *Policy DM 4.5 Landscape Character and River Valleys*: “All development should respect, conserve and where possible, enhance the landscape character of its immediate and wider environment. Development proposals that would cause significant adverse impact on the distinctive landscape characteristics of an area will be refused. ...”

Note new Yare Valley Society email address

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At present emails to the old address will be forwarded to the new one.