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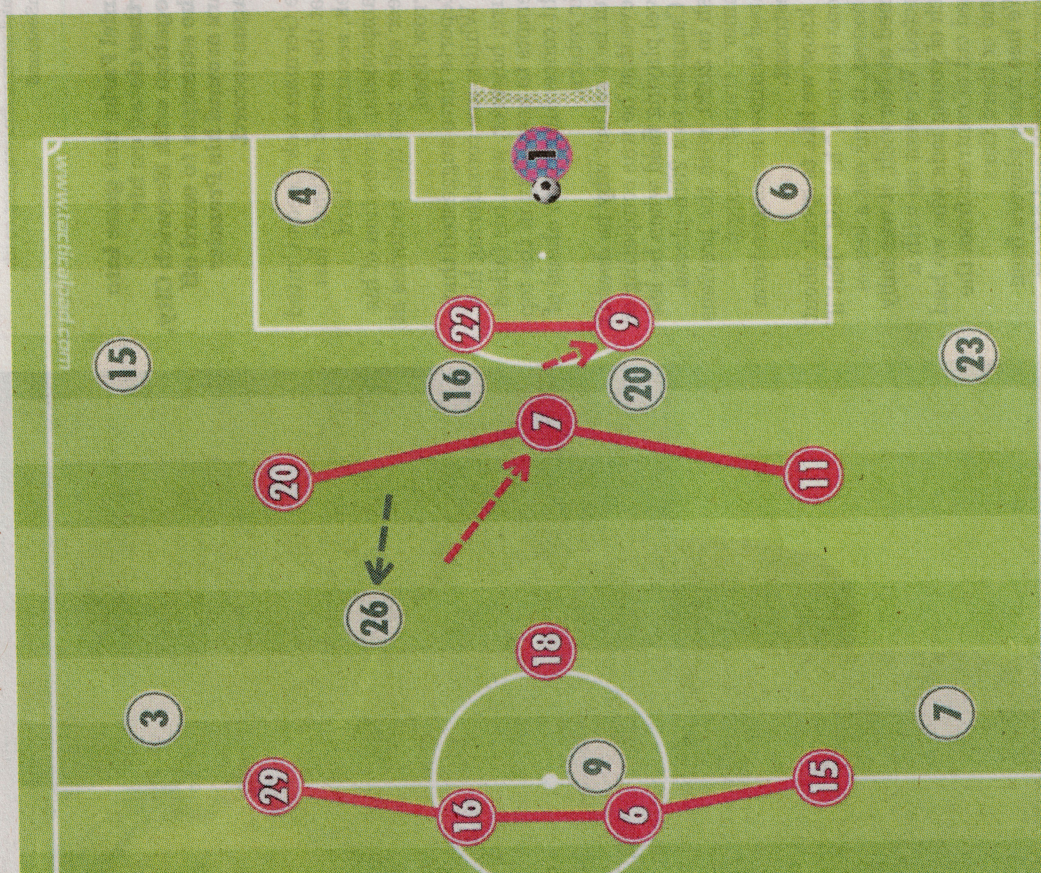
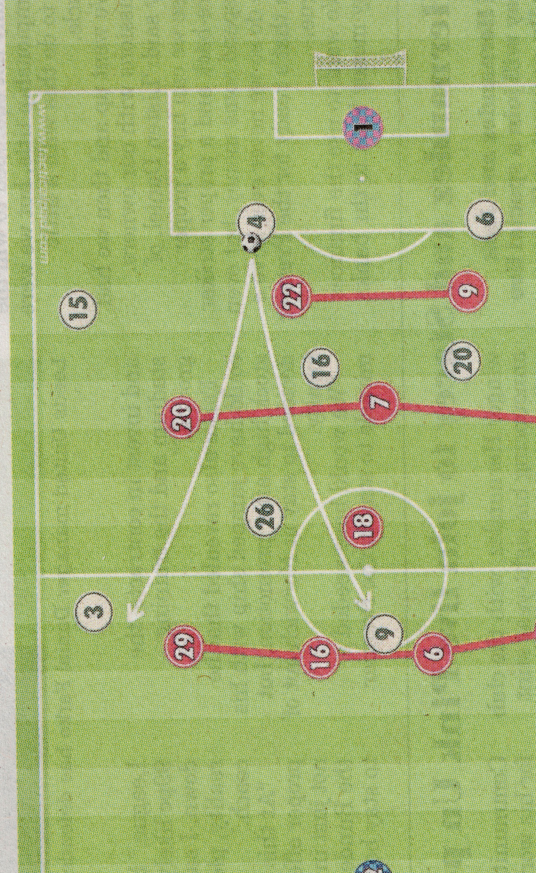


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Flower show role

A Norfolk garden designer has been invited to project manage the Royal Horticultural Society's planting at this year's Chelsea Flower Show.

Sam Outing, a garden design diploma graduate from the Norfolk School of Gardening in Norwich, will design planters, containers and borders around the grounds of the historic Royal Hospital showground for the annual event next month.

"My planting scheme mirrors the ethos of the RHS and the RHS Chelsea Flower Show - a celebration of the wonderful world of horticulture and garden design, whilst being seasonal, sustainable and environmentally positive," Mr Outing said.

"The design's focus is on pollinator-friendly, high-impact plants which are at their peak in late May - I aim to give pockets of interest and inspiration for visitors, whilst also acting as a backdrop to the main event."

Mr Outing is part of the teaching team at the Norfolk School of Gardening, which is accredited by the Society of Garden and Landscape Design. The RHS Chelsea Flower Show takes place from May 20 to 24.



Garden designer Sam Outing

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New alliance formed to challenge 4,000-acre solar farm plans

A new alliance has been formed to challenge controversial plans for a huge solar farm on acres of Norfolk's countryside.

Almost 20 parish councils have agreed to join forces with MPs George Freeman and Terry Jermy over plans for the 4,000-acre High Grove solar farm.

That farm, planned for five sites between Castle Acre and Dereham, has prompted the formation of the Central Norfolk Solar Factory Farm Alliance.

The alliance was formed at a meeting attended by

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proposals.

Mr Freeman said: "The massive industrial solar factory farm being proposed will turn a huge swathe of rural Norfolk countryside - from Castle Acre to Dereham - into an industrial energy zone covered with solar panels, substations, batteries, cables and pylons."

"This will have a massive impact not just on the 20 villages directly affected but also the wider county and Breckland district."

the Conservative-controlled council's support.

He said: "We are very concerned at the massive scale of this industrial development across Breckland, bypassing local planning, retaining the majority of the rates in Whitehall and fundamentally changing the character of this part of Norfolk."

Dr Andy Scarlett, Holme Hale parish council chairman, said: "It is very important that the scale and likely implications of these solar farms are recognised, both at a parish and a regional level."

