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Dear Mr Kirkham,

I understand that you are the Planning Officer collating all Protests and Comments on the Planning Application listed as - 22/01682/F:<https://tinyurl.com/NokeSF>

In short, proposals for an electricity-generating factory.

As a resident of Islip, as an ecologist in the Biology Department of Oxford University and life-long rambler of Otmoor I must protest in the strongest terms at this outrageous Industrial invasion right beside one of

England's most significant bird reserves and premier recreation area for Oxford City and Cherwell area residents.

This beautifully scenic basin landscape is both the pride of local residents and setting for a widely celebrated effort to offset the catastrophic decline in England's birdlife, especially waterfowl, many of them summer visitors from Africa.

This proposal serves to confirm and would continue the country's notorious and unenviable historical legacy of allowing Industry to invade once-loved and widely admired landscapes.

In spite of the Company's elaborate obfuscations their factory contributes nothing to the environment and would continue to be an eye-sore that will enrage generations of ramblers, nature-lovers and admirers of England's unique combination of a food-productive yet aesthetically pleasing countryside.

The proposed factory invades Oxford's Green Belt, converting good quality, versatile farmland into third-rate, brownfield electricity-generating ""Ripe-for-Development" land. Potentials for enlargement and expansion are obvious. The owner/developer may well return to his earlier plans to use this site for housing (which your council, in its wisdom, rejected).

While solar panels are a known and lethal hazard for birds 47,000 gigantic solar panels immediately adjacent to a major reserve for waterfowl and other migrant birds could be a recipe for a large-scale tragedy which would reflect very badly upon those that authorized this appalling intrusion upon Southern England's premier shop-window for environmental and conservation awareness.

None of us are against solar panels as such and a widely voiced criticism of your council is its failure to incentivise a wider take-up of solar panels on rooves or parking lots in already built-up areas. A conscious and conscientious application of panels on rooves would dwarf the over-rated contributions of this particular industrial scalpel into Otmoor.

The proposed conversion of Otmoor into an Industrial landscape would immediately confirm our country's unenviable reputation as "The Dirty Man of Europe" and most nature-depleted country in all of Europe.

Finally, the proposal before you includes plans for tall protective metal fencing around the factory. This will only serve to emphasize "Intrusion" and alienation in a landscape traditionally defined by low hedgerows and stone borders.

I implore you and your council to take all these observations very seriously - I am trying to articulate the outrage felt by many hundreds of often shy or relatively inarticulate people.

Please listen to us and reject this proposal.

Jonathan Kingdon

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