## Comment for planning application 22/01682/F

Application Number	22/01682/F	
Location	Land North Of Manor Farm Noke	
Proposal	Development of a ground mounted solar farm incorporating the installation of solar PV panels, associated infrastructure and access, as well as landscape planting and designated ecological enhancement areas.	
Case Officer	James Kirkham	
Organisation		
Name	Sam Hampton	
Address	Blacksmith Cottage, Blacksmiths Lane, Charlton On Otmoor, Kidlington, OX5 2UH	
Type of Comment	Support	
Туре	neighbour	
Comments	I am delighted to see plans to build a solar farm between Noke and Oddington. We are facing a climate emergency, and the threat of our life-support systems being destroyed within a generation. The Pathways to a Zero Carbon Oxfordshire report, published in 2021, highlighted the scale of change needed in our local communities in the next decade, if we are to respond in a meaningful way to the climate and biodiversity crisis. The UK has made a significant contribution to climate change, being the first country in the world to industrialise. We have emitted far more than our fair share of greenhouse gases, and we have a moral obligation to act to decarbonise our economy. The Pathways report highlighted the importance of solar power for a county such as Oxfordshire, where wind turbines are less effective, and where we have few other options for generating renewable power. The authors suggest that around 1% of land should be allocated to solar parks. We are a long way from achieving that at the moment, but projects such as this, and the nearby Ray Valley solar park, help us to get closer. As a local resident, I would like to see Otmoor and the surrounding areas develop a reputation for leading the low carbon transition. No doubt there will be plenty of objections to this development. I would urge my neighbours to reflect on the existential imperative that is addressing climate change. Doing so will involve sacrifices and compromise. For the sake of our children and grandchildren, I think it's worth it.	
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