Comment for planning application 22/01682/F

Application Number 22/01682/F

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

Comments

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type neighbour

The proposed PV array is totally inappropriate in this location which is designated Green Belt and currently in use for agriculture and recreation, particularly for the residents of Noke and Islip. It would constitute industrialisation, destroy the landscape and form an eyesore in an otherwise beautiful setting, which includes a RSPB nature reserve.

I also object strongly in general terms to rigid solar PV arrays in fields. Unlike windmills (which seem now to be disbarred by planning constraints), they deny normal agriculture and are appallingly inefficient. (Output is severely limited by diurnal cycle, cloud, poor intrinsic efficiency (<25%) and their rigid nature, precluding tracking.) The right place for PV arrays is atop buildings, especially large warehouses and factories. Windmills were part of our landscape for centuries (more than 20,000 in England up to c. 1900).

We have little enough green space left and should not obliterate more.

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