

Comment for planning application 22/01682/F

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| Application Number | <input type="text" value="22/01682/F"/> |
| Location | <input type="text" value="Land North Of Manor Farm Noke"/> |
| Proposal | <input type="text" value="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 | <input type="text" value="James Kirkham"/> |
| Organisation Name | <input type="text" value="Laura Baxter"/> |
| Address | <input type="text" value="Idle Hollow, Street Through Noke, Noke, Oxford, OX3 9TU"/> |
| Type of Comment | <input type="text" value="Objection"/> |
| Type | <input type="text" value="neighbour"/> |
| Comments | <p>I do not object to solar farms in general. It is clear that we need more renewable energy. I do however strongly object to the location of this proposed site.</p> <p>In my opinion there are few places more beautiful than Otmoor and its surroundings. When you walk up the path and turn the corner towards the proposed site, you experience a wide open expanse, an enormous sky and an overwhelming feeling of space and peace. It instantly makes you exhale with relief. There is nothing unnatural in sight and just being there is a tonic for the soul. This area is very unique, it holds a certain magic that's hard to put into words actually but it nourishes people deeply and anyone who spends time here will tell you the same thing.</p> <p>We are experiencing an unprecedented mental health crisis in our society and I believe one of the main reasons for this is due to an enormous disconnect from the natural world. Spending time outside in beautiful places is what we need to reconnect back to ourselves, each other and nature. We need this for us and we need this for the planet. If we don't wake up and look after the natural world we can only be led towards disaster. We look after the things we care about but in order to care about nature we need to spend time in beautiful natural places, connecting deeply with them and really allowing them to nourish us. There are some special spaces that need to be kept natural and this, I believe is one of them.</p> <p>The idea of these fields being filled with solar panels feels very wrong to me. It feels like this precious space needs to be kept natural. I walk in many different places and have never found anywhere that gives me the feeling this area does. This may sound like an emotional appeal but I guess it does make me feel emotional. I feel strongly about this area and I think it's important that it's left as a place where people can come and breathe and feel the space and the beauty around them helping to soften the edges of life.</p> |
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