## 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 Support

**Type** neighbour

As a resident of the village I am extremely mindful of the privileged position it occupies in the greenbelt. Near enough to Oxford to enjoy the amenities, but a rural and peaceful idyll that offers sanctuary for local wildlife and pleasant walking for residents and visitors alike.

However, with such privilege comes responsibility. The village has no public transport and so the carbon footprint of travelling to and from the village is high.

This is a sensitively planned scheme that we feel balances the needs of the green belt and the local area with the broader need for the county, the country and the world to address the climate emergency. Without urgent climate action, greenbelt areas are under far more serious threat than through a low intensity solar array. The noise is minimal, the visibility limited and the opportunity for a small village community to contribute land to provide clean energy for a significantly larger number of houses is one that is too good to miss.

Our family and household is fully supportive of being part of a community that is prepared to sacrifice a small amount of its farmland to contribute to mitigating hte climate emergency. Without urgent action, not just here but throughout the county, change is unlikley to happen fast enough to make a difference.

In practice, the proposed solar farm is unlikley to have a tangible impact on the local area and as with solar farms throughout the UK will become part of the landscape. Executed with care, the land can still provide homes for flowers, plants, insects and grazing and wild animals.

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