

Comment for planning application 22/01682/F

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	<input type="text" value=""/>
Name	<input type="text" value="simon Hadingham"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="Mandray,Street Through Noke,Noke,Oxford,OX3 9TT"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="I do agree with the need for renewable energy, however, I strongly object to this ill conceived and misleading application.
I totally agree with every objection raised so far, I am not as eloquent or as well informed as some of the respondents so I will not reiterate the valid points they have raised but I totally support their sentiments and factual knowledge.
Firstly, this is Green Belt land which is precious to us. Friends of the Earth, RSPB and NFU strongly recommend that solar farms are not situated in these areas - in my mind that should be the end of the argument in favour of this application.
There is a lot of mention of 'lake effect' of the solar panels and there are many conflicting studies of this. Green Nation have purported one that is positive, but I could also produce many reports that are negative, however, none of the studies have been conducted so close (400 meters) to an area of tens of thousands migrating birds - should we take the risk that this will be okay, or will we realise too late that we have created an ecological disaster? Do you want that to be your legacy? ' yes I supported renewable energy but unfortunately I destroyed our local habitat and that of birds that have flown thousands of miles to their breeding grounds' - tell that to your grandchildren!
Openness and permanence - the basis of green belt. My back garden is approximately 40m above the proposed solar farm and adjacent to the Oxfordshire way - the views are stunning and and a 2.8 m hedge is not going to hide this i.e. openness and permanence of the green belt landscape. This is viewed by many walkers, especially since covid lockdown and we have to consider and appreciate human well being and the positive effect of the open landscape.
Landscape and diversity - I walk through the proposed solar farm area every day with my dog and always admire the biodiversity from Cranes in flight, deer in the fields, hares running down the lane to beetles on the ground - what gives us the right to take a calculated risk about effecting their habitat based on a box ticking Excel sheet?
The photos from the initial application are misleading - this is an area of outstanding beauty and I strongly suggest that CDC have a site visit right now before making any decision - see the wheat in the fields, the cranes nesting and the wonderful views - this is an amazing landscape with agricultural benefits that we desperately need.
I appreciate that this is a money driven exercise and that the land owner is a major shareholder of the company making this application, everyone is entitled to make a profit, however, we are a close knitted village and I feel that this should have been discussed amongst the village residents prior to making such a divisive application that is of questionable benefit and unquestionable harm to our environment and our way of life and all the visitors to Otmoor.
Should this application even be considered then it would be a complete travesty. Millions and millions of pounds could never create another Otmoor wildlife reserve, it is unique and this application would put hundreds of years of wildlife at risk. Whereas there are many potential brown field sites that could be used for solar farms.
Reject this application, it is ill conceived, it is misleading, it is in green belt, it is against all human well-being, it is against all environmental considerations, it contradicts openness and permanence and it is all based on profiteering of misguided government guideline targets that local councils feel compelled to achieve."/>
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