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Sent: 13 July 2022 17:08
To: James Kirkham; Planning
Subject: Consultation Response: P22/S2355/3PC - Land North of Manor Farm - Development of a ground mounted solar farm

Dear James,

Thank you for contacting South Oxfordshire District Council regarding the above proposal.

The council would like to provide comments on relevant matters as follows:

- The landscape setting in this area is sensitive, comprising open countryside, Ancient Woodland and historic villages with Conservation Areas and Listed buildings.
- Any landscape assessment should consider the wider landscape impact, including cumulative impact of solar farms around the edge of Oxford and in the general area. This should include an assessment of impact from views but also on the fabric and character of the landscape itself.
- The site is in proximity to the Oxford Heights landscape character area and the Wooded Hills and Valleys landscape sub-area.
- More generally, officers are aware of the potential cumulative impact of solar farm development in the Green Belt around the edge of Oxford.
- The landscape character assessment for South Oxfordshire can be found online in the Local Plan evidence base here: https://data.southoxon.gov.uk/ccm/support/dynamic_serve.jsp?ID=1670533770&CODE=120D6FB08E4B9319A601AE1E696CF070
- Careful management of any traffic generated during construction or operation would be requested to avoid detrimental impact on South Oxfordshire Residents, perhaps through a Construction Traffic Management Plan.
- The Woodeaton Quarry SSSI and the Woodeaton Wood SSSI are within close proximity (1km-1.5km approximately). The Otmoor SSSI is within both South Oxfordshire and Cherwell and is in close proximity.

Should you require any further assistance please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Kind regards,

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