Comment for planning application 22/01682/F

Application Number	22/01682/F	
Location	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		
Name	S Houghton	
Address	Brill road,Oakley,Hp18 9QH	
Type of Comment	Objection	
Туре	neighbour	
Comments	I am particularly concerned about the proximity of the solar farm to the RSPB Bird Reserve. The solar park would fall entirely within the Green Belt. Para 151 of the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) states that renewable energy projects are inappropriate developments on Green Belt land, and should only be allowed in 'very special circumstances' - which we do not believe apply here. Otmoor is no sunnier than any other patch of land in southern England. Electricity can be generated anywhere and distributed everywhere through the existing electrical distribution network. A stand-out feature of Otmoor and the surrounding area is its open, undeveloped character, a rare haven for wildlife and humans. 108 acres of panelling would subvert its character considerably. If a solar farm is allowed here, in such a unique habitat, solar farms could be allowed anywhere. We welcome solar farms as part of our zero-carbon future. Our challenge is to meet that environmental priority while not trampling on other ones: the preservation of precious landscapes and protection of fragile biodiversity.	
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