

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 Name	<input type="text" value="S Houghton"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="Brill road,Oakley,Hp18 9QH"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="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."/>
Received Date	<input type="text" value="17/07/2022 11:09:03"/>
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