Comment for planning application 22/01682/F

Application Number 22/01682/F

Land North Of Manor Farm Noke

ProposalDevelopment 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

Objection

Type neighbour

In one of your comments on the proposal you say that 'the submitted planning application has been supported by an engagement process

with the local community and wider stakeholders. In developing this approach to pre-

application consultation, the Applicant and landowner have taken on board the guidance in the Cherwell District Council SCI together with input from Council Officers.'

This makes it sound as if the planning application is considered a 'done deal'.

There are serious objections - a development of this scale in the green belt, adjacent to a rare site of wetland is vandalism. When the M40 was built the planners originally proposed a route which was widely denounced and were obliged to find an alternative. This site has been imaginatively and lovingly developed for its primary purpose of providing overwintering and year-round habitats for nesting birds, insects combined with appropriate vegetation - the anticipated rise in global temperatures will mean that these habitats will be lost for the future with the introduction of the proposed solar farm. Water levels will drop - the increased population and legitimate needs of the areas destined 'downstream' for housing

development have not been taken into account.

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