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Hi James and the planning team

Regarding: <https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/22/01682/F>

I wanted to add my weight to the wealth of comments I have received both directly from local residents and also at local meetings held locally with Green Nation.

Simply put, the size and scale of the solar farm (at over 35 hectares/80 acres) within the green belt and an area of natural beauty, so close to established wetlands is not appropriate. While most people support the pursuit of cleaner energy via solar PV generation, it would seem much more appropriate to leverage the large (and increasing) number of commercial buildings and warehouse roofs rather than place a very large farm in the middle of the Oxfordshire countryside.

I appreciate the mitigations and reasons for choosing this particular location, from close proximity to national grid infrastructure to a desire to support wildlife and work with the RSPB to enhance a small area of protection. However, these dwarf the scale of the installation and industrialisation of a large part of Otmoor.

I encourage the planning committee to thoroughly read and take note of the public comments on this application, and appreciate the depth of feeling of local residents, who care not only for the natural quality of the area but also the protection of wildlife and habitats so important for the ecology to thrive. They want solar energy, just in the right place and not where there happens to be a large area close to power lines available.

Many thanks!

Angus

Please note I will be away on holiday: 20-30 July 2022

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