

# Comment for planning application 22/01682/F

<b>Application Number</b>	<input type="text" value="22/01682/F"/>
<b>Location</b>	<input type="text" value="Land North Of Manor Farm Noke"/>
<b>Proposal</b>	<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."/>
<b>Case Officer</b>	<input type="text" value="James Kirkham"/>
<b>Organisation Name</b>	<input type="text" value="Rebecca Read"/>
<b>Address</b>	<input type="text" value="5 Meadside,Dorchester-On-Thames,Wallingford"/>
<b>Type of Comment</b>	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
<b>Type</b>	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
<b>Comments</b>	<p>Dear Cherwell</p> <p>I am concerned that the information submitted in respect of ecology is incomplete.</p> <p>An area of solar panels covering almost 0.4km2 would form an area 50% bigger than the permanently flooded parts of the Reserve. There is a risk that this could will increase mortality for bats and birds visiting the adjacent Otmoor reserve via the 'lake effect' - whereby animals mistakenly confuse the reflective surface for water and fly into the panels at speed.</p> <p>The ecological assessment recorded lapwing, golden plover and snipe, and concluded that the proposals are "unlikely to have a detrimental impact on any species at anything but a Site level and may benefit some species." However, given the proximity to a wetland reserve that supports large numbers of waders and wildfowl, there is a risk that those birds will mistakenly perceive the application site to be more attractive once reflective panels have been installed, and this has not been considered within the assessment.</p> <p>There are likely to be many other sites that are better suited to these proposals: immediately adjacent to the best wetland in the district is surely not the place.</p> <p>In the absence of further information I therefore OBJECT to these proposals.</p> <p>Yours faithfully Rebecca</p>
<b>Received Date</b>	<input type="text" value="18/07/2022 17:23:35"/>
<b>Attachments</b>	