

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.
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Address	46 Cumnor Hill
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>This site is a particularly bad one for such a proposal. We note with dismay that the proposal itself states that it will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) Include "landscape planting" andii) "designated ecological enhancement areas" <p>and find it strange that the people drawing up this proposal will see forms of landscape planting or designated ecological enhancements that outweigh the serious damage done to the area by the proposal.</p> <p>This application involves the setting up of a very extensive solar farm close to Oxfordshire's most important bird reserve.</p> <p>Studies made on the effect of solar farms on local bird populations show that birds are at risk from large areas of panels. The main risks arise when the birds crash-land on them killing themselves. Crash-landing occurs when the birds mistake the glass surface for water; this most often happens in conditions of low light, i.e early morning or late evening, but also may occur during periods of bright moon-light; this is because many migrating birds migrate at night. Large birds such as swans (one of my study species) are particularly vulnerable because they need longer approach runs (=more time). Placing large solar farms close to areas of important habitat will increase the death-rates since more birds will be in the vicinity. Positioning the farm close to a waterway used as a flyway by the birds will further increase the losses.</p> <p>Hence an area of flat, low-lying land adjacent to areas of natural wetland is the worst place to build a solar farm.</p>
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