

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="Helen Lilley"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="Cobweb Cottage,2 Middle Street,Islip,Kidlington,OX5 2SF"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<p>I object to this application on the following grounds:</p> <p>The proposed site is productive farmland within Oxford's Green Belt. There are numerous brownfield sites and warehouse rooftops in the local area which would be suitable for construction of solar panels without necessitating destruction of valuable farmland. Cherwell District Council and OCC should plan for the appropriate development of renewable energy, rather than reacting in an ad hoc way to speculative proposals which take no account of the Green Belt.</p> <p>The proposed site is in close proximity to the RSPB Otmoor reserve and forms an integral part of the wider Otmoor area of wetland and wet grassland. The proposed industrial development of 95.3 acres, enclosed by a 2.8m perimeter fence and served by an access road crossing the Oxfordshire Way will cause substantial harm to this rural area. There may be negative impacts on the migratory birds and other wildlife inhabiting Otmoor; as advised by Harrison et al. in their 2017 Natural England Report NEER012, "protected areas should be avoided when considering site selection of solar PV developments." There will be significant visual harm to the unique landscape of Otmoor, which was immortalised by Lewis Carroll in 'Alice Through The Looking Glass' and is visited by thousands of walkers of the Oxfordshire Way and other tourists each year.</p>
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