

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.
Case Officer	James Kirkham
Organisation	
Name	Rebecca McVean
Address	2 Tangletwiggs, Main Street, Oddington, Kidlington, OX5 2RA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I wish to object to Planning Application 22/01682/F by Oxford New Energy for a ground mounted solar farm including associated infrastructure and access. I believe the adverse effects of this industrial development on Green Belt farmland will outweigh the perceived benefits.</p> <p>The proposed location of the solar farm is criss-crossed with public footpaths, including the Oxfordshire Way which attracts a significant number of tourists to the area. Views from high points will now be dominated by industrial development, and views from alongside and within the solar farm will be screened by evergreen hedges or conifer trees which are wholly inappropriate to this rural setting. Having lived and raised a family on the edge of Otmoor for the last 18 years I know how important this rural setting is to the mental wellbeing of community members and visitors alike. Visitors to the RSPB bird reserve will now walk alongside an industrial development, and visitors to the listed Church of St Andrew in Oddington will look down on a transformed landscape. Essentially, the location of the solar farm on Otmoor, and the vast size of the development, make it out of scale and out of keeping with the current rural setting.</p> <p>The proposed site for development appears to be productive farmland, and is currently growing the arable crop of wheat. With a global shortage of wheat, there is increasing demand on farmers to produce key crops. Surely it is better to invest money in helping people understand how they can consume less energy and to use the farmland to produce important crops? There seems to be doubt about the assessment of the land as grade 3b which is supported by the success of the current crops on the land.</p> <p>I would strongly recommend declining the planning application.</p>
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