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	Jonathan Barker	
Address	Corner House, Stanton Rd, Forest Hill.	
Type of Comment	Objection	
Туре	neighbour	
Comments	I wish to object to the proposed Solar Farm at Manor Farm, Noke for the following reasons: The Noke site is within the Green Belt. National Planning Policy guidance is that renewable energy projects should not be sited in the Green Belt. The site is mostly Agricultural Land Category 3B, which is classified as Best and Most Versatile (BMV) and should not be used for solar farms. We have a food emergency as well as a climate emergency. The proposers claim that 'special circumstances' over-ride these planning constraints because the electricity grid in Cherwell is at maximum capacity except for one transformer at Headington, which is supplied from a line from Bicester running near to Noke. Independent experts claim that this development will supply a maximum of only about 1,000 all-electric homes in 40 years' time under Cherwell's zero- carbon ambitions. Cherwell's entire electricity grid must be improved immediately to meet these ambitions - in which case Noke will no longer be the only place to generate solar power. The climate emergency needs to be addressed immediately but not at the expense of wildlife. There are myriad other locations which would be better. This project must not go ahead.	
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