

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="Jonathan Barker"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="Corner House, Stanton Rd, Forest Hill."/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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