

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="Christopher Britton"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="Rhulen,High Street,Beckley,OX3 9UU"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="While I generally strongly support the idea of green, renewable energy, this should not be to the detriment of the environment, otherwise it defeats its objective, which is to preserve the more general environment by reducing climate change. This solar energy farm project is in a Green Belt area, already under considerable threat from various housing plans. It will be very visible from Otmoor and the surrounding villages, thus spoiling an open space that is appreciated by many people from far and wide. During the construction of the M40 in the 1980s Otmoor was recognised as an area of outstanding beauty and scientific interest, to the extent that the new road had to be diverted well to the north. There could be an impact on birdlife, which the RSPB and volunteers have worked hard over the years to attract to the area, after restoration of the wetlands and reed beds. Birds have been known to be disorientated by the reflective surfaces of solar panels. The project is close to a well-used footpath from Noke to Oddington. The construction of this project would put this path out of bounds, as well as create extra traffic in the Noke area, as well as on the narrow and overused B4027. There is general recognition that farmland should not be given over to renewable energy schemes, especially in these days of world food shortages. In addition, the local electricity sub-stations have asserted that they could not take all the electricity from this project, which would be better provided from brownfield sites, including from Oxford itself. In short, I object to this scheme as it the right idea, but very much in the wrong place!"/>
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