

# Comment for planning application 22/01682/F

<b>Application Number</b>	22/01682/F
<b>Location</b>	Land North Of Manor Farm Noke
<b>Proposal</b>	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.
<b>Case Officer</b>	James Kirkham
<b>Organisation Name</b>	
<b>Name</b>	Anne Purse
<b>Address</b>	The Cottage, Otmoor Lane, Beckley Oxford, OX3 9UX
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>1 This application for Solar Panels is against your own Planning policies regarding development in the Green Belt as there are no exceptional circumstances, and solar panels would be a visual intrusion in a Green Belt setting.</p> <p>2 I am appalled to think that anyone would consider this position on the edge of Otmoor to be suitable for Solar panels. Otmoor is an exceptional and unusual part of Oxfordshire, with the historical background of the Otmoor enclosure riots. Now it is finding fame nationally as an RSPB reserve where cranes have just reared their young for the first time in many years. Otmoor is one of the most biodiverse parts of southeast England, and any development in the surrounding land can only have a detrimental effect on the local wildlife. Their reflection will cause water fowl heading for the RSPB reserve to confuse them with water they seek, so killing and injuring both birds and bats. Since Solar panels are positioned to capture maximum sunlight, it throws the land they are on into permanent shade. So ideas of wild flowers meadows flourishing under the solar panels will just not happen. Cherwell District Council should treasure this unique and special part of Oxfordshire entrusted to their care, and guard it against intrusion.</p> <p>3 It is accepted that we need to find alternative forms of energy. However, is it well accepted that Wind power is the most reliable and constant source of potential renewable energy in the UK. recent hot weather has shown us that even exceptionally high temperatures can be mixed with overcast skies reducing the even the summer sunlight.</p> <p>4 Alongside our need for renewable energy, there is also a need for increased food production both for this country and on a worldwide level. The land in this application falls into categories where its food production capability should not be compromised by development, and yet this application would take land out of potential food production.</p> <p>5. Anyone considering granting this application because it is for renewable energy which is 'a good thing' because of the problems we are facing with climate change must realise what is being lost to achieve this small gain. The loss of the integrity of a unique part of Oxfordshire, a hit on wildlife and biodiversity close to a nature reserve, the loss of agricultural land, and an inappropriate development in the Green Belt which makes a mockery of your own planning policies. For all these reasons please reject this application</p>
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