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Sent: 29 July 2022 10:57
To: Planning
Subject: Re: Otmoor Bird Reserve preservation.

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Good morning

Our postal address is Cotswold House

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Best wishes

Jane and Peter Atkinson

On 2022-07-29 10:49, Planning wrote:

Good Morning,

Please could you supply your full postal address so that we can register your comments against the application.

Thank you

Kind regards

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Sent: 22 July 2022 19:17
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Dear Mr KIrkham,

We think that Green Belt land should always be the last place for any thought of industrial development. There are plenty of roofs and spaces on existing industrial developments to put solar panels.

The easy choice of open countryside is definitely not the best option. More than ever now, good agricultural land is required for food production. Wild land is essential for wild-life and also for its diversity of flora and fauna. To reiterate the obvious, our Otmoor is a most important habitat for plants, animals and birds.

Reflection from solar panels can confuse migrating birds and bats and is just one more factor increasing their mortality figures.

Placing solar panels on these sites would degrade and ruin a wonderful and necessary place for human beings to be refreshed both mentally and physically. It is so important that we all have the opportunity to enjoy nature and at the same time to realise that we are part of a beautiful and unique eco-system that we need for our collective survival. We must preserve and improve it.

Solar panels are an integral part of producing greener energy but they should be sited where they can do the most good and the least harm. The Noke site is not the right place.

Yours sincerely,

Jane and Peter Atkinson.

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