## Comment for planning application 22/03873/F

**Application Number** | 22/03873/F

Location

Land North And Adjacent To Mill Lane Stratton Audley

**Proposal** 

Installation and operation of a renewable energy generating station comprising groundmounted photovoltaic solar arrays and battery-based electricity storage containers together with a switchgear container, inverter/transformer units, Site access, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements.

**Case Officer** 

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**Type of Comment** 

Objection

**Type** 

neighbour

**Comments** 

I agree that it is vital to develop and install alternative sources of energy to replace those that produce emissions accelerating climate change.

However, I strongly oppose those sited on arable land. In this case, the soil is classed as only marginally arable but it has produced crops in recent years. We must not encroach on any soil that can potentially produce food crops because, in the long run, we will need every bit of this resource to meet the needs of our increasing population in the face of the uncertainty of depending on foreign sources, increasing costs and the massive carbon footprint created by importation. Although soil in the particular site is classed as marginally productive, its productivity can potentially be significantly increased by recent and expected advances in agricultural technology, plant breeding and the type of crop grown. To use the site for grazing instead of cropping is not enough.

Instead, all non-productive sites should be exploited for this type of development, such as land on which crop production is not possible. that next to motorways, in sites, such as in airfields that do not affect their normal, safe purpose and the roofs of existing and planned warehouses, factories and homes.

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