

# Comment for planning application 22/03873/F

<b>Application Number</b>	<input type="text" value="22/03873/F"/>
<b>Location</b>	<input type="text" value="Land North And Adjacent To Mill Lane Stratton Audley"/>
<b>Proposal</b>	<input type="text" value="Installation and operation of a renewable energy generating station comprising ground-mounted 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."/>
<b>Case Officer</b>	<input type="text" value="Rebekah Morgan"/>
<b>Organisation Name</b>	<input type="text" value="Paula"/>
<b>Address</b>	<input type="text" value="1 The Manor Mews, Mill Road, Stratton Audley, Bicester, OX27 9BZ"/>
<b>Type of Comment</b>	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
<b>Type</b>	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
<b>Comments</b>	<input type="text" value="The length of time proposed is 40 years. This is so long as to have been deemed ' permanent' in other similar applications. I would not object if it was only approved for 20 years max.&lt;br/&gt;The likely timeframe of acquiring the grid connection means that work on this site will be unlikely to start for at least a couple of years. The village of Stratton Audley has suffered significant disruption and damage to its roads as a result of the EWR work and just as this is finished and the roads repaired the disruption will begin all over again. The cumulative effect of different projects on the same road/area should be taken into account.&lt;br/&gt;Solar farm technology is still popular as it is the cheapest form of renewable energy for developers to install. Unfortunately, as noted in the proposal, the loss of subsidies mean that for developers/investors to make enough money the sites have had to get larger. The developer is however, assuming the lowest possible price for the energy when in reality they will get far more and I question that the site needs to be this large. Given the emergence of better technologies that will certainly overtake solar for energy generation in the next 10-20 years, to sacrifice arable farming land for 40 years to make way for a solar farm of this size does not make long-term sense. I note in the application that the land is graded as 3b but this assessment was obviously arranged and paid for by the developer and is therefore not truly independent. I am not sure they would allow anyone from the village to carry out an alternative assessment which seems unreasonable if they were so confident in their own. If the Council are minded to approve this application I would request that they arrange for a truly independent assessment of land before doing so.&lt;br/&gt;Finally there is no doubt a negative visual impact from the site. I am not necessarily objecting to the panels themselves but the batteries that will be situated along the road and basically look like ugly freight containers. If the council are minded to approve this application I would ask that it is subject to all batteries being sunk into the ground so not visible to road users."/>
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<b>Attachments</b>	