## 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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**Organisation** 

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**Type of Comment** 

Objection

**Type** 

neighbour

**Comments** 

The planned Padbury Brook Solar Farm is in totally the wrong location. The site is in unspoilt rural North Oxfordshire, a landscape rapidly disappearing under more housing estates, industrial warehouse sites, new roads and HS2 railway. The planned site is several miles from the electricity station in Bicester, where the electricity generated can be sent to join the grid. The quiet, attractive village of Stratton Audley will be disrupted for months while the road through the village is dug up to take the connecting cable to the grid, if this application is passed.

Green field sites for solar panels should only be used as a last resort, after brownfield sites and roofs of buildings are exhausted and only then in places where their impact is reduced on sites such as next to motorways or railway lines.

It should be mandatory that every new building should have solar panels on them, unless the aspect is totally unsuitable. The local town of Bicester, one of the fastest growing towns in the country, has had thousands of houses built in the last few years. If every new house built had solar panels, there would be no need for this proposed development. Bicester is also surrounded by estates of warehouses, whose roofs could be put to good use for solar panels, with more acreage of greenfield sites saved. Not one of these warehouses has any solar panels on its roof that I have seen.

Yes, we need to take action on climate change, but at the expense of losing our green countryside? I support the use of solar panels as green energy and understand the need to replace fossil fuels.

What kind of countryside are we passing on to our children and the next generation, if we allow industrial developments like this to go ahead? Is this common sense to use our green fields in this way. The site is farm land and as such should be used for food production. The green habitat is provides will take years to recover from the construction process. That habitat needs protecting not developing as an industrial site.

I strongly object to this development and hope that Cherwell planners will do the decent thing and turn it down.

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