

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 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.
Case Officer	Rebekah Morgan
Organisation Name	Lindsay Smith
Address	Rigden House,Bicester Road,Stratton Audley,Bicester,OX27 9BT
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I object to the Padbury Brook Solar Farm as this is on 147 acres of arable farmland which is presently used for crops, domestic food produce is so important in our present climate with many farmers opening successful farm shops achieving a reduction in the carbon footprint of imported food. Our green arable fields require protecting against the invasion of solar farm applications within the UK.</p> <p>Solar panel farms come with a large substantial carbon footprint even before reaching the proposed site, lithium battery mining, production of solar panels and shipping mainly from China. Wind turbine offers a greener more efficient energy than solar.</p> <p>The application goes against the Cherwell District Council policy as mentioned in the CDC Stratton Audley Conservation Appraisal February 2022.</p> <p>Protection of important open spaces and views 14.5 It is important to protect the open and aesthetic quality of the countryside adjacent to the village because it is integral to the character and appearance of the conservation area. Open space sometimes has its own historic significance. The inclusion of peripheral open spaces around the settlement in the designation of the conservation area is specifically to ensure that the character of these spaces is preserved.</p> <p>There are a total of five hedgerows marked for section removal described as in good condition, the applicant indicates 7 metres to be removed referred as H1, together with 5 metres of hedgerows H13, H49,H50,H51, making 27 metres in total the applicant has failed to show the removed sections on the site map . Why remove good condition hedgerow habitats for nesting birds and wildlife?</p> <p>Fifty one built battery inverters and storage units are proposed according to the site map.</p> <p>Neighbouring properties will be affected by noise from the battery inverter units</p> <p>The cable route to the grid in Skimmindish Lane is not appropriate travelling through the conservation area of Stratton Audley due to preservation order trees within the route.</p> <p>The proposed site offers little of the true picture, the applicant JBM markets their solar farms with brochures and websites, including public consultations containing photos of bee hives, wild flowers and children with sun flowers, and sheep. In reality this development will create a huge carbon footprint with thousands of tonnes of MOT Type 1 aggregate which consists of granular sub-base material that is created using recycled crushed concrete and rubble, this will be transported to site using many HGV's to be used for perimeter fencing and solar access tracks making the arable land totally useless for food production in the future.</p>
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