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

Rebekah Morgan

Organisation

Name

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

Whilst in principle I have no issue with solar parks I do have an issue with where this one is proposed to be sited.

There is no reason whatsoever why a perfectly good, greenfield site should be used. The developers have planning permission (I believe) to build a large barn for storing a harvest from the land, yet at the same time the land will not be used for arable purposes?? The developers show pictures of sheep grazing the land in between the solar panels! It's also fair to say that the proposed landscaping will take years and years to screen/hide the visual impact of this proposed development. I am sure that more appropriate land could be found, preferably a 'Brownfield site' within Bicester where the infrastructure would also be more readily available. It is my understanding that a cable will have to be dug right through the middle of the billage in order to connect it to a sub station- this does not seem to be particularly well thought out. At a presentation the project manager contradicted himself by first of all saying that a site would need to be of a certain acreage in order to be viable but this development falls well short of his figure???? I believe the council should further investigate the legitimacy of this application.

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