

Comment for planning application 22/03873/F

Application Number	<input type="text" value="22/03873/F"/>
Location	<input type="text" value="Land North And Adjacent To Mill Lane Stratton Audley"/>
Proposal	<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."/>
Case Officer	<input type="text" value="Rebekah Morgan"/>
Organisation Name	<input type="text" value="Lottie Rawicz-Szczerbo"/>
Address	<input type="text" value="The Old Rectory,Launton Road,Stratton Audley,Bicester,OX27 9AS"/>
Type of Comment	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
Type	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>
Comments	<input type="text" value="I object to a greenfield site, that was previously agricultural, being used for financial gain without any thought for our local environment, by a buyer and developer that does not live in the area. Alternative energy is important for the future of the UK and should be located with thought and care and not on beautiful green countryside. Stratton Audley and the surrounding countryside is already an area of natural beauty with a rich variety of wildlife and scenery and a few strategically placed batboxes etc on a solar farm will add nothing to this. We have watched the Wigmore family and its team create a successful wedding and events business at Pool Farm over the years, with much thought, care and investment going into the preservation of the main barn and the surrounding woodland area. The proposed solar farm is positioned in green fields, that were previously used agriculturally despite the rating that is being banded by the developers, right by Pool Farm and will be seen and heard from both the farm and nearby roads. This isn't a case of nimbyism; there are many disused airfields and industrial sites in this part of the UK that would be more suitable. This is purely a commercial venture by people not living in our Parish. We have lived in the village for 20 years and my in-laws originally moved here in 1965, so we have seen many welcome changes in the village and area for decades, but this is not one of them for the majority of people we have spoken to. We have read all the pro-comments on this application and the majority of these use the same wording and are no doubt from acquaintances of the owner, who we understand lives in the next county to us. Our local roads have taken a pounding with all the additional road- and rail work re: HS2 and East West Rail and we are now faced with the upheaval of our village roads being dug-up during the installation of the solar farm, plus additional traffic if the solar farm goes ahead and that will be in use for a proposed 40 year period. We attended several of the consultations with the developers, who appeared to feel that the solar farm is a done deal. One of the team told us, in no uncertain terms, that no one in the UK is entitled to a view. This may well be the case, but one of the main reasons people live in an area like Stratton Audley is to not have a large industrial-scale development in their community. We therefore oppose this development."/>
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