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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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

Nearby land use has not been correctly identified. Adjacent to the site is an outdoor pursuits and wedding venue. The proposed developments adverse effect on this rural business, employment and local economy must be fully reported and justified surely? The construction, operation and recycling/disposal of the materials and infrastructure impact should be submitted These figures can then be weighed up against any potential net loss or gain in the project.

Long term jobs will not be created, nor will they be local. Agricultural use of the site will employ more local people than the solar farm use.

Valuable Agricultural land should be preserved to meet the increasing demands on domestic food security. 40 years is not temporary use, it is a generation and why would the site be turned back to farming after 40 years? Have the output and technical figures quoted by the applicant been assessed and independently validated?

There is a place for large scale solar, however it should be placed on brownfield land, rooftops, airfields, mandatory on new builds, by motorways or ex MOD land as has been permitted in Cherwell previously. Priority should be given to development of renewable energy schemes, particularly larger scale ones, in less sensitive areas including previously developed and industrial land and areas where there are already intrusive development or infrastructure, for example, major transport corridors.

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