

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	
Name	Nigel and Penelope Oakey
Address	Grange Farm, Street Through Godington, Godington, Bicester, OX27 9AF
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL</p> <p>Completely misleading information has been published by JBM regarding the impact on our local environment and wildlife.</p> <p>This land has been carefully managed in line with DEFRA Environmental and Stewardship Schemes for over the past 20 years.</p> <p>From our research, no sheep are ever grazed successfully on solar fields. Planted grassed areas will not thrive, due to the ground being shielded from natural light.</p> <p>Due to the nature of the fencing, wildlife will be either trapped inside or outside of the area. This would particularly impact Hares.</p> <p>Developers are trying to convince everyone that the land is 'low grade'. This is simply not a true fact. This would be a great loss of local agricultural, productive land.</p> <p>LOCATION</p> <p>Planned location is very close to rural communities and will be unsightly and detrimental to our local area. The very tall solar panels will have a huge visible impact, even with the proposed planting.</p> <p>The Godington community is already blighted and surrounded by the destructive impact of HS2 and EWR.</p> <p>Another largescale intrusive development will add to the local roads being continually filthy, with more loss of grass verges. Even more dangerous and damaging cracked roads and extreme potholes will also be created. Our lanes are currently not being effectively maintained or repaired as it is.</p> <p>The local lanes around Godington and Stratton Audley are already absolutely appalling. They are not capable of sustaining any more heavyweight traffic.</p> <p>The Solar Park would also have a detrimental impact on local businesses and livelihoods.</p> <p>OTHER CONCERNS</p> <p>Proposed 'Community Benefit Funds' must be offered without any 'strings' attached on how the money is spent and voted on for the benefit of each community by its residents.</p> <p>This scheme is being proposed for profit by people who don't have to live directly with any of the resulting major consequences. They are trying to shroud their application with dubious claims of 'preservation of the environment and biodiversity improvements' simply in an effort to get their plans approved.</p> <p>We fully appreciate the need and future benefits of solar power, but there must be many, more appropriate sites in our area. It's simply not morally right to locate a large Solar Park right next to a rural community which is already suffering the considerable stress, impact and huge upheaval created by other existing local major construction projects, and who will continue to do so for many years to come.</p>
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