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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Address

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

I strongly object to the Padbury Brook solar farm because it is completely the wrong use for perfectly good arable land which has been farmed successfully for decades. The owner, who lives many miles out of the area, has only recently bought the land and has had planning granted for a grain store where, in her application, she stated the land produced an above average grain yield. This is a greed project, pure and simple, with absolutely no concern for the local community. Stratton Audley is in a conservation area and an area of natural beauty and has been plaqued with recent development upheavals in the form of EWR and HS2. The impact of this scheme will add to the misery - heavy traffic thundering along small country roads, digging trenches to lay cabling, shocking carbon footprint in the form of lithium battery mining and the actual production of the solar panels which will most likely be shipped from China. The nature of conservation itself is surely to protect the historical character of a specific area and open spaces and arable land should be preserved at all costs. I have read all the comments made by the public, both for and against this project. I agree with every single thing written against the project and it seems pointless to type it all out again but I cannot state strongly enough how loudly I reiterate and echo their points. It is horribly unfair to the Wigmores who live right next door to the proposed site, they have spent years building their wedding business in a quiet, beautiful place where people come to celebrate their marriage and to have this thrust upon them is just wrong on every level. Yes, we need to find alternative energy sources but covering a relatively tiny area in the enormous scheme of things on perfectly viable arable land is criminal. This is a 40 year project and, once in situ, cannot be reversed. The negative impact on the area for all the reasons stated cannot be stressed strongly enough. Central planning themselves are still undecided on the matter of solar development on farmland and the government may well ban any new developments so, at the very least, place the project on hold until any policies become clearer. I could go on and on for pages giving the reasons why I know this project should be rejected but it's already been said by others and, again, I agree with all of it.

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