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Please note, JBM (the developer) are canvassing members of the public on social media from outside the area. They are only allowing positive comments and are deleting all other comments of which there are lots. The positive comments are then sent to the council by JBM in generic form as can be seen in the public comments section.

- This development would be highly visible from surrounding roads, footpaths and PRW. There would be a substantial negative impact on the quality of life, amenity of local residents, footpaths and recreational users and to the villages of Godington and Stratton Audley.
 - Fire Risk from the inverters/battery storage and Hardware is a major concern, this has not been assessed or documented.
 - The applicant's details Educational space, Outdoor classroom with educational boards. This poses a highways risk as there is no parking available or allocated to this, the roads are narrow and unsuitable for busses
 - Considerable concern over the increased levels of rural crime and theft associated with solar farms, this has not been assessed or documented.
 - The location should be preserved for future generations and prized for its amenity and recreational value NPPF155. NPPF 185
 - There is a place for scale solar, it should be placed on, airfields, mandatory on new buildings/ factory roof space, by motorways etc.
 - The development is non-compliant with Cherwell local plan ESD5 and ESD13.
 - The panels proposed are 3m high which is higher than generally used on solar farms, these will not be adequately screened by vegetation as proposed. The application documents have not demonstrated why such a high panel must be used against a lower panel. CCTV cameras will be intrusive and disturbing to recreational users of the site. The high metal security fencing will remove the appeal and alter the setting of the footpaths.
 - The land has produced crops successfully for hundreds of years and the council should commission an independent land grade assessment. Agricultural land must increasingly be preserved to meet the increasing demands on domestic food security.
 - A grain barn was given permission by the council recently, this grain barn was to store a larger than average grain yield from the land as verified by Environment Agency figures.
 - The below portion of text is lifted from the noise assessment report commissioned by the developer. When assessing against the criteria set out by BS 4142:2014, predicted Rating Levels from the development are noted to be in excess of 10dB above the prevailing background level. In isolation, this would be: "...an indication of a significant adverse impact, depending on the context."
- The actual figures are up 21DB above background level. This in itself is alarming and requires thorough investigation.

- Within the site and the local footpath network (NPPF100), there is a thriving abundance of wildlife, including deer, nesting birds, badger sets, rabbits, hares, Canadian geese. These will likely be driven from the area by reason of noise, difficulty in passing through the high metal security fencing and construction disturbance and maintenance.
- A horse equestrian centre is located adjacent to the site, significant concerns arise from the noise, dust and construction impact on the breeding horses.
- The proposed developments negative impact on the diversified farm businesses next to the site must be fully investigated under NPPF 84, NPPF 85, NPPF 187.
- The report states that over 1000 HGV Movements will be required to the site. The roads are already failing and not designed for this level of HGV movement including safety concerns for equestrian users and pedestrians who frequent mill road and Poundon road. This level of HGV traffic should be surveyed to include the cumulative impact of HS2 and East west Rail Construction coinciding in the area. The SA crossroads are an accident black spot with many vehicles leaving the road as can be seen by the holes in fencing, gates and damaged road furniture. The Council highway officer comments, who viewed the Poundon road (on Google streetview!) rather than viewing the road in person has omitted to state that the passing places and widening are due to be removed in the next 12 months.
- This is a poorly conceived proposal, in totally the wrong location. A huge 150 acre energy generating and battery storage station which drawfs the local villages of Stratton Audley (30 acres) and Godington (20 acres). totally out of place in a scenic part of north Oxfordshire. The landscape will be industrialised and the proposal does not give consideration to the effects of the area, its residents and the valued landscape. I Strongly object to this application and urge the council to recommend refusal for the reasons set out.

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