

The landscape impact of a proposal which is so big on the villages where so many people live would be detrimental to both the environment and the people who live in the villages. The green belt should not be so wantonly disregarded and 75% of this proposal is on green belt land. Land where food is grown and walkers use daily. Our village of Church Hanborough with its 12th century church is visited by people who come to walk the Oxford pathway through peaceful fields and ancient hedgeways rich with birdlife, badgers, foxes, deer and any amount of small creatures. This diversity couldn't survive a sea of glass and concrete. Once lost it would be lost forever. 40 years is not temporary and none of us are going to be around to see that the land is restored. Land drains would be destroyed and all the cables and support piles remain in the ground anyway so the land could never be reinstated to agriculture. There is no reason why this enormous industrial solar project needs to be built on green belt agricultural land as it isn't proposed to power Oxfordshire but would go to the national grid. The only reason this enormous solar power station would be built so near to so many villages is that the landowner sees a way of making a lot of money from their green acres. It would be visually overwhelming up to the walls of a World Heritage site and Bladon where Churchill is buried, Churchill who is made so much of in their tourist publicity. This scheme would impact so many lives and livelihoods and if it is necessary for it to be built to mitigate global warming and loss of wildlife it seems illogical to add to those losses, increase the risk of flooding from run off and land- drain destruction and reduce food security so why could something of this enormity not be put on land which is already degraded such as redundant coal fired power station land? We are a small country we cannot afford to lose huge swathes of land.