

A request to the Examiners, following my previous written submission as an interested party: Noting that the examiners have reported undertaking an unaccompanied walk along public footpaths in the north of the proposed development area, I strongly urge that (if they have not already done so) they should take a walk up 'The Track' (as it is commonly known) behind Cassington towards Purwell Farm - imagining how the route would look if that pathway were bounded on both sides by tall fences and acres of huge solar panels - then to stand at the summit and look back towards the village, and beyond towards Yarnton and Oxford to the south-east, and over a gate towards the wide Oxfordshire landscape to the south-west - then imagine these views obscured by fences and solar panels. This track is regularly walked by many villagers, frequently taking visitors with them, often meeting other walkers along the way up or back down, on any day of the week and weekends. The walk, with its wide views of fields under crops (sometimes dotted with hares running or pheasant or partridge, while the calls of smaller birds resound everywhere) is vital to the physical and mental health of so many inhabitants of Cassington and beyond, and restorative to their wellbeing. I submit that the value of this track into the countryside, so close to the village, is far more than subjective, and should be protected from being obliterated by the erection of a solar farm on all sides, if at all possible.