

My name is Jonathan Ford. I speak as a member of the public. I am also a father and a scientist. My purpose this morning is to ...however inadequately... is to align my words with those of the god who loves us all.

Examiners,

**CLIMATE CHANGE IS THE ISSUE OF OUR TIME...it is urgent and deeply important**

We need to **think big, act fast and ...make the most of our limited finances.** I understand that the proposed development would help us do all three.

The IPCC states that large-scale solar has **the** most potential to mitigate climate change between now and 2030. It can be deployed quickly. It is cheap.

**What is the issue of our time if not climate change?** For [REDACTED]

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President JF Kennedy gave his country a decade to put a man on the moon. We, the UK, produced vaccines for Covid 19 in a matter of months. Where there is a will there is a way.

No single act of mitigation will prevent climate change. However, every well considered act will reduce its severity and will slow it down. As with Covid-19, delay of the crisis enables us to find and develop solutions.

This development can make a **big difference**....a difference far beyond Oxfordshire. Imagine the City of Oxford...global city of learning ...powered by renewable energy. This will make global leaders sit up and think "We can ....and we shall...do the same." If the development is stopped other similar projects will be stopped. If it goes ahead and is done well it will act as an exemplar. It can help our grandchildren. It can help the natural world. We have responsibilities to care for both.

Examiners, you have heard today and will do over the coming weeks of many downsides to the proposed development. Like any life-saving surgery, there **are**

downsides. I urge you to consider these in the context of the global cancer that is climate change.

**Climate change is the issue of our time.....** I urge you to make this point to the Secretary of State.

And finally, examiners... applicant...and those here I urge you to collaborate to ensure the proposed development is an exemplar for climate mitigation...of course...but also for landscape design, nature conservation and community benefit. Not 'yes' or 'no'...'yes but better.' A legacy to be proud of. A better world.