

Dear Inspectors,

I would like to request an Accompanied Site Inspection to my property which is adjacent to the proposed Botley West Solar Farm.

My name is Ninon Linnell and I live at [REDACTED]

My contact numbers are: [REDACTED] **or** [REDACTED]

The solar panels as proposed will be all around the back of my property and from all the windows at the back of the house they will dominate, more obviously in the winter.

The loss of agricultural land means in the future we will have to import food and buying the panels from China again importing all this does not help our net zero targets.

Flooding is a great worry, there is a hill directly a head of the property Farways and 10 houses to the right of my property that would be affected.

The character of the lovely old village of Cassington and the Church which is 900 years old, would change if the proposed large site was to go ahead. Solar panels should be on roofs not fields.

I am also concerned about the lack of space for wildlife. Solar panels can negatively impact skylarks due to habitat loss and disruption of breeding ground. 100's of swans have for years used the fields in the autumn so would think the panels were water and would fly in and be killed.

Large solar panels like those in solar farms can increase local temperatures and Cassington is already very dry. I am also concerned that it will change the soil structure. While solar panels are quiet the infrastructure around them can generate low level noise.

How does the applicant think they are going to get the panels to the proposed fields? The roads and bridges around Cassington are not wide or strong enough for the very large lorries without causing significant damage and inconvenience to the village. We have a primary school which children walk to so it will make it even more dangerous for them to cross the road.

Please see the following photos taken from my garden.

Yours sincerely,
Ninon Linnell

