

I repeat my earlier request (REP1 ref no 148) for the Inspectors to gain access to the towers and steeples of the various Listed churches in villages impacted by the applicants proposal - namely Cumnor, Eynsham, Cassington, Church Hanborough, Bladon, Begbroke, Woodstock, and Wootton.

I realise that arrangements would have to be made with the respective church wardens PCCs to enable such access, but the landscape settings of these historic community buildings are critically important and those who really know what they are talking about are very concerned about the damage this proposal will make if approved.

In the same vein, I suggest that the Inspectors obtain a carte blanche permission from the three main landowners to access anywhere in their respective ownerships included in the application - I think it essential, for example, for the inspectors to drive down the private drive/farm road through Purwell Farm from the Bladon Cassington Road to the Lower Road and then back up again - to get a better understanding of the impact of the solar panels etc on this particular key landscape and of course on Purwell Farmhouse listed Grade II.

I realise that the Inspectors have carried out initial unaccompanied inspections (back in February) from the public highway, rights of way or public places but that is in my opinion a self imposed (and thus avoidable) restriction on their ability to have seen every part/view etc of the site from every angle and in summer rather than just winter conditions.

The impact on the wider setting of the WHS is a core issue here, so having properly roamed around the site seems to me a key task for the Inspectors to enable them to give the fullest report to the Secretary of State.

I am sure you will have been contacted by the respective owners of Mill Farm Lower Road Long Hanborough, Goose Eye Farm, off the Lower Road nr Church Hanborough, Hordley House nr Wootton, and various householders at Shipton Slade - these are properties known to me and which I strongly urge the Inspectors to visit them all, to better understand the massive impact on these mostly listed properties this project will have, if approved.

Lastly, having walked up to and through Wytham Woods - an 800 acre SSI ancient woodland owned and managed by Oxford University, might I suggest to the Inspectors that they too should visit this wood (world renowned for its long term ecological and habitat research projects) to see the views to the south (where the solar panels South section would be very visible on the north facing slopes and the views to the north where the panels on the southern facing slopes of the Central section will dominate the longer views northwards).

Obviously you will need OU's permission but I believe they have already made reps to the Examination and maybe invited a visit.

Harry St John 1st July 2025