

Buffers. Minimum 25m for residential properties is lower than any other NSIP proposal so far submitted. Why so little? The plans are to have panels very close to the north of the village of Cassington, which is our only green area as the A40 is the barrier at the south of the village. It is our only access to the fields and is used by many and will be ruined by solar panels. Why no Residential Visual Amenity Assessment? (ExQ2.13.15)

Hedges and Footpaths - ongoing issues with hedges including oppressive new 3/4m hedges on footpaths and overwhelming properties, what happens at decommissioning, upgrades to bridleways - if 5m wide and paved would they be used by vehicles? loss/damage to ancient hedges. (ExQ2.13.8, and responses from all IPs to this question)

Land retention for Food growing in Bladon and the Hanboroughs - not as originally trumpeted as allotments for the local community so placed on outskirts of villages but mostly (30 hectares) now to be used by commercial enterprises selling food elsewhere so no community benefit. This was introduced without consultation with any Parish Councils or relevant village organisations. (ExQ2.5.4,2.5.5)

Loss of Green Belt - are the "Very Special Circumstances" met? (ExQ2.11.12 &13, Historic England response to Ex2.6.4)

Loss of best and most versatile (BMV) agricultural land currently yielding well and contributing to UK's food security.

Applicant now admits 42% of land to be taken is BMV. (ExQ2.11.4 &7and Annex 8 in same doc)

Why so little focus beyond Blenheim on setting of all the historic elements in the area. The Church in Cassington is a listed building and should be protected on heritage grounds.(ExQ2.6.9 to 2.6.18)

Funding. The source for £900 million pounds to build still not revealed (ExQ2.5.1&2, 2.5.9)

In general, the scale is far too big. The panel area should be significantly reduced, particularly where currently close to the villages.