



Begbroke and Yarnton Green Belt Campaign (BYG)

Deadline 5, BYG: Site Selection and the Significance of the Proposed Industrialisation of Oxford Green Belt.

Points already raised in direct reference to Green Belt by Begbroke & Yarnton Green Belt Campaign can be found in BYG`s **RR-0092** para 1.5 and following; **REP3-083** para 3.3; **REP3-085** para 3.8; and elsewhere in our submissions.

1. In previous submissions we also have highlighted the Applicant`s inability a) to put forward any credible explanation as to why the Botley West site was considered acceptable for solar development; and b) to provide any meaningful review of possible alternatives. It was perfectly possible in many respects to choose a site which was less problematic, which demanded less of their dubious track record in solar farm development, and which did not run counter to so many designated national policies.

2. BYG has now reviewed all the NSIP solar projects listed on the PINS website. This analysis, shown on the next page, indicates that none of the NSIP solar projects approved to date by PINS utilises Green Belt land. Furthermore, the same is true of those NSIP solar projects currently under examination.

This starkly underlines the centrality of the Green Belt component in any consideration of the acceptability of the BWSF Application.

3. In this context, an overwhelmingly compelling case would have to be made to justify industrialising so much of Oxford`s Green Belt. BYG believes the case has not been made and – for reasons already described in our submissions - cannot be made.

4. Amongst the significant problems identified is the probability that the casual approach taken to decommissioning in the Application (D5, BYG 37521 re ExQ2.1.17) will render permanent a loss to Oxford`s Green Belt of 75% of this huge site`s area.

5. BYG is driven to conclude that the selection of the site by the Applicant, despite its proposed – unprecedented - incursion into Green Belt, was opportunistic and a material error of judgement.

Details of all NSIP solar projects on the PINS website as of 10/9/2025						
Recommended or Decided						
			Status	MW	Green B used?	
Byers Gill Solar			Decided	180	No	
Cleve Hill Solar Park			Decided	373	No	
Cottam Solar Project			Decided	600	No	
East Yorkshire Solar Farm			Decided	400	No	
Fenwick Solar Farm			Rec.	237	No	
Gate Burton Energy Park			Decided	500	No	
Heckington Fen Solar Park			Decided	500	No	
Helios Renewable Energy Proj			Decision	250	No	
Little Crow Solar Park			Decided	150	No	
Longfield Solar Farm			Decided	420	No	
Mallard Pass Solar Project			Decided	350	No	
Oaklands Farm Solar Park			Decided	138	No	
Stonestreet Green Solar			Decision	100	No	
Sunnica Energy Farm			Decided	500	No	
Tillbridge Solar Project			Decision	500	No	
West Burton Solar Project			Decided	480	No	
Under examination						
Dean Moor Solar farm			Exam	150	No	
One Earth Solar farm			Exam	740	No	
Pear Tree Hill Solar Farm			Exam	320	No	
Springwell Solar Farm			Exam	800	No	
