

The proposal to build solar panels on an industrial scale so close to where so many people live is unique in Europe. The buffer zone is far too small, the loss of good productive fields is short sighted and counter to the stated aim of helping the planet. I live next to a church built in 1108, the slender spire is visible across fields on the approach to the village and a joy when returning. The proposal would substitute glass panels all around us for miles with substations wire fences and the ground permanently polluted with cables and posts which the developers admitted would never be removed in 40 years time - none of us will be around to hold them to "restoring the landscape" anyway. We are 6 miles from the outskirts of Oxford and less from Woodstock and Blenheim and on the edge of the Cotswolds all beautiful places drawing visitors from all over the world - travelling through miles of ugly panels wouldn't enhance the visit and is incidentally is against Blenheim's charter as a World Heritage Site. Why does this enormous Solar project have to be in Oxfordshire's green belt anyway? When I asked that question to PVDP they replied that it had to be near where the electricity would be used. That is untrue as it would feed the national grid so could be on a brown field site anywhere. This proposal and the way it has been handled is crushing and disempowering to ordinary mortals.