

[REDACTED] has been my home for the past 18 years.

If the proposed solar panels in fields 1.17 and 1.18 are approved it will have a severe impact on this small community, a devastating impact on the diverse wildlife whose home it is too and a detrimental effect to the public footpaths, rights of way and the blocking of views across the vale, thereby taking away the enjoyment of the many walkers who regularly use these footpaths and rights of way.

The healthy population of Great Crested Newts is a major concern as their habitat borders field 1.17, which will put them at great risk and create havoc for them as they leave their breeding ponds to hibernate above and below ground during October to February travelling as far as a few hundred meters from their ponds. The installation of solar panels will create horrendous noise and vibrations when the pile-driving equipment is being operated.

As a protected species their habitat MUST be a priority. I note at present there is a suggested proposal of two-third removal of solar panels. I think the best outcome for the newts would be all panels to be removed from field 1.17 as proposed by The Oxford Host Authorities.

May I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the Planning Examiners for their detailed and thorough assessment of this proposal and to the Oxford Host Authorities for their support in opposing this development. Your help and support during this stressful time is greatly appreciated.