

Having read the submissions made at D5 I have the following major concerns:

The Applicant's delay in providing important details of the project and am particularly concerned where it is stated more detailed plans would be available after the DOC decision. Surely the requirements of a development of this size and potential for disruption to thousands of households should be clearly established at the outset? Otherwise how is it possible to make a comprehensive assessment.

The same issues remain since the initial stages of the application and do not appear to have been adequately accounted for with realistic changes to accommodate genuine concerns regarding the problem of flooding, the issue with hedging, the maintenance and management of public rights of way and the proximity of panels to residences. Solar piling disrupts surrounding areas and can damage existing structures.

I echo Oxfordshire Host Authorities' concern regarding waste management for the site, especially in view of the need to replace panels, and their requiring a Decommissioning Bond to ensure sufficient funds would be available to enable safe decommissioning of the site. And I support the concern regarding the condition of the site at the end of its lifespan. What plans are there for restoration to its original state. A claim made by the Applicant in their original proposal. Of major concern is the decision to now remove solar piles at ground level which would have significant environmental impact in the contamination of the soil.

There appears to be insufficient provision for the protection of trees, heritage assets and archaeological sites. Study of other much smaller solar sites are clear on the effect such sites have on bats and skylark populations which makes one consider the claims of protection by the Applicant in this respect to be rather disingenuous. In our bid to protect and sustain our environment it seems counterproductive to destroy it.