

Botley West Solar Factory: PVDP

You have enough to read: I will be as brief as possible, but, I hope, insightful.

Here are just a few of my concerns:

- 1 Does PVDP have net zero at the heart of their application or is this project purely about financial gain?
- 2 Are PVDP's sources of funding ethical? There is well-documented evidence to the contrary
- 3 Are they taking the well documented environmental destruction in the countries extracting the necessary minerals or the well documented exploitation of their miners into consideration?
- 4 Are they taking the well-publicised issues around slave labour in China into consideration?
- 5 Are the solar panels that they plan to use, CO2 neutral? It is very likely that the panels chosen would generate more CO2 during their production than would be saved during the lifetime of this proposed solar factory
- 6 Is it right that vast areas of Oxfordshire countryside should be industrialised, purely for the financial benefit of a few people who don't live here?
- 7 Is it right that the current planning system is so very lengthy that applications like this inflict years of misery on thousands of people? Couldn't this project have been evaluated and rejected much earlier on in this process?
- 8 Is it right that applications like this should be allowed to take up vast amounts of government time and taxpayers' money?
- 9 Is it right that our community has had to work enormously hard to fight this application? This battle has literally consumed the lives of our dedicated team for several years. We have had to raise hundreds of thousands of pounds to fund expert advice
- 10 Is it right that, should this unscrupulous proposal be turned down, those of us who have suffered for years, have no chance of any kind of compensation from the proposers of this project? Should we be at the mercy of people like this in the decades to come?

Everyone around me here recognises the need for alternative energy but we all say NO THANK YOU to this appalling project which would wreck the lives of so many of us and which has failed to prove any potential positive outcome.

I would like to see three things happen:

- 1 That this proposal be rejected
  - 2 A scientifically based government policy on how to achieve net zero, followed by policy implementation through contracting out the necessary work to REPUTABLE companies
  - 3 A major government push to get everyone (both in the private and public sectors) to use fewer resources. It is possible.
- My partner and I have made a lot of changes, reducing waste and consumption of petrol, electricity, gas and water. We can all do it with a little thought.

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