

As residents of Bladon village, my wife and I totally disagree with PVDP's assessment that the visual and other impacts of the proposed Botley West site on our village would be "not significant".

Rather, the impact on Bladon and its surroundings would be huge. However, the drawings and maps provided to us are extremely basic and sloppy, and give no accurate information as to exactly where the solar panels would be sited around our village.

This is an area of great natural beauty and historical significance, and we are appalled at the idea that it should be covered in hideous black panels. We are also alarmed as to what will happen to these panels at the end of their life, and at the possible consequences of their removal in future.

We are also deeply concerned at the disruption of life in the village when this huge project begins construction. We have no information about the numbers of trucks and equipment that will drive through the village. There is also no information as to the duration of the construction work.

There is also the danger of flooding resulting from water running off the paneled area. Bladon has already had flooding issues - indeed our house was flooded last year - and these panels are likely to increase the risk.

Currently the fields selected for panels are successful agricultural enterprises providing food for the nation; destroying them would be an act of folly !

We whole-heartedly hope that the examiners will not recommend this misguided application