

As a British born Australian, I frequently return to visit relatives around the country, including Oxfordshire. I understand the need to seek alternative energy sources to fight climate change but this cannot be at the expense of beautiful countryside by covering it with solar panels and with little consideration that the visual impact will have on anyone living or visiting the area. I wonder how many of the developers would enjoy sitting in their homes overlooking fields of solar panels. This is ludicrous! Coincidentally my daughter is part of a team conducting community engagement meetings for an alternative energy program that a state government in Australia is in the process of rolling out. This is also highly emotive here but the biggest difference is that we have an abundance of land and it is not in an area that has beautiful villages, green fields and historical landmarks, such as Blenheim Palace who seem intent on destroying the very area that draws people there. Please consider carefully the terrible damage solar farms will cause to the environment in which you live and the impact it is going to have not just today or tomorrow but for generations to come. There just has to be other solutions that will have less of a visual impact, such as solar panels on roof tops?!