

I strongly object to the proposed Botley West Solar Project.

1. Solar panels shouldn't be built on good farming land. We need to protect our food security as a country farmers and soil surveys have already shown that this land is really valuable for growing food, not for covering in panels.

2. The consultation was confusing and unclear. The so-called "community" benefits were never properly explained, and honestly, this project doesn't help the community at all. It could actually harm people's mental health if we lose access to the countryside and green spaces we enjoy.

3. The local area is being completely disrespected. The views around historic houses and churches will be ruined, and the countryside experience will be lost. Tourism will also suffer as people come here for the beautiful scenery, not to see fields full of solar panels.

4. Traffic will get worse and roads will be less safe. More vehicles will destroy the peace and quiet that makes this place so special.

5. Wildlife needs to be protected. The gaps between hedges should be at least 15 metres, and the hedges themselves must be respected because they're full of life and biodiversity.

6. There are important historical and archaeological sites here. It would be awful if these were damaged and they need proper protection so we don't lose part of our history forever.