

As a Cassington resident, I remain opposed to Botley West Solar Farm. Of particular concern is the proximity of the solar farm to Cassington village. Mitigation measures have been made near the UNESCO site of Blenheim, but the developers consider that the same mitigation measures are not required around Cassington. In the consultation process, photographs of the lane/area leading up to Purwell Farm were incorrect, showing the solar panels to be some way off in the distance, but, in reality, they will be much closer and visible to residents living on the north side of the village. I fully support the need for sustainable energy, but I can see no justification for the scale of the solar farm and its proximity to dwellings. Both the consultations held in the village hall and subsequent information/responses from PVDP have been extremely disappointing and frustrating. Feedback given at the time of the consultations has not been incorporated into their plans, in particular, there has been no change in the boundary of the solar farm around Cassington. PVDP has been slow to respond to, or given inadequate answers to questions from the examiners, and the trust between residents and PVDP has been severely damaged. I have no confidence in PVDP being a suitable organisation to lead such a large-scale project. (The photo attached shows fieldfare overwintering birds in the area between Bladon Farm and Worton Heath).

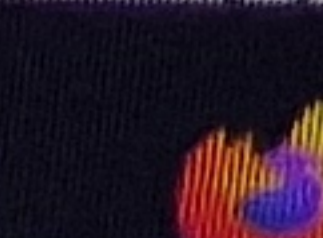
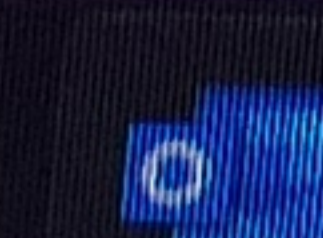
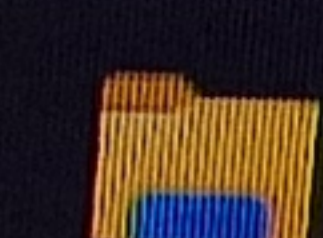




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