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Interested Party Ref [REDACTED]

I understand final comments are requested

My main concern is the blanketing scale of this development on the local environment, particularly so close to so many villages in the area.

Local footpaths and rights of way are a key amenity for local residents and I am concerned at the proposals are to raze existing hedgerows and trees to create featureless 5m wide corridors between the ranks of panels. Surely hedges and trees should could be retained without major loss of solar efficiency.

Local agricultural land is described as being of poor quality in the proposals which does not tally with the regular cropping and replanting that takes place in fields around Cassington.

Finally, is solar power really so vital under the gray skies of the UK, when on shore wind seems more suited to our climate and has less land take implications.

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