

I am opposed to The Botley West Solar Farm as stated in my comments. The applicants have not demonstrated in any way that this proposal is strategically justified. I can see no evidence they care enough to be good custodians of the land and have considered its impact to the ecology of the area and effect on the lives of the . thousands of local residents . This application should be refused.

**Alison Holmans Final comment, resident of Eynsham and participant in Forever Fields  
( Submission number [REDACTED] )**

I am a resident in the village of Eynsham: I am concerned about Climate change and I feel Solar is one option to answer to our need for renewable energy. On roofs; on buildings, warehouses, car parks, stadiums, greenhouses etc and on land that is not productive or going to effect the environment eg along side motorways.

My concerns all along have been that the applicant and major landowner at each step has failed to honestly give an answer to the key questions concerning the especially the enormity of the project and how it will effect us all should the project get underway and in the long term future:

These key issues that concern me are

1. **Our heritage and landscape** : effecting mental wellbeing for those who walk , pass through and live in the surrounding villages ; The effect on a world heretage site ;
2. The project is going to have **significant environmental consequences on an excessive scale** ; The reckless use of productive land ;Flooding consequences and leaching of soil quality ( due to taking out trees and plant life) ; destruction of ecosystems; removal of a life supporting environment and movement of plant and bird and animal life, including migrating populations.
3. Concern that no consideration has been given to the amount of **waste materials** that are produced in bringing the panels to the site that them has to be disposed of; The **impact on the infrastructure** in setting up this vast expanse in terms of heavy machinery on the access routes and considering this also needs to be **ongoing in terms of maintenance** ( for such an excessively large project ) ; Manpower required to maintain ongoing checks and maintenance onsite ;
4. **Decommissioning and Re-instatement. There is nothing saying how this is being thought through. Where is the plan!**

Seems to me that this project has been little thought through, with the detail being ignored.

Such a large project on an extreme scale needs serious answers to questions being asked. Comparisons to small scale projects can not be upscaled and given as answers.

This application should be refused!