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Dear Sirs

I am writing again to object to this proposal. I hope it will be rejected for the following reasons.

- 1) the developer has not answered all the questions required by the government despite being given more time. I am pleased that their request for yet more time was rejected.
- 2) I understand that the substation proposed for the Farmoor area has not yet been agreed and there is no proposal for planners to consider. It would be foolish to build an enormous solar farm where there is nowhere for the electricity to go, especially as there will be many objections to the idea of putting a substation in such a prominent position.
- 3) the Oxford airport is very close to the proposed site and training flights may be affected by glare and possible turbulence. I understand they were not consulted. It is not good enough to ignore local businesses in this flagrant way.
- 4) this area of Oxfordshire is very popular with tourists coming to Blenheim and Oxford and the proposed plan will ruin the look of the countryside, and badly affect tourism revenue for the area.
- 5) I think that agricultural land should be used for agriculture. The developers say that all the land is poor quality but this is not the case.
- 6) there is a risk of flooding. In disputing this, the developers have used old data, but more recent research shows that flooding is a real risk.

I have heard that they have already started putting cabling in, before the decision. I do hope that this does not mean that the proposal has already secretly been given the go-ahead, which would of course explain why they have not bothered with all the questions and have not submitted a robust plan.

I recognise that we do need to improve our infrastructure. But this plan is not well researched, has not answered all the questions the government raised and is not fit for purpose. I hope the proposal will be disallowed in its entirety.

Thank you

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