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Dear Sirs

I write to express my ongoing concern about the proposals by PVDP for a solar farm in Oxfordshire. Whilst I am against the whole size and scale of the scheme my specific concerns are around the connection via the Thames to an, as yet unspecified and unapproved, sub station near Filchampstead. The river Thames crossing is not shown on the outline Construction Traffic Management Plan published on 11 June within PVDP's map of "Construction traffic routes". Given that this is the only route that the scheme could follow after the abandonment of the plan to cross the nature reserve on the other bank, it is incredible that nothing is shown.

The underground/underwater cabling proposed and the necessary equipment required on site would require significant disruption to the Thames path affecting walkers and boaters, as well as to the local flora and fauna. Otters have been sited in the Thames below the shaded area on the PVDP map and they will be disturbed by any such works. In addition on the Wytham side of the river Wytham Woods have just planted a new oak woodland called Bear Wood which appears to be in the line of the cable. It would seem unfeasible for this new woodland to be disturbed by the cable route.

The cabling will require equipment and I cannot see how such equipment will get to site on the Wytham Woods side unless it travels down the private lane by our cottages. This lane is partially owned by the residents of [REDACTED] who have not been approached regarding access, highlighting further lack of professional planning by PVDP.

The lack of detail highlights the inadequacy of the planning for this whole scheme. It has been returned to PVDP for more information, when other schemes would be have been rejected, but even after an additional time period the scheme contains glaring omissions showing its lack of feasibility and suitability to the area.

I would urge the planning inspectorate to reject the entire scheme and not to give PVDP after further time to amend their proposals.

Yours Faithfully

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