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Further to my previous responses, I am concerned that, even at this late stage, the applicant has not provided answers to many questions around this application. Insufficient information and evidence has been presented and the information that has been provided is flawed - inaccurate and incomplete.

As a local resident who relies on the land in question for visual amenity and for calming exercise in nature (known to be important for physical and mental health), I think that the residential visual amenity assessment (RVAA), requested by the examiners but not yet provided by the applicant, is essential in order for the examiners to properly assess the application. I note that the applicant has not agreed to the minimum 250m buffer requested by the examiners, but has left this decision to be finalised **after** the DCO is granted - undemocratic and unfair. I object to this proposal by the applicant and think that the application should be rejected while the RVAA remains outstanding.

Secondly, I am concerned about the preservation of existing hedgerows, both as borders to existing footpaths, important for visual amenity, and as a haven for wildlife. I note that an environmental management plan has not yet been provided by the applicant, but consider this essential in order for this proposal to be properly assessed.

Thirdly, I am concerned about a potential increase to the flood risk caused by the drip line effect from solar panels, particularly because of the recent known vulnerability of several local villages/communities to flooding and because of the vast size and topography of the proposed solar power station, which means that very small effects will be multiplied.

I have chosen these three areas to highlight today as they are of particular importance to me as a Cassington resident but am aware that there are many more areas where the applicant has provided insufficient information for an informed decision on the merits and harms of this proposal.

Yours faithfully,
Katherine Rogers,