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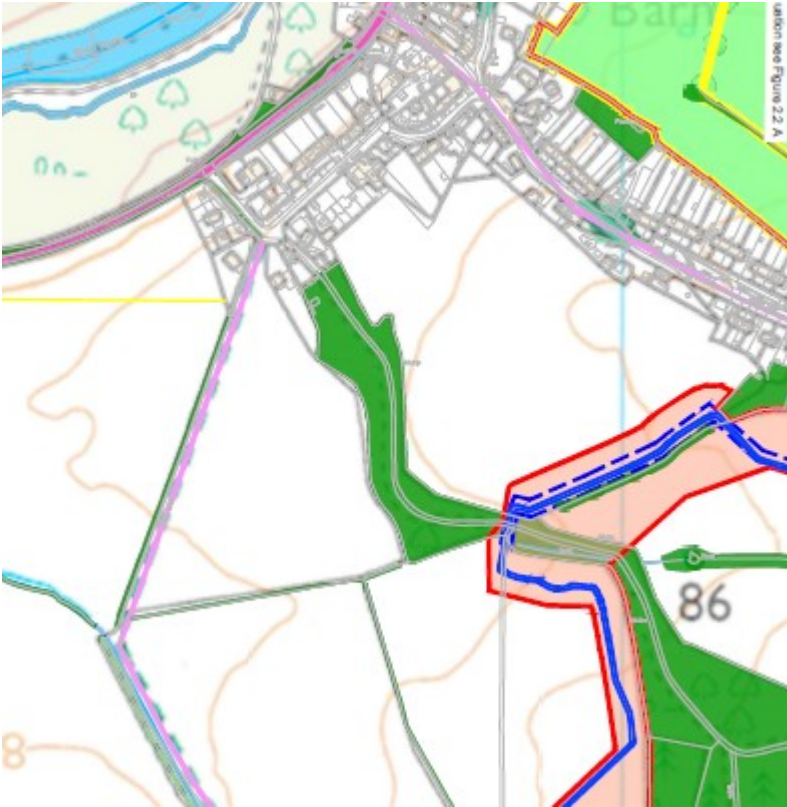
We would like to express our objection to PVDP's application for development consent for the proposed Botley West Solar Farm.

Our family lives at Bladon Heath, an area of significant historic and environmental importance, containing the Bladon Iron Age Camp, ancient woodland, and an exceptionally rich diversity of wildlife.

Whilst we have a number of concerns regarding the proposal - including, as residents living beneath a flight path, the potential implications for aviation safety and security -our primary concern relates to the proposed cable route.

To date, we have received neither a visit nor any correspondence from the applicant regarding this aspect of the scheme. We are therefore concerned that we have not been properly consulted on proposals that would directly affect our property and access arrangements.

As shown on [Illustrative Masterplan Figure 2.2B \(Central Site Area 2 of 6\)](#), the proposed cable route crosses the woodland track that serves as the only means of access to and from our property. The impact of construction and maintenance activities on this essential access route has not been adequately explained or discussed with us.



Furthermore, Bladon Heath comprises ancient woodland and ancient replanted woodland and is recognised as a **Habitat of Principal Importance** ([source](#)). The environmental sensitivity of this area is well documented. In particular, the [Bat Technical Note 2025 \(08/09/25\)](#) identifies the track crossed by the proposed cable route as having “one of the highest average nightly counts of bats” recorded within the survey area. The report states that bats utilise “the watercourse that runs south from the woodland, parallel to the Cassington Road towards the Cotswold Railway Line”.



The bat population includes the **Bechstein’s bat**, one of the UK’s rarest and most protected species. The surveys identified ten roosts in the area, nine of which were classified as maternity roosts. This highlights the exceptional ecological importance and sensitivity of the habitat that could be affected by the proposed works.



I therefore object to the application on the grounds that affected residents have not been adequately consulted regarding the proposed cable route and its impacts. I am also concerned that key mitigation measures and assessments, including details of the Environmental Management Plan, appear to be deferred to a later stage rather than being fully assessed and scrutinised as part of the current application.

Given the significant environmental sensitivities of the site, the potential effects on protected species, and the direct implications for property access, I respectfully request that these matters be fully considered before any decision is made.

Yours faithfully,

Simon & Joanna Cadbury

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