

More uncomfortable truths about Botley West Solar '*Farm*'

1. **Nowhere in the world has a solar farm** this vast been built so close to human habitation - and for very good safety and wellbeing reasons. BWSF would be within 1.5km of 11,000 properties
2. **It would remove thousands of tons of food** each year at a time of growing concern about food security.
3. **Solar is the least efficient way to produce green energy** with an operating efficiency of 20-22% in the UK (works in daylight only), Onshore Wind 35-40%, Offshore Wind up to 51% (whenever the wind blows), Mini Nuclear 90%+ (24 hours/day regardless of weather)
4. **Solar panels deliver no biodiversity** or natural gains for wildlife or the environment. Indeed, existing habitats would be damaged.
5. **Botley West may never pay** back the carbon debt it accumulates in the production, transportation, installation and removal of panels. There is a huge amount of carbon generated in all these operations.
6. **Botley West would overwhelm heritage sites** including a UNESCO World Heritage Site, historic listed buildings and Winston Churchill's Grave in Bladon Churchyard all within Oxford's Greenbelt.
7. **Solar Panels would be highly visible** at ground level. They would not be 'landscaped to only be seen through gaps in the hedges'. as claimed. There would be over 50 miles of 8ft high security fencing.
8. **40 years is NOT TEMPORARY!** It would be in place for half a lifetime with no guarantee that fields would be returned to agricultural use. It could then be a brownfield site ripe for further industrialisation.

The research evidence for these statements is available on our website

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