

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
UPLANDS AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

MONDAY 7TH APRIL 2014

**CONSTRUCTION OF A SOLAR ENERGY FARM COMPRISING SOLAR
PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS, INVERTER HOUSINGS, ACCESS TRACKS, FENCING
AND SECURITY CAMERAS AT LAND SOUTH OF B4022 BETWEEN CHARLBURY
AND FAWLER**

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

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(The decisions on this matter will be a resolution.)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. To consider whether it would be expedient to undertake a formal site visit prior to the likely consideration of this application at the 6th May 2014 Sub Committee Meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. That the Sub-Committee decide that it would be expedient to visit the site.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The application seeks planning permission for the construction of a solar energy farm. The site is located within the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is also within 10 metres of a Conservation Area, within 140 metres of the historic Cornbury Park.
- 3.2. Your officers consider that Members will be best placed to debate the proposed development, having undertaken a formal site visit and had the opportunity to consider the proposal in context.
- 3.3. It is anticipated that the application will be presented to the Uplands Area Planning Sub-Committee on the 6th May 2014.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

5. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

None

6. REASONS

See section 3

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Background Papers:

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