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Dear Parish Council,

CPRE Oxfordshire is calling for a properly thought-out strategy for the location of renewable energy, as more of Oxfordshire's farmland is targeted by solar companies.

We acknowledge that climate change, energy security and fuel prices all mean that increasing renewable energy is vital. But we also need our countryside for food, wildlife and people's health and well-being. Solar panels should be on commercial roofs, new housing developments and brownfield sites. We are calling for a county wide strategy so that we get what is needed in the right locations.

We are worried about the cumulative impact on particular areas. For example, two major solar installations have already been approved near Tetsworth in South Oxfordshire and a third is now under consideration. Together, these cover an area equivalent to nearly half the parish of Tetsworth.

See attached graphic.

Will you support the case for a county-wide renewable energy strategy? We would welcome your views and are happy to meet to discuss in further detail.

Yours sincerely,

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