

Parish	Barkham
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Replies											
1. Broadly speaking, are you	Response No.	2. Visual impact	2. Effect on wildlife	2. Effect upon footpaths & bridleways	2. Construction and maintenance traffic	2. Proximity to Barkham Church and a Scheduled Ancient Monument	2. Loss of important landscape separating settlements	2. Urbanisation of green spaces	3. Do you have any other comments?	Total	
Against the Solar Farm Proposal	9	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	I am concerned about the visual impact on what is a very popular walking route. The harm to the landscape will be severe.	1	
	11	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Proximity to St James Church	1	
	13	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	This will spoil the area around Rooks nest and the church.	1	
	18	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	I expect the council will not keep the contract for 40 years and will somehow get out of it so that more housing can be built	1	
	20	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1	
	25	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1	
	26	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned		1
	33	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	I understand that that Wokingham council has served notice on a farmer who rents some/part of the site and who grazes cows on there. What shame the council sees fit to negatively impact what remains the last remnants of rural life and green space	1	
	34	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	I do agree entirely that we need to use sustainable sources for energy. What I totally disagree with is that green spaces should be filled with solar panels. All new builds, industrial buildings, council buildings should have solar panels. There should be incentives for residents to install affordable solar panels on our roofs. There are much better ways to generate solar energy. At a time when we need to protect our environment for the future, why are you not planting more trees instead of ruining green spaces! SOLAR ON BUILDINGS NOT IN FIELDS!	1
	36	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Why on earth would you use a green field for this purpose? Surely there are better, more appropriate sites that would have less impact on the local environment and wildlife habitats.	1
	45	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	The wildlife in the area are already adversely affected by all the new housing developments. A solar farm will have a further detrimental effect.	1
	47	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	I am all for eco projects, I think they are highly important for the future. So I agree with using solar but object to the location. Surely it would be better to put solar on existing and new buildings rather than using our green, open space that is so important for people mental health and well-being. You also don't say how the power will benefit the local area.	1
	54	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	69	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Very concerned about the scale and need of this. I do not agree that Wokingham is facing a climate emergency that warrants such a massive, intrusive, industrial application	1
78	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Solar panels should be installed on all commercial building roofs & car parking spaces throughout the borough. All natural grasslands & farmlands should be preserved for the highly efficient natural CO2 removal across our countryside.	1	
89	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	The size and scale of the solar farm is WAY too large. Perhaps if it was a smaller size it would be fine and the impact on the area would be smaller but 40 hectares is a massive and takes up too much of the landscape, wildlife, green land and compromises heritage assets around the land.	1	

Against the	91	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Dont build it	1
	95	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	I don't understand why you would use farmland for this rather than brown field or land near a motorway	1
	96	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Barkham is slowly being eroded as a separate settlement from surrounding villages and Wokingham. There are so few green rural spaces left now. There are many areas of farmland in e Borough that would be more suitable and have not had to take the amount of new housing that has already eroded many rural areas.	1
	97	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	How was the land chosen? Did the council assess other areas to find the best location, or was it chosen because the council owns the farms?	1
	99	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Barkham is losing it's rural nature .A huge amount of house building ,both now and threatened for the future and now industrialisation is proposed. Why use farmland for a solar panel site ?	1
	107	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	111	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	118	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Proximity to the footpaths from Barkham church and the Greenway north of California country park, will significantly reduce rural ambience and views. It would seem better to locate solar farms on land where rural views and ambience have already been damaged eg alongside M4	1
	122	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	This would be intrusive to the footpaths and historic surroundings to Barkham Church. I fear this proposal is more about about using council land than deciding where the best place for a solar farm would be.	1
	125	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	In my view the reasons in Favour given in the BPC leaflet are not valid. the last 3 reasons simply try (and fail) to maintain the status quo with regard to footpaths and visual impact. I would prefer to pay more council tax rather than use this to provide additional revenue. Therefore I only accept 2 reasons in favour and wholeheartedly support the 6 reasons against.	1
	126	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	I am opposed in the current form however would support if you could answer the following. What benefits does this provide the residents of Barkham? Would we get access to the generated electricity?	1
	127	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Whilst I understand the environmental reasons given for the farm, I feel the negatives outweigh these reasons and the development will not result in a Greener Borough at all. I believe there is at least one alternative approach. There are counter arguments for the environmental impact. The borough has lost a lot of open countryside over the last 15 year to development. Whilst the proposed farm would arguably be preferable to yet more residential developments on the land in question, the farm would still take away ever decreasing swathes of open fields. Despite assurances that views for local residents and users of the countryside would be impacted minimally, if residents and walkers cannot see the panels, then they would have also been deprived of the previous views of open countryside. The plan unavoidably affects several local walks which have been so important to mental wellbeing during lockdowns and would also impact a wonderful local beauty spot around Barkham Church. Local wildlife has also been severely impacted by over development in recent years. Despite the assertion of considerations given to bio diversity, it is obvious 40ha of open land will be lost for at least 40 years, the impact of this on	1
	138	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Will Wokingham then receive even less funding from Central government as it will be making money from this scheme.	1
147	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Loss of farming land	1	

Against the Solar Farm Proposal	148	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	This will be a terrible industrialisation (not just urbanisation) of valuable farm land. And tenant farmers are being evicted. This is a disgrace.	1
	163	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	169	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	176	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	182	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	183	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	arborfield has already had a signoff by WBC for a massive 40000 panel farm we will be surrounded by either solar farms or homes in these villages which were/are greenfields and actual farms. i have solar panels on my roof so am not against the principle but feel that WBC are going to far and to fast and it will not be of benefit to the people to loose open spaces which help with filtering pollutants	1
	191	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	of both Highbarn farm and Rooks nest farm are not shown with solar panels they may well become other industrial complexes such as others in the area. (Model, Brook and Sparks Farm). The case for other redundant farmland in the immediate area to be developed will be strong. Wokingham Borough Council already receive one of the lowest financial contributions from central government because of their wealth so there may be little financial gain in real terms if the increased revenue is counteracted by a further decrease in Government subsidies. More importantly the people of Barkham, Arborfield, Finchampstead, Sindlesham and Wokingham will have lost a huge area of green space that allows them to be individual communities which is a mainstay of the recent structure plan.	1
	199	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	I am concerned that what is currently a "green field" site becomes "brwon field" and quickly sold for building on. THis land is important as a farming resource locally and nationally (due to declining availability fo council farms) and must be retained.	1
	208	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	209	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	The church grounds will be affected	1
	210	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	The district council should subsidise installation of panels on new buildings instead of stealing our green spaces!	1
	226	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	The church grounds will be affected	1
	230	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Most of the fields and green areas are being built on in the area	1
	231	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Barkham is a small parish, we are not adaptive to the this blot on the landscape as well as an infrastructure of substandard roads supporting ever increasing	1
	237	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	238	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	It is a scandalous use of good farm land and a real blight on the rural landscape.	1
	243	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	The environmental cost not only to the large deer population but the loss hunting habit for the breeding pair of barn owls ground nesting birds..	1
	255	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Industrial buildings should be covered with solar panels rather than using green spaces. There are many warehouses in the country that this could apply to.	1
	268	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	271	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	We are also concerned that the local farmer is losing his land. As well as that, the reason for moving to the area was the way the field looks now and we would hate to lose it.	1
272	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	The land across common field lane from the homes is at a higher level so yo7will not obscure these panels from view from the homes facing Common Field Lane - Will you also be reducing the Council Tax and with the potentialasproveddrop in House Values be giving the householders compensation	1	

Against the	275	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned		1
	278	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	A despicable proposal, to designate over HALF the land surrounding the church to such an urbanised development. Action against climate change is necessary, but it defeats the purpose if it's at the sacrifice of natural habitat and green space. WBC should be looking at options to install carbon-saving initiatives within existing infrastructure such as solar farms on top of roof spaces within existing areas or urban development, not such suggestions. Barkham and Arborfield residents have suffered greatly in recent years with the ongoing redevelopment of the area and increase in housing - this is another blow, as once again we will lose access to an attractive area of countryside, which under the current times has been a blessing in terms of people's well-being. I frequently use the area for running, walking etc. and see many others doing the same, this would irreparably ruin the landscape - gone will be the lovely views, peace and serenity. And no, a row of trees will NOT make up for the loss of open fields.	1
	279	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	There is a risk that once the 'countryside' has been destroyed the next inevitable development step will be to replace the 'solar farm' with more and different buildings. All of which means we end up with a grotesque conurbation in Barkham and Wokingham.	1
	298	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Excessive proposal. Sizeable loss of land both visually, to wildlife & for those like me that several times a week use the paths in that area. Turning Barkham into Urban area - unfair & unacceptable.	1
	311	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	316	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	I am particularly concerned over traffic hold ups and noise from turbines overpowering the church.	1
	321	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Brownfield sites should be used.	1
	347	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	What happens to the footpath from Barkham church to rooks nest. Not shown in the plan	1
	348	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Think technology will move in within 10years and site will be redundant. Plan does not show footpath between Barkham Church and Rooks Nest.	1
	351	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Part of the solar farm will be built right in the heart of the old village of Barkham and is completely inappropriate in such a setting apart from encroaching on some of the most historic parts of the village.	1
	369	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	376	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	377	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	380	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	We would prefer it to remain farmland, as it has done for hundreds of years. The UK could look at wind energy on the coasts to better support renewable energy rather than using our limited supply of agricultural land which provides beauty to local residents and homes to local wildlife. We moved to Arborfield because we love the surrounding countryside, and it would be heartbreaking to see that go. It is home to many wild animals, and the solar farm would encroach on their natural habitats. There has been so much development in the area in recent years, and it would be such a shame to have more.	1
	382	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned		1

Against the Solar Farm Proposal	546	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Living on Barkham Road it has been noticeable through lockdown that vast numbers of people have been walking to Barkham to enjoy the little bit of farmland we have left, accessing it through the footpath from Edneys Hill to the church. The views along the footpath are among the best in Wokingham are are uplifting and give a sense of space rarely experienced in this area. I am not against a solar farm to the South of Barkham Ride but I feel the field behind the church , to the NE of it, should not be used so that views across it to the hills can be enjoyed by people walking along the footpath. If the footpath is moved people will no longer have this view or be able to enjoy walking along the old blackthorn hedgerow, a haven for wildlife or enjoy the site of deer running across the fields. If there is no countryside left around Wokingham, people will have to drive to it in their cars which seems counter productive.	1
	547	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Totally against it. It could possibly have been a good idea in the desert like landscape of the south of Spain with plenty of sunshine. Does not justify here and the sheer size of the site will cause a massive impact in a green area much treasured, as we have concluded during the pandemic.	1
	550	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	551	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	How much to install (rent or buy panels?). Lack of farm revenue. How long before making a profit? But it is better than houses - if screened.	1
	557	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned		1
	559	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	I have previously commented adversely by email directly to CommercialProperty WBC on this proposal, which I copied to Barkham PC. I now wish to add a further comment on this proposal with regard to its financial viability. I understand that subsidies for new solar panels/farms have now been totally withdrawn, so that the return on the proposal will be entirely down to income from the sale of electricity to National Grid. The strike price for any generation is likely to reduce further as new supply comes on stream and will in any case be well below what individual households will be paying. I would suggest that Barkham PC requests to see the economic feasibility study for this project, to identify how many years it will take to cover the cost to the local council tax payers before any real cash return is made. In any case it is hard to see how this proposal will be of benefit locally, one of the justifications of the proposal. Whilst it may be seen as a good thing to generate power locally, solar power is only generated in sunshine/daylight, with a peak in high summer and none at night and little by day in winter. This is the opposite of when power is needed in local	1
	561	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Proximity to church. Couldn't tick on the option for concerned	1
	564	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Barkham is such a small parish and steeped in history and several heritage assets including properties next to church which I believe are mentioned in doomsday book. I grew up in Barkham, christened and married at church and to think this beautiful landscape being ruined saddens me	1
	567	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	It's too large, I would be happy with a smaller version of this plan	1
	570	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	These panels are unsightly, whether they are on rooftops or in our green pastures. Wind turbines are preferred.	1

Against the Solar Farm Proposal	573	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	This is the only area of scenic open farmland near us, and our route via footpaths over open fields to Rooks Nest park (via Edneys Hill and Barkham Church). I am concerned that a beautiful are of countryside and the character of the area will change. I am also concerned about the impact of a solar farm on wildlife, and construction traffic on the local road infrastructure which has already been severely impacted by the Arborfield Green development. Having said this, a solar farm would be preferable to a further housing development, if that is the only alternative option, and provided all public footpaths remain in place.	1
	578	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	There must be more suitable sites that are not near residential areas.	1
	579	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Documentation does not clarify benefits to local residents. Is also ambiguous - why is this the only way to prevent land being used housing? Surely this is greenfield?	1
	581	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	I want to see green space and wildlife. Put these solar farms on side of motorway. We are already losing green space, far too many houses being built hear.	1
	586	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	I am in favour of solar power but not on good productive farm land. Put it on industrial roofs or on desert land.	1
	587	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	I am concerned about all the above except traffic. I am a frequent walker of these footpaths and I deplore the degradation of the land use, quality of countryside and visual effect. The land at high barn farm is higher than its surroundings. So many houses have been built recently, but there seems no desire to include solar panels on thier rooves. According to an article from 2014 "Solar PV parks are generally built on brownfield sites or agricultural land, and policies usually dictate that only low-grade agricultural land can be used." Is this not true any more? (see https://www.theguardian.com/sustainable-business/solar-power-parks-impact-environment-soil-plants-climate)	1
	588	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	concerned about the livelihood of tenants High Barn Farm	1
	589	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned for High Barn Farm tenants	1
	591	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	594	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Green Space and Settlement Separation: The 2020 Neighbourhood Plan referendum received 94.2% of votes in favour of preserving valued green space and settlement separation. Is WBC going to over-rule this on the grounds of proclaiming a 'climate emergency'? How does this comply with WBC's Vision statement "Right Homes, Right Places ... Protect our unique places and preserve our natural environment"? Over-scaled for location: The Solar farm ranks in the UK top 50 operational, approved or in construction (source: Government Renewable Energy Planning Database - December 2020). These are usually built in remote locations, often brownfield; not on green space much valued for recreational use. More than double the size of Arborfield and four times the Spencers Wood sites. Why is WBC not proposing a more proportionate green initiative for this important settlement separation space? Green Technology Assessment: What green alternatives to solar photovoltaic power were considered for this site? If Solar PV really is necessary, is this the best place to be putting it? Would such a development not be more appropriate next to a motorway or on a flood plain? The 'Climate Emergency' is not just about low carbon footprint energy, it is also about	1
	598	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	The proposed farm is far too big and will ruin the area around the church. It should be located south of Barkham Ride.	1

Against the	603	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	604	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
Against the Solar Farm Proposal Total										109
In favour of the Solar Farm Proposal	1	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned		1
	7	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Better a renewable energy supply than more housing development	1
	16	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral		1
	39	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned		1
	44	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral		1
	49	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral		1
	50	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	So long as the finished product is not overtly visible at walking and driving level, I am supportive of this proposition.	1
	53	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	My highest concern of all (not mentioned above) is climate change	1
	58	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	loss of farmland, and possible upward pressure to place additional housing in other areas in Barkham as a result of unavailability of the land earmarked for this solar farm	1
	59	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Ideally keep as farming land. Lovely walk through California Park with cows in the fields today. That would no doubt be impacted.	1
	60	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	We have to be realistic about the need for these developments and whilst here would be concerns about the impact of the development of the solar farm process, it would be better than increased housing and traffic from such developments. I would request that impact is kept to a minimum.	1
	61	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral		1
	64	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	65	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Prefer to keep it farmland but its better than more housing	1
	70	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	In my opinion Barkham should embrace the opportunity to help cut down on emissions and help contribute to the UK's (and the world's) power requirements. The BPC pamphlet gives the pros and cons. Sadly, i can't see that any of the'reasons againstâ€ hold up to much. * The panels will be hidden by newly planted vegetation. We often walk through that area, using the current footpaths and they will remain. * The site doesn't encroach on the separation ares in the normal way that housing would. There won't be great increase in use by people or traffic. * I can't comment on the'Heritage assetsâ€ as I don't know what they are in Barkham. * Barkham Square is a housing matter. Surely that comes under Housing. * At least 2 of the fields were used for growing sweetcorn in 2020. Was this used for feeding animals? If so then it isn't going to be essential as we decrease our meat intake. I don't understand the argument that the power won't go to the local area. If it goes into the Grid then it benefits the whole country. Solar panels have to be installed somewhere and Wokingham/Barkham needs to make a small sacrifice of a'nice viewâ€ towards our childrens' future. I read recently that UK has	1
71	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Excellent initiative and please that Barkham can make a significant impact on the global carbon energy emergency	1	
72	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned about possible negative effects on wildlife. Have ecology surveys been conducted? There is a great deal of wildlife utilising these spaces - adverse effects on wildlife should be minimised.on wildlife	1	
74	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral		1	
75	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Planted appropriately such as Gridserve are doing on their solar farms This can be a valuable wildlife habitat for bees butterflies and other endangered insects. And the alternative is more coal oil and gas being burned. No thanks.	1	

In favour of the Solar Farm Proposal	76	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	I would trust WBC to mitigate the visual impact and promote bio diversity across the site.	1
	77	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	I strongly believe we need green energy and the scheme seems sound	1
	79	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Great idea. I fully support it.	1
	80	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Although I am concerned about the effects detailed above, such as the visual impact and the effects on wildlife, I am increasingly worried about our climate, and recognise the need to make urgent, greener changes to our energy supplies.	1
	81	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	As long as existing footpaths (including Bark FP 10A I) are maintained/improved and adequate shielding planting put in I would generally be in favour, especially if it meant an additional footpath in the south part.	1
	82	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	I see no issue with the southern area of solar farm but am very concerned at allowing development in the vicinity of the church.	1
	84	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	I am very concerned that there should be NO development near the church. In fact there should be none in the area north of Barkham Streeth	1
	85	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral		1
	86	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Upgrade footpath to cycle way	1
	88	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Great you are keeping the footpath but can you upgrade it to a cycle path or greenway?	1
	90	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral		1
	92	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Your questions in part 2 and your leaflet are biased towards BPC not wanting to support the Solar Farm. It's a brilliant idea. We should all be supporting this way forward and not acting in a "not in my back yard" way. It is a far better idea than additional housing, animals can still graze in the area, this has been shown on the M4 solar farm. Any additional power to the grid is a good idea and will help everyone. I think it is unlikely that it will harm wildlife and do something positive to help with the earths future.	1
	94	Concerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	It is a great idea if we are to improve our green power generation. Wild love fe must be protected during construction and after:	1
	98	Concerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Concerned		1
	102	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	In light of climate change I feel strongly that we should be looking to incorporate renewable energy initiatives wherever possible.	1
	109	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Although I am in favour of the development, this would impact me personally as we currently store a caravan at High Barn Farm and alternative storage facilities would be hard to find.	1
	112	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned		1
113	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Hi - thanks for the survey. I really liked how you pointed out that the Solar farm would protect from further housing and generate revenue for the town + more trees and hedges will be planted. It feels largely unobtrusive - once built it will be silent. Everyone has to made sacrifices while we move to a carbon negative world - I would like us to chip in. I am a bit concerned about the current farmers - could they be employed to work on the solar panels vs disrupting their livelihood? (I am not sure how they would be affected). many thanks	1	
114	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral		1	
115	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Moves us away from reliance on polluting energies. Protects against housing development. Need to retain existing pathways as is a popular walking area.	1	
116	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned		1	

In favour of the Solar Farm Proposal	117	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	In my view, urbanisation via housing development is the largest threat to Barkham and the surrounding area more generally. Before WBC forces an application to use it for housing development (which will totally destroy the character of the area), it is better to compromise and have a solar farm instead. Any construction traffic is temporary and the solar farm would be low maintenance once constructed.	1
	119	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned that this survey is written in a way which is completely biased against the scheme when this country and the world needs more renewable energy and can't keep saying not on our doorstep	1
	129	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Better solar panels than even more houses, although panels ideally should be compulsory equipment on all roofson roofs	1
	132	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	I do not want any planning approval for this scheme to set a precedence for planning approval for more house building in the area. This approval is only for methane and carbon dioxide reduction. Please can there be heavy screening from roads and footpaths to ensure the solar panels are not visible.	1
	133	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Please can there be a rubbertarmac track around the perimeter for local families to walk, run and cycle. Existing paths are too uneven and muddy to be enjoyed all year round.	1
	135	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral		1
	136	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral		1
	137	Unconcerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral		1
	145	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	There is clearly a climate emergency and we have to do something NOW! Solar power is a clean, renewable energy and can clearly reduce our carbon emissions so I am absolutely in favour it. However, I'd prefer if it weren't 'in my backyard' but there could be far worse things e.g. more housing. If WBC could guarantee that they wouldn't use this land for housing over the next 30 years, I'd oppose the solar farm. But WBC wouldn't be able to guarantee such a thing and I'd also want to see WBC turning to renewable energy. So, am I being a hypocrite by wanting solar energy but just somewhere else? Probably! I'm also sure that there will be mitigating measures expected to minimise the impact on the environment.	1
	149	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned		1
	151	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	157	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral		1
	158	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Concerned	The above questions are ambiguous and therefore in danger of misinterpretation. We can be very concerned about a topic in general but not see it as a major issue, as mitigated, in a particular case. The effect on wildlife is always a major consideration for me, for example, but I'm not overly worried about wildlife impacts of changing the of use of land from a traditional farm to a solar one. I don't regard a solar farm as urbanisation or a settlement, but I would want to keep settlements separated.	1
	159	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	160	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	This is a fantastic idea and every concern is *supported* by this solar farm, ensuring a decent view on the paths and journeys around this area (as it won't be housing)	1
	161	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Barkham ride and Barkham street is ill equipped to handle construction traffic. The constant requirement for repairs and maintenance, by utility companies is adding to what is already a poor road surface. Already a very narrow road which is dangerous when passing oncoming buses is of huge concern.	1

In favour of	162	Unconcerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	We must asses the flood risk.	1
	170	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Think it's a great idea, all for sustainable energy	1
	180	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Fully support the proposed Solar Farm	1
	184	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	185	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	I approve of this roject provided, the opportunity is taken, to improve the footpaths that are in this area. This is urgently needed as there is no safe route to walk or ride between Barkham and Finchampstead.	1
	186	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	187	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	This is beneficial to our future and is one of the cheapest and cleanest forms of energy, at the end of this systems life it can be decommissioned cleanly unlike some other forms of energy generation. I'm very much in favour of this and would like to see more endeavours like this.	1
	192	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral		1
	195	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	This is a brave initiative, actually doing something about the climate emergency. t	1
	197	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	198	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	How long for construction, when will the system come on-line	1
	200	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Green renewable energy is a great stride forward. Im happy to support this.	1
	206	Unconcerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	207	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	214	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral		1
	215	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral comments are issues that matter to us but in this case preped to accept.	1
	218	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral		1
	223	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	The environment is suffering at the hands of constant use of fossil fuels. We need initiatives like this to help curb the effects of CO2 emissions. If we don't we won't have any green space to admire at all.	1
	224	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	I am very much in favour of the project due to the overriding importance of reducing carbon based energy. I hope that the Parish Council's focus will be put towards supporting the project while ensuring that commitments such as impact on wildlife, continuation of bridleways/footpaths etc are met.	1
	225	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	We are facing a climate crisis that may make the effects of Covid-19 seem tame. We urgently need to adopt low carbon energy sources as a matter of priority. We should feel proud to have this solar energy installation in our Parish. It will be quiet and unobtrusive once constructed. It is far preferable to wind energy this context. I hope that there is solid support for this necessary solar energy development.	1
	227	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	235	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral		1
	236	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	It will protect Barkham from more Property Development. There is too much already.c	1
	239	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Great you are keeping the footpath but can you upgrade it to a cycle path or greenway?	1
	245	Unconcerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Generally in favour however must protect against this being deemed as an urban development. This development should be categorised as a'green development' to protect the environment rather than adversely change our rural environment as other developments might.	1
	247	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	249	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
250	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	The effect on wildlife question doesn't allow you to select'concerned'	1	

In favour of the Solar Farm Proposal	252	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	The benefits of providing renewable energy in this way outweigh the deficits. The protection against housing development is beneficial as long as biodiversity is supported/increased. It does seem very large, so I do wonder if something slightly smaller would be more appropriate (provided it isn't replaced by housing)	1
	254	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Green energy is important for our future	1
	257	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral		1
	261	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	The environment is suffering at the hands of constant use of fossil fuels. We need initiatives like this to help curb the effects of CO2 emissions. If we don't we won't have any green space to admire at all.	1
	264	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	265	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	As this will prevent development of the site for housing or industrial use whilst also providing a renewable energy source and income stream for the council I am very strongly in favour of this development.	1
	266	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	I would prefer the land to be left as open green space, BUT I believe that turning this land into a solar farm would protect it from housing development, which I would strongly object to for many reasons. Therefore I support the solar farm proposal and believe it has been done sympathetically to respect the wildlife habitats and continued use of pathways, the renewable energy as a result is also a very good thing.	1
	267	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	The total site seems excessively large particularly if there are other proposed sites nearby (e.g. Arborfield). I would have thought that the area east of Commonfield Lane would be sufficient leaving the area around the Church unspoilt.	1
	270	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Infinitely better than housing - there are already enough in the area. Current overhead high tension cables should be buried and no further visible cables. No lighting on at night - the night sky is already being polluted by the Arborfield Garrison development.	1
	274	Unconcerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	276	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	I walk through this area all the time and feel it is a lovely rural enclave of rapidly urbanised Wokingham so it is a shame that a solar farm would destroy this pretty rural valley. However I despise the hypocrisy of NIMBYism and feel that global warming and the energy transition requires this sort of sacrifice by all of us	1
	277	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	The site needs a detailed FRA as ground conditions in this area are very wet (the nearby SANG is a case in point). The footpaths around the site must remain open during construction	1
	280	Concerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	We would be sad to see the farmland and animals go but if this protects the land from housing development we would overall support the solar farm, albeit reluctantly. If WBC are really concerned about a climate emergency then ALL new homes should be mandated with solar panels. Only a tiny portion of new homes in Arborfield Green have them and there has been zero support from the installers or Crest Nicholson to maintain them.	1
	286	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Preferable alternative to additional buildings and positive approach to non-carbon-based renewable energy. While this goes against the Neighbourhood Plan, it is a green project and will prevent potential for even more housing developments.	1

In favour of the Solar Farm Proposal	287	Unconcerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	We are entering the Great Decline of humanity. The only way to survive is through sustainability. We must be more considerate. Please, allow the Solar farm to go ahead.	1
	291	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Very sad to see the loss of agricultural land at a time when we will need more.	1
	292	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	293	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	An excellent, and necessary boost to the power grid.	1
	295	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	The benefits of providing renewable energy in this way outweigh the deficits. The protection against housing development is beneficial as long as biodiversity is supported/increased. It does seem very large, so I do wonder if something slightly smaller would be more appropriate (provided it isn't replaced by housing)	1
	300	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	My view is that solar farms should be considered as more valuable agricultural use rather than an urbanisation of green space like the Barkham Square development could be.	1
	301	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	A good dynamic step forward for Barkham	1
	302	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral		1
	303	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral		1
	304	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	First decent proposal I've seen from Wokingham council in many years. I fully support this important green initiative.	1
	307	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral		1
	308	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	my main reason for being in favour is that it will prevent the building of more houses on the land. Once the solar farm is built providing there has been reasonable attention to the biodiversity aspects and landscaping it is not sited in an area that should impact day to day life in Barkham	1
	309	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	First decent proposal I've seen from Wokingham council in many years. I fully support this important green initiative.	1
	312	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	First decent proposal I've seen from Wokingham council in many years. I fully support this important green initiative.	1
	313	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	We need to contribute to greener energy by accepting some interim disruption.	1
	315	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	It it won't be a solar farm, it will be houses.... Plus, I don't think it's particularly unattractive.	1
	317	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	318	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	The proposal is preferred over more housing development.	1
	319	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	This prevents even more housing development??? FOOTPATH would be extremely well used. No bikes or horses.	1
	320	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	322	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	This is not a housing or traditional 'built' development. It will be a presence in the landscape but far less intrusive than agricultural uses that are exempt planning permission. Get the landscaping right. Recognise that climate change is now a primary consideration. Solar farms or power stations?	1
	326	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Massively in favour of any decarbonisation efforts but as a regular user of the footpath I will sorely miss the unspoilt nature. Many deer and birds of prey live in those fields.	1
	327	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Of course this should go ahead. Every little helps. However, it should be law to have panels on every new build house. Then the above would not be an issue.	1
	328	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	329	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Sustainable energy is important, I think its also important to nkt have more houses built in the area so this should also help that	1
330	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned		1	
332	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned		1	

In favour of the Solar Farm Proposal	333	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Think this is a good idea as it stops more homes being built and the location is out of the way so that it won't be a visual eye sore on the passers by. But personally I think having a solar farm out on show is a good thing as it shows the town/county want to be greener.	1
	334	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	My support for the proposed project is contingent on full mitigation of the 8 concerns and that every attempt is made to minimise impact and/or optimise location as embraced within Policies IRS1, 2 and 3 of the Arborfield and Barkham Neighbourhood Plan	1
	335	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral		1
	338	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Whilst I'd rather not see any development I accept that progress has to be made and we need to do our part in renewable energy production. I would much rather see this use than for the development of buildings. I would like to see as much respect for the local wildlife as is possible for such a scheme.	1
	339	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Loss of important farmland is a prime concern but better than housing	1
	340	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	There are no easy answers to our future energy needs and this appears to be a better solution for the immediate future	1
	342	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	This project is not ideal but infinitely preferable to yet more housing of which Barkham has already had more than its fair share.	1
	353	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	354	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Drains in Barkham Street	1
	356	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Each community must contribute to the green policies of national government. I don't consider this to be urbanisation - it is not industrial or a housing development.	1
	357	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Better than housing. Essential to reduce carbon footprint ASAP. Needs to be properly landscaped so sounds like this would be the case. Better use than housing which will add to the carbon effect. Looks to future to younger generations to come. We need them.	1
	358	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	No objection to the fields south of Barkham Ride. The area to the north of Barkham Ride encroaches too closely on the historic parts of Barkham village.	1
	359	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	360	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned		1
	361	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	One point is that it will create a barrier and stop future house building. The opportunity should be taken to extend the Greenway from California to the Barkham Way and specifically build a bike way for the eastern end of the California Greenway to Barkham Ride. The current road is a dangerous rat run.	1
	362	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	This system is good for the council use for street lighting, etc. but will it benefit the home owners besides possible lower council tax?	1
	363	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	In favour of alternative energy sources that blend in with green spaces.	1
	364	Unconcerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned		1
	366	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	In favour as it makes use of a WBC asset for the common good. But needs careful landscaping and a robust contract with commercial operators to ensure the best long term value and maintenance of the asset for the benefit of the community.	1
	367	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Concerned		1
	368	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Please can there be a perimeter cycle/walking route. Can we make sure the plot is heavily screened and there are lateral clearways in front of the screens.	1
	373	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral		1
	374	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned		1

In favour of the Solar Farm Proposal	375	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	I am in favour of solar farms as long as they do not impact too much on the landscape and wildlife, preferably to any more housing in and around Barkham	1
	379	Unconcerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral		1
	386	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned that this conflicts with the Neighbourhood Plan - which could set a precedent for other applications	1
	387	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	396	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	The solar farm should be instead of and not additional to any future housing developments	1
	405	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral		1
	406	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned		1
	407	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Agro-voltaics - please give consideration to dual-use at the site; energy generation mixed with agricultural production	1
	417	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	What are the benefits of this installation to current BPC population? What is the ROCE for this investment of rate payers money? Is this another ploy by WBC to further increase the development of housing within BPC?	1
	424	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	We are aware that inorder to cut down our carbon foot print something else must be done. I am in favour of solar panels if it can be sensitively done within the framework of our existing countryside.	1
	425	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Got to do our bit for Climate change!	1
	426	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned		1
	431	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	I feel we need more clean, renewable energy and feel this is potentially the answer.	1
	433	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral		1
	449	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Don't want this to set a precedent for changing the planning laws as this are cannot sustain more house building of any description as there is too much over development already but we do need to be more carbon neutral for the properties that are already here.	1
	452	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Concerned		1
	454	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral		1
	458	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral		1
	479	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Whilst i support the idea of solar power i believe some of this proposal is unacceptable. The area around High Barn Farm is fine as it creates a a barrier between Barkham and the new Arborfield development and the area is not that attractive. The area of Church Farm which surrounds Barkham Church should not be used. Barkham is an attractive area and the church particularly. During lockdown we and many others use the area for walking. It is a beautiful walk from Edneys to the Church and across to the Rooks Nest Wood area.	1
	484	Unconcerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	485	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	487	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	I think it is important to support low carbon measures. I know this is not completely issue free but it beats full blown development!	1
	496	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral		1
	497	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral		1
	498	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned		1
	502	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Better than houses which will be the alternative	1
	509	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	511	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	520	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	They may be unsightly but better than more houses and frankly needing to reduce our reliance on oil based fuels is vital for the entire future of life on this planet. We cannot be NIMBY about this, it's too important.	1
	539	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Good way to combat climate change.	1

In favour of the Solar Farm Proposal	548	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Has a cost benefit analysis been undertaken on the impact of the loss of productive agricultural land?	1
	549	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Too large a site. Prefer High Barn site only - less impact on wildlife and Church setting.	1
	554	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral		1
	560	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	The usual offers to protect / relocate areas that will suffer under the construction work never seems to rank high in the light of progress. As much as every effort has to be made to improve the environment and create means by which the future of the planet is guaranteed, the decisions of a few are never driven by those of us that live nearby. The nature of the beast, I guess.	1
	562	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Concerned		1
	566	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	I believe the proximity of the Solar farm to St James Church will damage the beautiful setting of the church and its immediate environment. Especially as walking through the green fields towards the church from Edneys Hill. I imagine that this view and walk has been available to residents and walkers for generations. I believe that the panels could be moved to fields away from this area. I think that wildlife needs protection and I have certainly seen Badgers present in thi area in the last 2 years, why could the fields around the church area not be full of wild flowers and trees, possibly the church could extend its churchyard?. I amin favour of a Greenway bridge connecting The fields next to Common field Lane and Rooks Nest to connect up Finch to Barkham for the safety of pedestrians and bikeriders. Also I would like to see a plan of the whole site, as I believe there is a plan for housing and a crematorium. I cannot see how you can fit all this insite of the	1
	569	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned		1
	574	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	It's not clear to me where it will be or how big. Would have been helpful at the top of this form or a link to the proposal	1
	577	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Can the area under the panels be utilised maybe by sowing nectar rich plants for bees for example	1
	582	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Very concerned about the church. The current proposal is too large and takes precious land. It should be reduced to the South side of Barkham Ride. It is unlikely ever to return to farmland.	1
	583	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Very concerned about proximity to church, it should not be here.	1
	584	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	We are in favour of the solar farm as it will preserve Wokingham Borough Council from building houses on this land.	1
	585	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral		1
	593	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	A guarantee should be recorded in planning permission that this development is not a precedent for further development on greenfield areas	1
	597	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	I have no particular objection to this proposal however it should not contravene any conditions of the previously approved neighbourhood plans for the Barkham area. My concern would be that if this goes against any of the principles set then it would set a precedent for further development not in line with the neighbourhood plan.	1
599	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Screening the farm as much as possible from footpaths would help the sense of countryside. It would be preferable if paths are still accessible during construction phase. Will the electricity generated be used to power the area immediately around the farm? During construction phase appropriate care needs to be taken.	1	

In favour of the Solar Farm	600	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Where are the pylons going? Not close to dwellings cancer!	1
	601	Unconcerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	If we are to move to zero carbon giving up a couple of fields mainly used for grazing or silage will be necessary. Sheep can still graze there.	1
	602	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
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Neither for nor against the proposal	14	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	We look directly onto it across Commonfield lane. It will no doubt look ugly. That said i prefer solar to more houses. Personally the most important things are that ditches are dug again along the roadside, better and bigger hedgerows are planted, wild flower seeds must be grown in plenty. Joining up the greenlane from Barkham Place to the Church via that field would be good.	1
	30	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Why are we not applying these solar panels onto roofs on buildings. Keep the farm lands for their intended purpose. This area is losing so much of its purpose and heritage	1
	37	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	I am for solar farms I think they are a positive thing, I must admit I thought it was an unusual location choice, I think they work well next to major roads and bypasses where people don't want to live because of road noise, so I would have thought a good location would have been by the new Arborfield bypass, like the one near the M4. I think a lot of landscaping will need to be done to obscure the solar farm from the greenway path that runs along California country park. I am also slightly concerned about access to the site during construction- as both Barkham ride and common field Lane are not suitable for construction traffic	1
	42	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Is this the best use of green space and could panels not be placed elsewhere, eg, on new builds, commercial properties, car parks etc? What is the actual benefit to those living in Barkham or the wider Wokingham Borough?	1
	66	Unconcerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Development should only be permitted if better amenities are given to the local community. Getting from the paths at Barkham Church to the Greenway on Commonfield Lane is dangerous with no pavements. Barkham Ride is dangerous. We need more greenways and a greenway should be included through the site.	1
	67	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	My concerns could be allayed and if the alternative is housing would prefer a solar farm	1
	105	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	The existing public footpaths must be kept open for all to use	1
	128	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned		1
	140	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	I would prefer a solar farm to yet more housing but would prefer it to be left as it is.	1
	146	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned		1
	155	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned		1
	190	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Could be for this if we get cheaper electricity.	1
	221	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral		1
	253	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Prefer solar to a wind farm	1
256	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	I am in favour of green energy, I am concerned at the loss of the views from the foot path from Edneys Hill to St James Church and on to Rooks nest but if that could be diverted or screens from the solar panels that might be OK. I am not aware of the SAM, where and what is that?	1	

Neither for nor against the proposal	289	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	a)Will there be some community benefit, e.g. by providing some additional open spaces (e.g. around the lime grove) and high quality greenways such as one from Mortimer's Farm (Edney's Hill) to the church and onwards to California. b)The provision of adequate landscaping is essential - ROW corridors probably need to be 50m wide and similar green zones provided around the perimeter of the site. If landscaping is done properly, then the solar farm will effectively be hidden from view. Conversely inadequate landscaping will end up as an eyesore. c)What is intended for the remainder of the site? WBC should provide a land use plan for the whole area.	1
	310	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Providing all income from the solar farm is used for the benefit of WBC.	1
	314	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Depends on how they handle the landscaping! A better option than housing. Concerned about the impact on the church and village hall plus traffic and construction.	1
	323	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Should protect immediate views to and around the church yard. Poss wider buffer zone around church site. Footpaths must be protected and improved. Where are the other 3 proposed solar sites?	1
	324	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned		1
	325	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned		1
	352	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	I am willing to listen to the pros/cons of the proposal before making a decision.	1
	355	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral		1
	370	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	It's a shame to surround the best spot in Barkham with solar panels. Can't they go south of Barkham Ride instead?	1
	381	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	How will the ground below the solar panels be maintained?	1
	384	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	ecosystems being destroyed, also producing raw materials and panels require some rare materials, like silver, whose extraction is energy intensive and polluting	1
	389	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	The installation of the Solar Farm does not have a positive impact for Barkham residents. Assuming any funds generated will go directly to the Council - it would be better if Barkham residents were given a discount on our Council Tax bills, or a discount on our Electricity, in lieu of having a Solar Farm in our immediate vicinity. When urbanising a green space it is then setting a precedent for any future use - unless there is a clause mandating that it must be returned to green space when the Solar Farm is no longer required. I'd also like to have a better understanding of the plans on the upkeep of the Solar Farm, and when technology surpasses the requirements of a Solar Farm, what are the plans to dismantle it, and return the area to green space.	1
	397	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Being a Barkham street resident, if this development did go ahead, would it be an opportunity to improve/provide pavements/cycle ways on the Barkham ride/Barkham Street section where the road is currently quite narrow, particularly when buses and large vehicles use it frequently. It is a dangerous stretch of road for pedestrians and cyclists as it is. I understand there will be pathways in the new development, but don't know if these would cover this total stretch and be suitable for people traffic and cycles throughout the year	1
410	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral		1	

Neither for nor against the proposal	423	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	The farm land for the prosed sites currently has regular water overspill to the surrounding roads. This further exacerbates the poor condition of the surface due to hydraulic impact. Has any increased water run off from the panels been considered and if so what action to improve local surface water drainage ?	1
	435	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned		1
	450	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	As this type of development is still relatively new, I don't feel I know enough facts about the impact this would have. Obviously we don't want to lose the benefits of green space particularly with the increased housing we have but if the solar farm is sensitive to this and is screened properly, then it could be worse. And if it adds to the argument of limiting further housing, eg Barkham Square, then the solar farm will serve a purpose. It's a shame the Council don't send out factual material to households as to why the solar farm is good for the community and any financial benefits from it.	1
	500	Neutral	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned		1
	517	Concerned	Concerned	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral		1
	556	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	The churchyard is getting close to capacity. We believe it would be prudent to set aside perhaps half an acre in the adjacent field to provide space for potential expansion of burial ground.	1
	568	Concerned	Unconcerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Unconcerned	Unconcerned	Access to the site should not be from the single carriageway Commonfield Lane, but from Barkham Ride with access to both northern and southern areas.	1
	571	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Loss of future footpath possibility down Commonfield lane. The majority of Arborfield Green is in the Barkham parish and we have no safe quick pedestrian method to access the Barkham facilities such as the Church and Hall.	1
	605	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Can't they move the installation further from the church? It's better than housing. It's a difficult dilemma. The true outcome is hard to predict and won't emerge for many years.	1
	606	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	Concerned	1
607	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Concerned	Neutral	Neutral	Concerned	1	
Neither for nor against the proposal Total										40
Grand Total										346