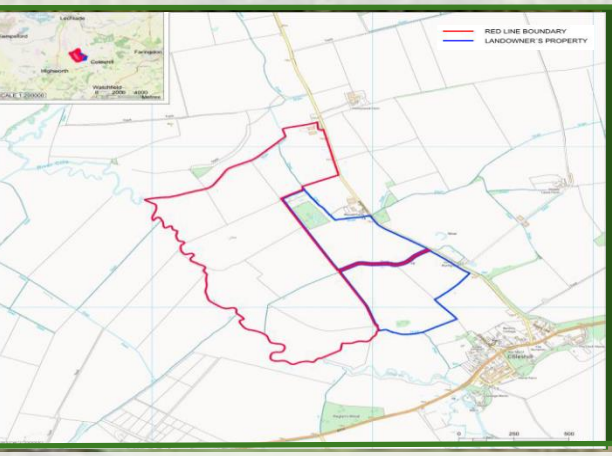
Stop Old Hayes Solar Plant

A Responsible Response to Solar Development

We need Green Energy
We ALSO need Green Spaces

Save your rural countryside

Say NO to Industrial Solar Plant



Save Coleshill Countryside

Coleshill is a tiny historic National Trust village in Oxfordshire. The village and surrounding countryside is enjoyed by 100,000 visitors a year.

The proposed Old Hayes Solar Plant would include:

- **175 acres of solar panels (93,000 panels, many of which raised to 12' high due to flooding).**
- **The equivalent of 236 football pitches.**
- **Battery storage in 20-40 shipping containers.**
- **Security fencing surrounding the panels up to 10' high, possibly affecting wildlife and biodiversity.**

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Enjoyment of beautiful Coleshill landscape threatened by industrial solar power plant

Increased flooding risk



A planning application is due to be submitted in early 2025 for a large Solar Power Plant with battery storage off Snowswick Lane in Coleshill. It would be built on open agricultural land in a valley bordering the River Cole.

Renewable energy yes, but not at any cost!

We believe solar energy should be responsibly developed in the right place; eg - brown field sites, roof tops, adjacent to motorways or railways, not on agricultural land. The view over the valley would change from rural to industrial, affecting residents, surrounding villages and the thousands of visitors that enjoy Coleshill's heritage and countryside every year. A site of the scale proposed would dwarf Coleshill and neighbouring villages.

Coleshill Parish Council has formed a Focus Group to look at what the development might mean:

- **A devastating effect on the valued rural landscape and local heritage.**
- **Construction traffic would come through Faringdon, Eaton Hastings and Buscot and along Snowswick Lane. This is a narrow road used by local traffic, walkers, cyclists and horse riders and is unsuitable for HGVs.**
- **Flooding - Local residents fear that the flood risk might increase and lead to more flooding in properties off Snowswick Lane and in Buscot Wick. If water backs up along perimeter fencing the resulting dam effect could impact the River Cole and possibly damage the bridge. The Old Hayes site floods every year, and solar panels would need to be raised making them more intrusive. The construction period would be extended.**
- **Crime - Solar farms are increasingly at risk of crime as they are targeted for copper. This could place neighbouring isolated properties at risk and would necessitate security fencing which could create a dam effect**
- **Environmental Impact – Local habitats could be impacted and transitory animals prevented from moving through the area.**
- **Vale of White Horse new Joint Local Plan 2041 considers the area unsuitable for this type of development.**

Objections and comments cannot be sent to the Local Planning Authority until an application is submitted. But we need to be prepared!

If you would like to register your concerns or wish to have updates on the Old Hayes Solar Plan application, please email: saynotooldhayes@gmail.com