

PART SEVEN

SOUNDNESS SOLAR OPPORTUNITY AREA Policy SP11

PART SEVEN – SOUNDNESS OF SOLAR OPPORTUNITY AREA AND POLICY SP11

SUMMARY OF WEEDON PARISH COUNCIL’S OBJECTIONS

Our ref	Issue	Test relied upon	Objections and Modifications Sought
PART SEVEN - SOUNDNESS – Solar Opportunity Area			
SO1	Solar “opportunity area” under Policy SP11 gives inadequate safeguards to protect landscapes	Soundness – Justified / Effective	The area identified should be further assessed to give appropriate protection from large-scale developments or multiple small-scale developments overwhelming inappropriate locations. Consider additional strategy of solar panels on roofs of new housing and employment buildings.

SOUNDNESS

SO1 – Solar opportunity area north and east of Aylesbury gives inadequate safeguards to protect landscapes

Weedon Parish Council is very supportive of the drive for renewable energy.

The area to the north and east of Aylesbury is huge and incorporates very varied landscapes and environments.

The identification of an area as an “opportunity” should not be treated as establishing the actual principle, deliverability or scale of placing solar panels on any particular site within that area.

The area should be further assessed to give appropriate protection from large-scale developments or multiple small-scale developments overwhelming inappropriate locations.

An alternative or additional strategy of delivering solar panels on a large proportion of the roofs of new housing and employment developments does not appear to have been considered.

Weedon Parish Council's position and modification sought

Remove wording in Policy SP11 no. 5, stating that proposals “**will be supported in principle**” in the Opportunity Area.

Consider additional strategy of delivering solar panels on new housing and employment building.
