

I watched the Open Floor Hearing 1 livestream on 13 May and was astonished by what was said about BMV land and soil quality by an influential supporter of the proposal. I am therefore submitting a written representation to you now on this subject. The attached document records in detail the misleading, inaccurate, and structurally biased approach that PVDP and its consultants have taken towards this issue from the very start, which has had the effect of consistent and coordinated downplaying of the quality of the agricultural land proposed for Botley West. It is clear to me that they regard this issue as a weakness in their application. Hence their considerable efforts to minimise its importance.

I was also interested to hear the discussion about assessment methodology and matrices in the Open Floor Hearing of 15 May. In the attached document, I cover matrices, as they relate to BMV land and soil, at some length. I hope that may be of some assistance in your continuing deliberations