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To whom it may concern,

Please find our registration number above.

This feedback is on behalf of Worton Park and all its users and residents which includes commercial lets, residential properties, events and waste management activities. Over 250 local people work here with 150 being directly employed by ourselves (Thrift Group). We have been identified as a high employment zone by the county council.

Flooding: we have experienced a number of flooding events which have affected the estate. The origin of the floods being water run-off from the land that borders us, namely spring hill. This land, forms part of the solar proposal. However, Botley West don't seem to have recognised our site as a flood risk. As a result, we commissioned a Flood Risk Appraisal; the report was produced by LDE (a RSK Company). A copy of the report is attached.

It concludes:

"Any localised increased in runoff, or alteration to land drainage patterns could potentially serve to exacerbate the existing flood risk situation, potentially impacting the Worton Park access road and adjacent residential properties."

"Whilst some preliminary environmental documentation is available on the Botley West Solar Farm website, there is currently no specific mention of this land parcel, or indication that this specific area has been fully investigated with respect to the known flood risk history to the land itself, the Yarnton Road, or Worton Park site access road. It is noted, however, that under the National Planning Policy Framework, the proposals should not be given consent if there is any potential increase in flood risk offsite."

Our site is undoubtably a flood risk. Botley West have failed to properly investigate this risk.

This estate has numerous lakes that are home to a number of **protected species** especially rare aquatic birds. We worry what sort of impact a large scale solar farm may have on the birds, particularly the waterfowl, cormorants and herons?

Regards,

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