

Reference 2005498 - Sustainable Woodstock

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Response to Relevant Representation made by Mr Ivanovic 13 May 2025

This is a response and rebuttal from Sustainable Woodstock to Relevant Representation made by Mr Bojan Ivanovic at the Preliminary Hearing on 13th May 2025 . The transcript is copied below from Part 1 of Preliminary Hearing.

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Uh, my third point is that when we have, uh, sustainable Woodstock, speaking on behalf of residents and negotiating, uh, kind of, uh, financial Issues. I would like a sustainable Woodstock to declare all of their in-kind. Contributions and all of their email exchanges with the developer. Duke of Marlborough, Blenheim Estate and other affiliates. Because I for one, I want Inspector to know do not accept this to be an independent NGO or action group.

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I view them as an extension of the developer. Uh, and also, you know, there are certain kind of articles that are planted with certain kind of comments that come immediately, etc., etc.. So that's my third issue.

Response from Sustainable Woodstock

Mr Ivanovic's words are offensive and totally without foundation. They are assertions from somebody who is clearly affected by and opposes the PVDP proposal. They are clearly meant to harm our reputation which is very important to us in local discussions on climate action and sustainability issues. Like many other groups, we have had discussions with PVDP and Blenheim to try to improve the solar farm, improve nature and increase the level of community benefit. We have received grants from Blenheim in the past, as have many other local community groups, churches, societies, etc that are within a 20 mile radius of Blenheim, for projects such as the Woodstock Community Woodland and Orchard.

Sustainable Woodstock is a community action group (CAG) and established in 2008, 17 years ago. Our aim is to raise awareness, support projects, campaigns and take action that help tackle climate breakdown and nature recovery. We are all volunteers and we encourage residents, schools, churches, businesses and our elected officials to not only be aware and understand the climate and nature emergency but work together to reduce greenhouse gases as soon as possible, promote nature and build a zero carbon future for all. We are one of 111+ Community Action Groups (CAGs) that make up the Oxfordshire CAG Network. The Oxfordshire CAG Network are supported by Oxfordshire County Council.

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