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Sent: 28 February 2025 14:34
To: Botley West Solar Farm

Cc: Planning Appeal

Subject: Botley West Solar Farm - Interested Party - Urgent request

Attachments: BWSF Preapp consultation response.pdf

Importance: High

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing in relation to the above mentioned NSIP.

Oxford City Council is a neighbouring authority to this application.

We have not dealt with these types of applications before, and were not clear as to whether we needed to formerly register as an interested party given we would be considered a neighbouring authority. We understand that the deadline for registration was the 27th February 2025 and have therefore missed the deadline.

We would like to be able to register as an interested party to preserve our ability to attend the respective meetings throughout the examination process and potentially make comments. I attach a copy of the representations that we have previously made throughout the pre-application process, which could be taken as our position in relation to the application and supporting a number of material considerations that will need to be taken into account.

I appreciate that it would be the Planning Inspectorates discretion as to whether they are prepared to accept late requests for interested party. Having regards to the fact that the Council is a neighbouring authority and given the short period of time of lodging the request after the deadline. We would be grateful if you could give consideration to adding the Local Planning Authority as an interested party if we are not included automatically.

We would be grateful if you could confirm by return of email whether this would be possible.

Regards

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