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From: Malcolm Harding [REDACTED] >
Sent: 14 June 2025 12:23
To: Botley West Solar Farm
Subject: PROPOSED BOTLEY WEST SOLAR FARM

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Dear sir/madam,

My Wife and I would like to request an Accompanied Site Inspection to view how our property would be affected by the proposed Botley West Solar Farm.

Malcolm & Jayne Harding



Tel : [REDACTED] mobile [REDACTED]

We have lived in this property for over 36 years, having been built by my wife's grandfather in 1952, it has been in the family now for over 73 years, we therefore have a very strong and intimate connection with the local area. Our Bedroom, Living Room and generally main aspect of our property faces South West with views over adjacent fields and longer distance views to Church Hanborough Church 1.6 miles away, the spire being the focal point of this view. All of the fields from our boundary into the far distance will be covered with panels. Some of my wife's ancestors are buried in the Church aisles, so having this view (spire is lit up at night) has always been important to her and reinforces her sense of belonging, she has suffered with extreme anxiety since the proposed Solar Farm plans were announced and is also upset at how the panels would dominate this view and with the possibility of losing it altogether due to additional planting.

A Public Footpath runs adjacent to our South East garden boundary, it then continues for about ½ mile down to Cassington Road. It is a very pleasant walk with expansive views over surrounding countryside, we use it 3 or 4 times a week. It is also very well used by the village and large walking groups (we can hear them talking quite a long way off). The Footpath then runs into Frogwelldown Lane through to Yarnton. Both footpaths will be surrounded by panels with Industrial type Security fencing and CCTV cameras. It will not be a very pleasant place to walk and might even discourage people from using the footpaths in the future. Nearly all footpaths out from the village will be affected in a similar way. This could encourage people to use their cars to drive to more friendly places to walk.





Photographs from the bedroom and garden of [REDACTED]

Regards Malcolm and Jayne Harding



