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**From:** David Beaumont [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 27 June 2025 12:09  
**To:** Botley West Solar Farm  
**Subject:** Re: [REDACTED]

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Dear Inspectors,

**Re: Section no.2.28 - [REDACTED]  
(Reg. no.: 20054148)**

Further to my email below I would like to request that the inspectors conduct an Accompanied Site Inspection at my address.

We are in the process of selling our house but I will facilitate the new owner's permission to proceed with an inspection.

Yours faithfully,

David Beaumont.

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On 25 Jun 2025, at 17:53, David Beaumont [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Inspectors,

**Re: Section No.2.28 - [REDACTED]  
(Reg. no.: 20054148)**

My property is one of the most affected houses which directly abuts the proposed solar panels. The property is a period modernist house with large windows & doors some of which are over 3.0m in height. Approx. 80% of the aspect of the house overlooks the affected field up towards Burleigh Woods & beyond to Church Hanborough & the said church's steeple.

With so much glass my visual amenity is very seriously affected. The whole outlook of the property from the house & the garden is the very essence of why the house was built & located here in the first place. Ironically it was gifted by Blenheim Estate to the architect, Dennis Page, in lieu of his services to Blenheim!

I have been campaigning for increased buffer zones of 500m from domestic properties. The developers, PVDP, have currently 'granted' me a buffer zone of 45m. which is totally inadequate because the rising ground up towards Burleigh Woods (Sth.West) will only exacerbate & highlight the panels (see picture). No amount of landscaping or planting will hide the panels & will only exaggerate their existence.

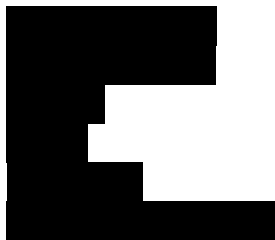
Flooding will also be a serious problem. When I first moved here I had a drainage ditch dug, as the rainwater run off from the rising clay field would saturate my garden & terracing. The ditch was an immediate success but with concentrated flows from the panels I fear this will be overwhelmed. Is regular ditching & maintenance part of the proposal?

Finally this outstanding property will be affected by the glare of the panels. We live in a 'dark sky' area & are treated to a wonderful display of the night sky which will be severely compromised, especially during full moon periods which will account for a doubling/trebling of the effect of glare.

While I am not opposed in principle to solar farms I believe there should be a (national) framework around which developers & communities can work together to mitigate the detrimental effects imposed on individuals by unregulated & unscrupulous developers who, currently, seem to set their own rules.

Yours faithfully,

David Beaumont.



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