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Dear Inspectors,

I would like to request an Accompanied Site Inspection to my property, [REDACTED], due to it's close proximity to the proposed Botley West Solar development.

The entire outlook from the rear of the property (in a Northerly direction) will be covered by solar panels, these panels starting just 85m (at the tree line visible in the attached pictures) from the property boundary (the fence in the foreground, for reference this fence is 1.2m height) and extending to the horizon/up the slope to Purwell Farm (also pictured, though hard to appreciate in a photo, this is very much clearer in real life).

This disturbance to the visual amenity will have a negative impact on mine and my family's well-being; being able to appreciate the rolling fields and watching the sun setting everyday from our garden/conservatory (as well as from the master bedroom on the first floor) gives us great pleasure as does watching the deer, hares and large number of local and migrating birds (a lot of geese and swans settle on the ground and need a lot of space to take off and land) in these fields.

This is all compounded by our daily dog walk up public footpath 152/6/10 (know locally as "The Track", very popular with locals - I normally see 3 to 4 dog walkers, families, singles, couples or joggers on my daytime walks and 2 to 3 on my later evening walks) being flanked by panels right to Purwell Farm at the top, where again we currently appreciate the positive effects on our mental and physical well-being of being able to take this route with our dogs with the view of rolling fields on all sides and, from the top of the hill, the views across to Blenheim's Column to the north and down to the village and the (grade 1 listed) church spire on the return walk southbound down the hill. I also worry that I will lose an awful lot of tennis balls through the holes in any fencing around the development as my younger dog is very keen on a game of fetch!

I am also concerned about the safety implications of the panels being so close to our house, as explained in my previous submission as an Interested Party. And flooding risk, again covered in my previous communication.

In the development phase (and potentially beyond) I am concerned about the noise and the lack of privacy for my family (workers on the hill having a direct view into the bedroom window). Any mitigating vegetation would need to be unrealistically high to provide privacy and would further reduce the visual amenity.

Finally I cannot see how the traffic associated with site maintenance, but more so construction and decommissioning, could possibly manage to move around the small village roads (and god forbid up the footpath?!) and the feed-in larger roads such as the A40 without causing huge issues with congestion, noise, air pollution and traffic/pedestrian safety in an area that already struggles

with these elements. I have concerns regarding safe access and egress to my property as this can already be challenging with current traffic levels.

Please do let me know if there is any further information you require or that you would find helpful. I'm grateful for your time on this project and your consideration of my request for a site visit to my home (and possibly also the footpath if that would be useful).

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