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**From:** Jenny Dimmer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 01 July 2025 10:27  
**To:** Botley West Solar Farm  
**Subject:** Fwd: Botley West Solar Farm Project: Q.1.5.8 Affected Persons. Registration Number 20054925.  
**Attachments:** Flooded Culvert.jpg; Combine harvester in the field adjoining my property - August 2024.jpg

Please see the attached email.

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**From:** Jenny Dimmer [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Tue, Jul 1, 2025 at 10:20 AM  
**Subject:** Botley West Solar Farm Project: Q.1.5.8 Affected Persons. Registration Number 20054925.  
**To:** <>

Dear Sirs,

We attended all four local consultations in the hope that we would have a clear understanding as to what PVDP were proposing. Unfortunately, due to either their unwillingness to divulge information or a profound lack of knowledge, we still have no clear understanding.

To recap on our earlier submissions, our property is located at [REDACTED] which may be found adjacent to Field Number 2.60 of the Central Area. The easterly wall of our property is within a mere 4 meters of the neighbouring field (which is owned by [REDACTED] who is not even a local resident) and our southerly boundary abuts the Cassington to Yarnton Road.

We were given a verbal agreement by PVDP that no solar panels would be located within the immediate vicinity of our property and the PVDP's Central Map dated Nov 2023 does indicate this would be the case.

However, PVDP have refused to provide details of the proposed cabling route which might have a significant impact on our property. It seems suspicious that, at this late stage, they are unwilling to disclose the proposed route – why are they refusing to do so?

If they are intending to use the Cassington to Yarnton Road, are they proposing to dig up our garden – and that of our neighbours at [REDACTED]? Our garden has mature trees (Chestnut, Crack Willow and Weeping Willow in addition to a number of smaller trees such as Holly and Hawthorn). Between our garden and the highway, lies a ditch and culvert. The culvert carries water under the privately owned access road to the five properties at [REDACTED] – and it is the only access route to all five properties.

At the south-west corner of our garden a ditch running between our garden and [REDACTED] field joins the above mentioned ditch. Four of the five properties at [REDACTED] rely on a private water treatment plant located in our garden and the treated water is dispersed into this ditch and potentially, any disturbance for cabling could result in contamination. (The waste water was tested earlier this year to ensure it conforms to environmental standards).

Who will be responsible for ditch clearance and maintenance should approval be given?

Should PVDP intend to dig up our garden, what rights will we have to object? No amount of compensation would compensate for loss of long established trees which provide a valuable shield from traffic noise and, of course, they help to absorb the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions produced by the traffic. With the invariable congestion on the A40, more and more vehicles use the Cassington to Yarnton Road to access the A44. Both speed and weight restrictions are largely ignored.

Another concern is the placement of convertors, plant, equipment and vehicles – will they be located within a stones throw of our property? Again, what rights will we have to object? What noise mitigation will be provided?

The whole proposal is totally out of keeping in an area of Green Belt – the adjacent field has been farmed each year of our residency and the existing ditches are unable to cope with heavy rainfall in the winter months. Both West Oxfordshire District Council and Cassington Parish Council have compiled strategic reports of flooding at [REDACTED], Worton and Cassington. By all accounts, PVDP have dismissed any reference to flooding and do not propose to research this alarming issue. Solar panels (located away from residential properties or located on designated roofs may be a step towards “zero carbon” but, given the run-off issues, surely they should not be installed in areas already susceptible to serious flooding.

Both to the north and south of [REDACTED] are open fields which are not farmed with seasonal crops and no established trees would need to be disturbed. We strongly urge PVDP to consider all options to ensure cabling is located away from well established trees and without the need to block the only access to five residential properties.

Please ensure PVDP are challenged on any proposed route to ensure they consider all practical options and not simply allowed to opt for the less costly route.

Yours faithfully,

Jennifer Dimmer

Attached photographs:





