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Dear Sirs

I write as a registered interest party with reference to Botley West Solar Farm.

I strongly support the reservations noted in the Joint Local Impact Report of WODC and others. In particular:

- The Norther Sector should have a 50-metre buffer zone to protect the biodiversity of the ancient woodlands near Dornford Farm and Dornford Cottage;
- Not enough is being done to mitigate against the detrimental visual effect of the development around the Wootton Conservation Area;
- The public ancient footpath and bridleway running up the Dorn Valley which will be directly impacted;
- The visual impact on Akeman Street and Sansoms Platt, both valuable historic assets, will be significant;
- The developer did not respond to the major concerns of the British Horse Society about buffer zones and fencing. Why?

In essence, why is so much land with invaluable assets - biodiverse habitats, archeologically significant sites, ancient byways, historic buildings in conservation areas - being used for this project when Blenheim has so much other less significant acreage which could be used instead?

And, finally, how will the developed land be protected should the developer sell the project on to another owner who is even less invested in the promises made to safeguard it for the future?

Yours faithfully
Joanna Sharland