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Dear Planning Inspectorate Team

I have been contacted by Cumnor Parish Council who ask that further representations be made to you regarding the Botley West Application ahead of Deadline 4.

I support Cumnor Parish Council's request for an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI).

Cumnor Parish Council is significantly concerned by the lack of photomontages from key panoramic elevated viewpoints, particularly from points such as Upper Whitley Farm and Important Views outlined in the Cumnor Neighbourhood Plan. It is concerning to hear that with such a large scale proposal, these do not yet exist.

An Accompanied Site Inspection would assist the Planning Inspectorate to assess these impacts directly.

Cumnor Parish Council have further significant concerns over:

- the connection date to the grid for this particular project and ask that this be clarified
- the effectiveness of a 30 day consultation during the summer holidays when the Parish Council did not receive any notification until 9 days into the consultation period
- the lack of a cumulative impact assessment that would take into account the planning applications for adjoining solar installations
- the applicant's response to ExA questions

This proposal is a vast project, larger than any other seen in Oxfordshire, or the UK, with significant and far-reaching impacts therefore it is important that the Planning Inspectorate has the opportunity to evaluate Cumnor Parish concerns first hand through an Accompanied Site Inspection.

Best wishes

Layla Moran

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