

Re: Objection to Botley West Solar Farm Proposal

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed Botley West Solar Farm development. My mother resides in Shipton Hamlet, one of the communities most directly affected by this scheme, and I am deeply concerned about the devastating impact it will have on her and her neighbours.

Impact on Residents of Shipton Hamlet

The scale of the project is wholly inappropriate for this area. It threatens to overwhelm a small, historic hamlet, destroying the rural character and peaceful environment that residents rely on for their wellbeing. My mother and her neighbours would find themselves enclosed and isolated by an industrial-scale development, with no meaningful benefit to their community.

Stress Impacts

The uncertainty and prolonged stress caused by this proposal have had a serious effect on my mother's quality of life. The constant fear of losing the peaceful setting of her home has taken a toll. No development should be allowed to impose this level of anxiety and distress on vulnerable residents.

Landscape and Heritage Harm

The proposed solar farm would permanently scar the surrounding countryside, disregarding the cultural and historic value of the landscape. Shipton Hamlet and its setting are part of a cherished rural heritage that should be preserved, not industrialised. The proposals fail to respect the identity and history of the area.

Environmental and Social Concerns

This development risks displacing biodiversity, increasing noise and traffic, and diminishing the quality of life for residents. The burden falls disproportionately on a small rural population who would suffer significant disruption, without receiving any tangible benefits in return.

Conclusion

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to reject the Botley West Solar Farm proposal. It is an oversized industrial scheme that sacrifices the quality of life, health, heritage, and landscape of Shipton Hamlet and its residents.

Yours faithfully,

Rupert Hodson (Son of June Hodson of [REDACTED])