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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I am submitting here further comments.in addition to those I submitted previously

Removal of solar panels south of Oxford Airport

I was relieved to see in *Notification of Intention to Submit a Request to Change the Application (Change Request 2)* that PVDP had agreed with Oxford airport to a *Reduction in Order Limits boundary to reduce the solar installation area near to Oxford airport*. Unfortunately, there was no map showing where the reduction was to be, and, to my knowledge, no map has yet been submitted to the ExA.

However, there is a now a map in the PVDP website document library:

Proposed changes to the DCO Application (July 2025)

Change Request: Explanatory Note - July 2025

Appendix 2: Change 2

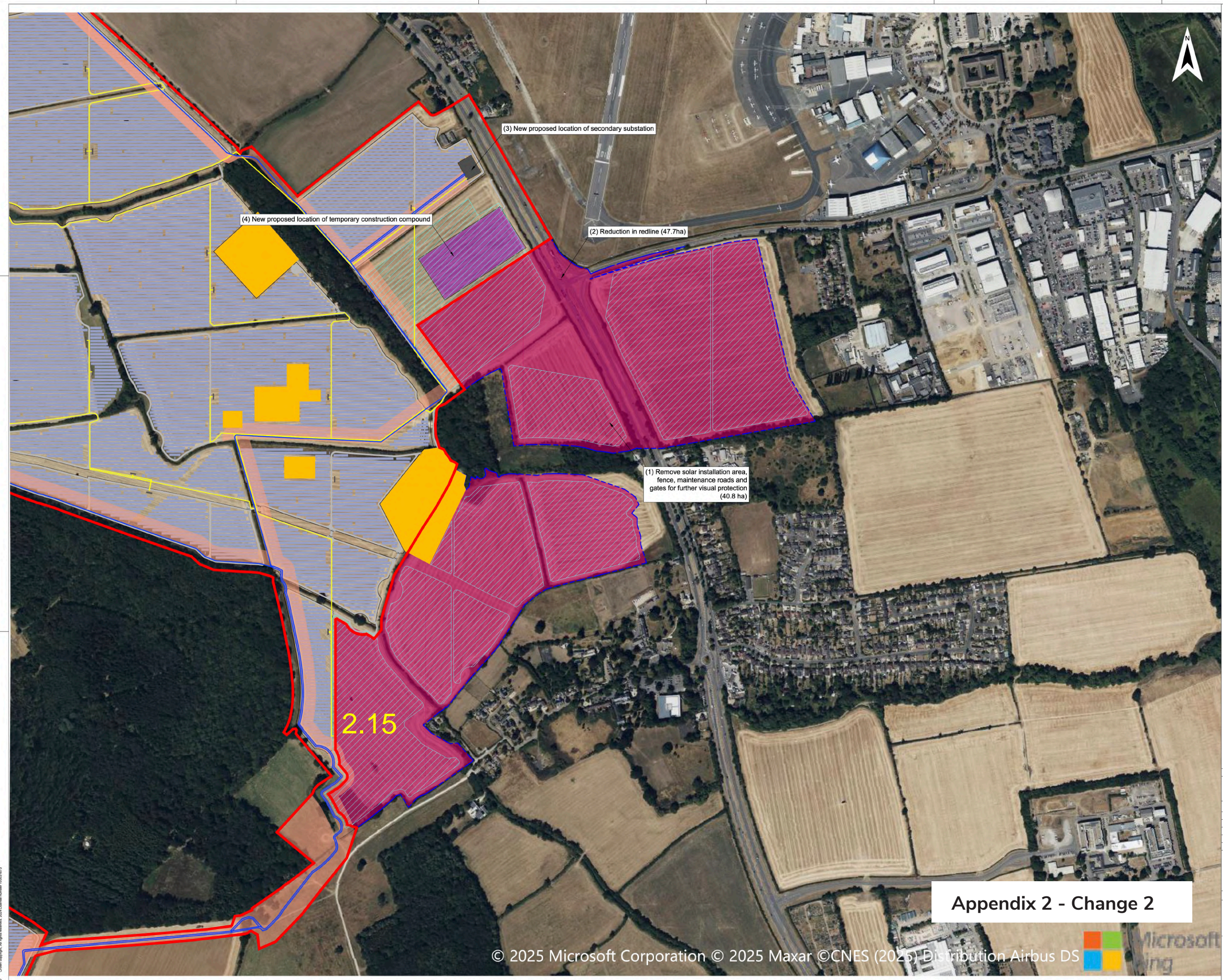
Appendix 2- change 2 is the missing map of the proposed changes and I have appended it below and have marked field 2.15 on the map.

There seems to be a completely unnecessary narrow strip of solar panels on the western edge of field 2.15 next to Bladon Heath Wood. This would destroy the view of the field and wood from Springhill Road and from the bridleway. and would reduce a section of this bridleway to a corridor between the hedge and the high fencing around the small slice of solar farm.

Planning to put solar panels and cables so close to the wood flies in the face of the advice of the Forestry Commission. They recommend a large buffer zone, to protect the trees and creatures of the woodland edge. They also stress the importance of connectivity between areas of woodland. Field 2.15 is a link between Bladon Heath Wood and Begbroke Wood and beyond. Solar panels and their fencing would badly damage this pathway.

Please insist that PDVP remove solar panels completely from field 2.15!

Yours sincerely,
Martin Oldfield



Legend

Order Limits Rev.1, s51 Response

Order Limits Change Request 2

Proposed Infrastructure and Land Use Elements *

Areas for sensitive archaeological site protection and management

Solar Panels

Maintenance Road

Fence

Access Gate

PCS

Indicative 33kV Cable Route

Indicative 33kV Cable Route Affected

Indicative 275kV Cable Route

Indicative 275kV Cable Route affected

Cable Corridor

Project Refinements

(1) Remove solar installation area, fence, maintenance roads and gates after discussion with Oxford Airport (40.8ha)

(2) Reduction in redline (47.7ha)

(3) New proposed location of secondary substation

(4) New proposed location of temporary construction compound

A: Notification of Change Request

Project			Status		
Bolley West Solar Farm			Preliminary		
Id.	Changes	Date	Name	Date	Name
			Edit	15.07.2025	K. Lueken
			Check	15.07.2025	H. Trabelsi
A	Created	15.07.2025	K. Lueken	Drawing No	Appendix A

APFP Regulation: 5(2)(Q)

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Title: Change Request 2 Notification - Change 2

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Appendix 2 - Change 2