

To The Inspectors, Botley West Solar Farm

Comments in response to the Applicant's Responses to other D3 submissions in particular P77 Ref: REP3-118

**From The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Peter's Church, Cassington
Relevant Representation RR-0983**

We strongly disagree with the Applicant's opinion that any harm to the heritage significance of the Church of St Peter (Cassington) would be less than substantial. We continue to believe that the harm would be **more than substantial** and cause damage to the surrounding landscape.

The Applicant has already accepted that the solar panels will cause damage to the landscape [REP2-014] but maintains that the public benefits would outweigh any loss or harm to the significance of a designated heritage asset. However, at no point in the application process has the Applicant submitted evidence to demonstrate why this project has to be so massive in scale and how it can be considered for the public benefit. The Applicant should be required to justify why it sees the scale of this project as being for the public benefit.