

Interested Party Registration Number 20054733

from: Peter Harvey ([REDACTED])

Dear Sir/Madam

I live with my wife [REDACTED] and own the field [REDACTED] near the village of Cassington. As an interested party (ref 20054733) I have read the responses from PVDP in their latest answers to you, the Examiner, and have read the insightful responses from Historic England ICOMOS (for UNESCO) and the Oxfordshire Host Authorities (OHA) about the proposed Botley West Solar Farm. I find it astonishing that the answers to so many questions and concerns from all bodies (including those from you as the Examiner) remain unanswered and the necessary assessment reports have still not been provided by PVDP.

It is impossible to see how permission could be granted for a project of such scale without questions such as these being answered:

- why is it needed?
- why it is so oppressively close to people's homes?
- why is it so close to historic villages and grade 1 listed churches? Q2.6.9-2.6.18
- why is the crucial Visual Amenity Assessment plan missing?
- why is it being built on 42% BMV agricultural land? Q2.11.4 & Q2.11.7
- how is it being paid for? Surely the public have a right to know how a project of national significance will be financed? Q2.5.1&2.5.9
- why have PVDP not proved that they will meet the special circumstances required to use so much of the Green Belt? Q2.11.12 & Q2.6.4
- why has no detailed plan been submitted by PVDP for the movement of surface water near Cassington village and Jericho Farm. The essential infiltration testing should be done before permission is given and not only as part of a detailed design as PVDP suggest at a later date. Q2.10.2 & 2.10.3

In summary PVDP have undertaken some local consultations and asked for questions and concerns, but they have rarely provided any pertinent answers and now it seems that they are choosing to push aside questions from you, the Examiner, also. PVDP seem to simply cherry pick the questions they wish to answer. This seems an unreasonable way forward.

I sincerely hope that you will consider my concerns about this huge, impactful and oppressive Solar Farm which will have such a negative impact on our homes, the beautiful landscape in which they sit, our piece of mind, our food security and our environment for ever.

Yours

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Peter Harvey

