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To: Botley West Solar Farm
Subject: Rule 17 letter
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Examiners, could you please consider the attached letter in regard to the opaque funding of the Botley West Solar Farm (EN010147).

Thanks you

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Date: 21 September 2025

To: Examining Authority

Subject: Request for Disclosure of Funding Arrangements

Dear Examining Authority,

Pursuant to Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010, we respectfully request that the Applicant (PVDF) be required to provide further information regarding the financial arrangements underpinning the Botley West Solar Farm proposal (EN010147).

Given the scale, strategic significance, and long-term implications of the proposed development, the funding structure is of material relevance to the Examination. Specifically, we request that the Applicant disclose:

- The identity and nature of all entities providing capital or financial guarantees for the project*
- The ownership structure of PVDF and any associated special purpose vehicles (SPVs)*
- Any agreements or arrangements with infrastructure funds, private equity firms, or sovereign entities*
- Details of any contingent liabilities, debt instruments, or financial risks associated with the delivery and operation of the solar farm*
- Any financial commitments made to local authorities, landowners, or community benefit schemes*

This information is essential to assess the robustness of the Applicant's delivery model, the potential for long-term stewardship, and the implications for land use and community engagement. It is also relevant in the context of public interest, transparency, and national infrastructure governance.

Yours faithfully,

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You may also find of interest the article in The Observer newspaper of Sunday 21st October.

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