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Dear members of the Planning Inspectorate,

As my final comment on the matter, the Botley West proposal is a monstrosity. It makes no sense in any terms - financial, energetic, ecological, food-productivity-wise, or in respect to public opinion. The only explanation for so many solar arrays have been approved in the context of some sinister scheme to remove us from connection with our countryside.

The behaviour of PVDP has been extraordinary. Due process has not been followed. Their failure to respond to specific concerns has resulted in an evidential gap sufficient that the proposal cannot be taken to a legitimate decision.

One of the noted shortcomings was pointed out by the ExA in its "there shall be a distance of no less than 250 m between the edge of any part of the proposed solar array and any residential dwelling house".

There are numerous other shortcomings pointed out by the ExA, one such taking the form of the unaddressed issue given as "please can you explain why you are prepared to undertake reductions in panel area in relation to the World Heritage Site (WHS) after concerns raised by historic England, ICOMOS-UK and others but are not prepared to give consideration to other areas that have been suggested by professional landscape architects and by the local authorities that have a deep understanding of their local area".

Please reject the proposal outright.

Yours sincerely,
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