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## REJECT THE BOTLEY WEST POWER STATION

Dear Sirs and Madam

This ill-conceived and grotesquely ugly scheme should be rejected without spending more time and money on it.

My family is luckier than our neighbours. We live in the centre of one of the threatened villages (Church Hanborough). They live on the border of this hideous project with its wire fence topped with barbed wire, searchlights and concrete access roads for patrol vehicles. In appearance it will look like a concentration camp.

There is no necessity for this project. Large warehouses are built and are being built around Witney (and most other Oxfordshire towns). Solar Panels belong on roofs, not destroying agricultural land.

We English love paintings of the landscape (Turner, Constable, Gainsborough and many others). Our schools teach the English rural poets to our children. But when it comes to money or political expediency the men and women with power and wealth happily destroy the very fields they pretend to love.

I love Oxfordshire. I was not born here. With my family I was evacuated here in the summer of 1939. I have lived here ever since (with trips over-seas to earn money for my family and re-build my house). As a youth I joined the County Regiment inspired by some adolescent notion of defending the stone villages, woods and fields and clear streams of this area.

To sum up. I am opposed to the 10 mile strip of steel and glass known as Botley West Power Station. I want to express that opposition in the strongest terms possible.

I hope that you too will oppose it.

Yours Sincerely

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