

Dear Sir or Madam,

Here are my final views on the Botley West proposal having seen the questions and answers, changes and challenges, requests and rebuttals that have been exchanged during the Examination.

I note that the SBW barrister, [REDACTED] at the Open Hearing said that PVDP's whole attitude makes a mockery of the Planning system by failing to respond in a timely manner to or, in some cases completely ignoring, the Examiners' questions or requirements. "This leaves a significant gap in the knowledge and data available on which the ExA is required to make a robust recommendation". My conclusion is that the Examiners cannot recommend the application be accepted when so much evidence is missing and so should come to the same conclusion when considering the proposal on merit.

I note that there are also some other OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Residential Visual Amenity Assessment (RVAA)

I disagree profoundly with PVDP's belated RVAA report to determine whether the project would have an unacceptable visual impact on residents' enjoyment of their homes and gardens. Their report contains many errors and omissions, poor photography and mapping and comes to the same conclusion as before, namely; "Based on the assessment and professional judgement, it is considered that the effects resulting from the Project would fall below the RVAA threshold of such magnitude that it potentially affects living conditions". My view is that this is totally wrong. This project will have an unacceptable impact on resident's enjoyment of our homes, gardens and the surrounding area of ancient footpaths and views that make this area so special. It could all be destroyed in an instant.

2. I endorse the suggestion put forward by the ExA 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.

3. With regard to the impact on my local area around Hordley, Sansoms Farm and the area adjacent to the 2000 year old Oxfordshire Way, (RPS report sections 1.6, 1.7 and 1.8 I agree with the RPS professional assessments and suggestions to remove panels where they are

- separated from the bulk of the array

- where effects are likely to be considered overbearing; and to reduce effects on users of the Oxfordshire Way footpath which runs along the course of the Roman Road, now reflected as Stratford Lane.

- Also, to remove panels from the steep ground which drops down to the River Glyme and the sloping ground which drops down to Sansom's Platt. Panels would be more widely visible when located on steeper slopes, and would visually conflict with the topography.

- I am also concerned about the damage to ancient trees and wildlife habitats (owls in particular) down Dornford Lane and this needs particularly careful attention

- The whole area of the array covers ancient wide green lanes and I have yet to see sufficient commentary on how these unique trails and valuable public amenity will be sufficiently protected. .

I therefore concur that there is not enough information for the Examiner to make an informed decision on merit and that the Botley West project should be rejected.

Your faithfully

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