

The developers of the Botley West proposal are [REDACTED]. Other bodies (Stop Botley West and Cumnor Parish Council among them) have highlighted many problems. Perhaps the most extraordinary is the response of the developers to questions, in which they state that the answer will only be available after planning approval has been granted. The country does indeed need to develop more renewable energy, with solar and wind being obvious examples, and there are certainly ways in which this can be done without significant environmental and social harm. However, this proposal doesn't provide such a way. The harm is considerable, at many levels, using land that is agricultural, and destroying walks and views that support human well-being. The behaviour of the developers is cynical, ignoring the feedback they were required to seek, and failing to engage with the Examining Authority. They appear to assume that the recognised need for renewable energy means that planning permission is inevitable and doesn't need to be earned. I support all the objections raised by Stop Botley West and by Cumnor Parish Council – this development should not go ahead.