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To whom it may concern.

It is the consensus of residents in the areas covered by this industrialization of Green Belt land that this scheme is out of place and unnecessary.

The visual impact it will have on an area of beautiful rural countryside will make the solar farm a blot on the landscape.

The developer has not covered many aspects such as in the Environment Impact Assessment. The developer claims this is of benefit to the local community but has not demonstrated a local need.

The developer has not explained adequately why in this area and what other areas have they looked at if any, and why were these discounted.

The developer has not produced to my knowledge, any servicing, cleaning and maintenance schedule, in particular how is the developer planning to control vegetation growing over and covering the panels. The panels need replacing every 10 years for optimal electricity generation. The roads inside the area of the planned Botley West Solar farm are small narrow country lanes in villages and not suitable for the heavy construction lorries needed to carry out the work. Furthermore in emergencies the Fire Brigade will have difficulty in reaching the site quickly enough.

This area covered by the Botley West Solar farm is close to two major airports, London Oxford and RAF Brize Norton and is on the flight path. It is not clear if these panels will affect the radar systems. I have not seen any Emergency and Hazardous Incidents Plan. In particular should an aircraft accidentally crash land on the Botley West Solar Farm. We all know that electrical fires are hard to put out and release toxic fumes. The wind direction here will cover many villages. To my knowledge no such plan exists nor do automatic fire retardant sprinklers will exist in site.

All in all this project is ill conceived and ill considered in the wrong place at the wrong time and should be turned down.

I assume due diligence such as a search on Companies House has been done to ensure that the developer is a true, proper and fit company to carry out such a large project.

Finally if this project is approved a large proportion of the Oxford Green Belt will forever become a brown field site even after decommissioning.

No Green Belt is no trees no oxygen no farmland no food.

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