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Statement regarding PVDP and Application

Taking into account the poor efficiency of solar panels in UK latitudes, and the intermittent and weather dependent nature of such an energy supply (thus requiring substantial battery storage), solar panels should only be a practical source of energy supply in this country when mounted on roofs of buildings (commercial and houses).

Nevertheless, if considered essential to the country, Solar Farms for generation of electricity should only be allowed in areas of very low quality farmland and only if there is no adverse visual impact on the landscape or on local habitation. Medium or good quality farmland should never be used for solar farms given the scarcity of such land in this country and the negative impact on food production.

With particular reference to the Botley West Solar Farm proposal, it is imperative that the shortcomings listed by the Examiners are taken into account and when much evidence is missing. Specifically:

- There is no evidence to prove the assertion that productive land is not taken out of food production.
- The proposal fails to justify why this commercial enterprise is preferred to the currently successful agricultural enterprise
- Information on the funding for this project remains unclear
- There is insufficient clarity regarding the Nat Grid substation, 3rd party battery storage

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