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From the outset of this ill-conceived project we have continued to object to the SCALE, LOCATION and IMPACT on the community and greenbelt that has been proposed.

The proposed developers have been unable to provide credible justification for this project and it was most apparent when they once again came short with their lack of information at the recent hearing. On this basis we are of the strong view that the Examiners cannot recommend the application be accepted when so much evidence is missing and the Secretary of State should come to the same conclusion when considering the proposal on merit.

RE: Botley West Solar Farm.

Callum Mill (MP for Bicester and Woodstock) submitted questions to Parliament on 5 November. The Secretary for State for Energy Security and Net Zero will be answering on 12 November.

I'd like to record that the following questions have our complete interest and support.

1. Has the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero assessed the effectiveness of the processes made in the evaluation of financial viability of funding commitments made by developers of major energy projects?
2. What assessment has The Secretary of Culture, Media and Sport made of the adequacy of the financial and governance arrangements of Blenheim Estates and the Blenheim Charitable Foundation?
3. What assessment has The Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero made of the effectiveness of financial viability of Solar Five Ltd and Photovolt Development Partners to undertake the development of Botley West Solar Farm?
4. Has the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero sought advice of the Office of the Financial Sanctions Implementation on reported Russian-linked funding associated with the proposed Botley West Solar Farm?
5. What assessment has The Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero made of the effectiveness of, a) the Planning Inspectorate, and, b) National Significant Infrastructure Project processes to safeguard against national security risks from investment from, 1) inappropriate or 2) hostile overseas sources?

We as a family and community will follow any answers given on 12th November. Here, I am noting for record, our collective enquiry.

thank you,

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