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I was unable to submit this through the website as it was malfunctioning so hope this is acceptable
Interested party ref: [REDACTED] Final submission re: Botley West application As a resident in Long Hanborough and therefore potentially affected in many areas by the proposed Solar development I have been following the process very closely.

The applicant has failed to respond in a timely fashion or not at all to numerous requests from the examiners for evidence and at times simply restating their original position. I cite three examples
1. The assertion that they are not taking productive agricultural land out of food production as it was already poor due to farming methods. This has been contradicted by tenant farmers and soil surveys.

2. Impacts on the landscape from public rights of way was deemed to be not significant. From a subjective point of view as a constant user of these throughout the area of the proposed development I know there will be a huge impact on the enjoyment of these. The applicant proposes a 5metre corridor rather than 15metres recommended by the examiners arguing that 'greenways' are characteristic of the area so this is in keeping. In fact evidence shows that greenways are the exception not the rule.

3. Panel reduction has been reduced around the Blenheim Heritage site but nowhere else even though this is contradictory to evidence from professional landscape architects and local authorities with a deeper understanding of the area.

In summary much evidence requested has not been submitted which makes a mockery of the extremely thorough and sensitive work of the examining authority. Impacts of those living and working in the area and the local authorities concerned have felt dismissed. The whole consultation process from the developers feels like a paper exercise.
The examiners cannot recommend the proposal when so much evidence is missing and the Secretary of State should come to the same conclusion.

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