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The Examination process for Botley West Solar Farm is complex and short lived. From initial public consultation to the current phase of examination my perception of the PVDP/Solar Five position is that they have not changed from their desire to maximise output from the farm and their original statement that, 'the government cannot reach its environmental targets without them'. However, their failure to submit ExA requested reports within the appropriate timescale fails to allow for proper scrutiny by experts.

Many properties will be affected by this project and with a buffer of 25 metres, as originally planned, would suffer considerable harm. Buffers of 250 metres around any residential buildings should be a minimum.

PRoWs are key in a rural environment . 'Green Tunnels' through the solar farm would fail to meet the needs of walkers or cyclists and likely be unsafe given the minimal width.

It remains unclear whether this large solar farm will exacerbate the increased level of flooding on roads and in houses experienced in recent years.

I endorse the written statements made to the Examiners by Oxfordshire Local Councils, particularly that of West Oxfordshire District Council. Also the Stop Botley West submissions made during the examination and transcript of oral submissions of the October Osney Mead hearings, dated 19 October 2025. All of these documents are available on the NSIP government website. eg. Botley West Solar Farm Planning Act 2008. Infrastructure Planning (applications: prescribed forms and procedure) regulation 2009. Written summary of oral case Stop Botley West. Issue specific hearing 2 and open floor hearing 3.

While outside the scope of this planning examination many questions remain unanswered, eg. the financial viability of the Applicant and the consequences to the public purse should this venture fail. I hope that somewhere in the NSIP process our MPs can raise concerns.