This enquiry has done absolutely nothing to change my mind regarding the Botley West Solar Farm (BWSF). Not only is BWSF too big and in the wrong place but the developer (PVDP) has failed to provide satisfactory answers to questions from worried residents. Moreover, at the hearings held in Oxford recently, the answers to Inspectors' requests for information have often failed to provide the details requested or seemed to be evasive

Frankly, PVDP has shown utter disregard for residents' many concerns with regard to loss of good agricultural land, proximity of panels and fences to residential properties, conversion of open-aspect footpaths to enclosed tunnels, loss of biodiversity and increased risk of flooding. I believe that in the near future, as a result of global warming, food security will become more important than energy security and that solar panels should be placed on roofs and not on fields. Moreover, I understand that the National Grid will be unable to cope at times of peak production and so the energy will have to be stored, requiring the use of lithium batteries - a potential hazard for local residents.

I believe that PVDP has treated local people with disrespect and made misleading statements referring to community food growing. I have not received any answers to my questions as to (a) the environmental impact of the manufacture, construction and transportation of the panels, concrete and metal fencing required, (b) the location of the many buildings required or (c) the means of disposal of all the components at the end of their useful life. With regard to the latter, it is possible that all the available land-fill in the area would be required.

Given the extremely dubious nature of the funding for this vast project (written Parliamentary Questions, 88455 - 88459, tabled by the MP for Bicester and Woodstock on 5 November 2025 refer) and the utter inadequacy of the proposed compensation for local residents, I believe that the Secretary of State should refuse this application.