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Attachments: View from 2nd Floor Study.jpg; View from 1st Floor Bedroom.jpg; View from Front Doorstep.jpg

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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

We live in a house called [REDACTED] Our house directly overlooks the proposed southern section of the Botley West Solar Farm.

We wish to highlight that the Residential Visual Amenity Assessment (EN010147-002020-17.13) submitted by the Applicant grossly misrepresents factual reality in respect of our property.

The Applicant states (p.20) that the magnitude of visual impact on our property will be "low / minor / not significant", suggesting that the slope in the land and existing vegetation will mean only a "small part" of the Project would be visible and "would not form a prominent feature in the view". That is completely and demonstrably false, and contradicts other parts of the same document.

The Applicant correctly acknowledges on p.12 that our house has "largely open elevated views to the north" and its own Figures 1.33 and 1.66 show that the house has fully exposed views over the Project site. We attach 3 photos showing the current views from our (1) front doorstep, (2) first floor bedroom, and (3) second floor study.

Our main concern is the substation, which would be prominently exposed to all parts of our house and front garden. It would be a significant mitigation if the substation were to be screened by extensive green foliage, but we have seen no meaningful suggestions from the Applicant in that regard.

Thank you for considering our comments,

Edward and Sophie du Boulay
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