

As the Botley West examination period closes I feel I must write to convey my frustration at the way the Applicant has conducted themselves throughout the process.

I will not take up the Inspector's time in repeating evidence and opinion of qualified people and organisations who have submitted written representations and other information - many of them in a professional capacity. I cannot, however, allow Deadline 7 to pass without respectfully asking the Inspectors to recommend that the SoS refuse this application on the grounds that it fails on many levels including:

- *aviation safety provisions,
- *risk to national security,
- *increased flood risk,
- *loss of agricultural land and Green Belt (very special circumstances remain unproven),
- *heritage (Blenheim World Heritage Site and Sansoms Platt potential harm unresolved and understated)
- *and landscape and residential amenity (inadequate assessment; poor and late LVIA and RVAA, lack of proper mitigation).

The proposal is located in part of Oxfordshire that is home to tens of thousands of people, living in the many towns, villages and hamlets in a predominantly undulating farmland and meadow landscape. The Applicant represents, in essence, a single large landowner seeking to impose their requirements for profit over people and they are choosing to ignore legitimate challenge and questioning.

From the initial public consultation which, in my opinion, was conducted purely as a box-ticking exercise, the Applicant has completely failed to listen to concerns raised and to respond to questions at every stage.

The Applicant has cited the 2008 Planning Act NSIP argument throughout but this alone doesn't override the requirement to fully respond to questions and respect the process. The Applicant has not demonstrated that alternatives have been properly considered and they have not demonstrated financial credibility.

Throughout the Examination period, the Inspectors have been treated to a similar level of disregard, disrespect and, quite frankly, ignorance as everyone else. The Applicant has failed to provide reports and evidence, failed to answer questions and has produced partial responses 'right at the deadline' or missed important dates altogether. There is an air of dismissiveness about the Applicant's whole approach. Outstanding material considerations persist at the closure of the Examination and this has constrained public scrutiny.

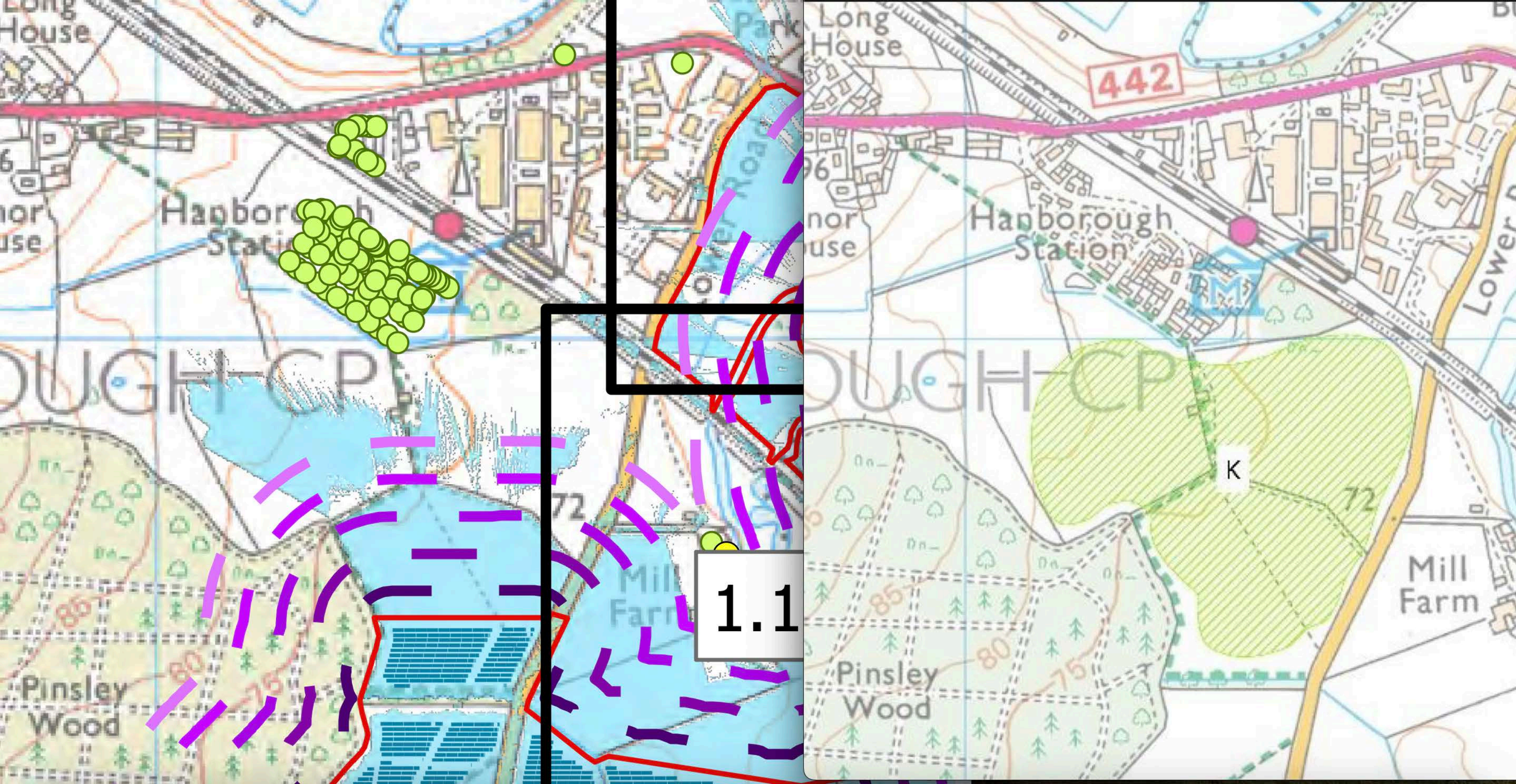
On this basis I request the Inspectors recommend refusal of this application.

As part of this submission I also wish to draw the Inspectors attention to the information below.

Long Hanborough is subject to development proposals being put forward in the emerging WODC Local Plan 2043. Land being proposed for housing development (known as 'Area K - Land South West of Hanborough Station' in the WODC Preferred Spatial Options Consultation Paper October 2025, pages 63-65, currently in public consultation period) overlaps and conflicts in part with the Botley West order limits.

Residential housing development is being proposed on land known as field number 2.61. Up to 300 homes are proposed in the consultation paper. In the Botley West application, field 2.61 includes solar panels and other infrastructure installations. I understand the field is owned by the Blenheim Estate. It appears there is an element of erroneous 'double counting' taking place and this serves to illustrate that potential residential impacts, buffers and the Solar Panels - Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) are not being accurately mapped in the information presented to the Inspectors in the application.





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