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I fully concur with the final representation made by [REDACTED] and would also add the following comments :

Battery storage :

No large solar farm should be allowed without battery storage, so that energy harvested during the day can be transmitted in the evening when there is a need.

BotleyWest does not have battery storage and so is of little value to the grid.

Best and most versatile farmland :

Nearly all the fields down the Evenlode Valley are grade 2 or grade 3a.

The representation by Blenheim that the farmland is degraded is not supported by any evidence. In particular, the assertion that the productivity of the land had dropped by 25 % in the last 2 years may have something to do with the fact that of the 2 farmers involved , [REDACTED] died 2 years ago and [REDACTED] retired .

So the Solar farm will indeed take productive land out of food production

Thank you

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