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To: DESNZ Correspondence
Cc: secretary.state@energysecurity.gov.uk; Botley West Solar Farm; Calum Miller MP
Subject: Re: A response from DESNZ to your recent query - DESNZ ref: TOB2025/15339

Dear A. Collins,

I am writing yet again because, although the submissions deadline has now passed, the Inspectorate has NOT requested ANY further information on the genuine flooding risks affecting Worton—particularly along Yarnton Road near Cassington.

Neither the developer nor the Inspectorate has followed up, even as conditions on the ground continue to demonstrate the severity of the problem. After a long drought, just a few days of rain combined with autumn leaf fall were enough to block the culvert yet again, highlighting how little resilience the current drainage system has.

I must again express grave concern regarding the Botley West proposal, specifically its reliance on outdated hydrological data in assessing flood risk in our locality.

It must be plainly stated that Yarnton Road, in Worton, continues to experience frequent and significant flooding even under current conditions.





Of particular concern is the impact this has on the nearby foul water treatment plant (communal plant for [redacted] which is often compelled to cease operations during such episodes in order to prevent reverse flow and subsequent mechanical failure.

This is not a matter of conjecture, but a persistent and well-documented issue. This means that residents cannot use showers, laundry machines, etc.

The proposed development of the vast Botley West industrial solar zone—on protected Green Belt farmland—across the sloping fields adjoining [redacted] would, in essence, form an extensive impermeable catchment, channelling water with increased force and speed into an already vulnerable area.



The addition of a solar farm in such close proximity would only heighten these vulnerabilities.

Without regular ploughing and planting, the fields would definitely compact, reducing infiltration and increasing runoff. This would surely place even greater pressure on an area already struggling to cope with existing water flows.

To proceed without fully addressing these pressing hydrological issues—particularly those affecting the Yarnton Road area—would constitute a serious oversight and, in our view, a clear failure of duty.

Regards,

Bo Ivanovic

