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Dear Sir/Madam

I write in relation to the above application for a Development Consent Order to authorise the Botley West Solar Farm ("DCO"). I act for Thames Water Utilities Limited ("TWUL") who have made a Relevant Representation on 15 January 2025 and a further Written Representation on 9 June 2025.

I am writing to update you on TWUL's position as a result of ongoing negotiations with the Applicant. Whilst the parties are close to reaching agreement on both the Easement and the Deed of Variation and negotiations are ongoing, completion is yet to take place. It is therefore still the case that TWUL's representations as referenced above still stand.

By way of a reminder, the ground for objection in respect of the Applicant's compulsory acquisition powers is that TWUL owns interests in land identified in the Book of Reference which are subject to compulsory acquisition and temporary possession. My client's interests must be protected in relation to this as it must be able to continue to discharge its statutory and licence obligations – due to the mentioned documents not completing to date, the Applicant is not agreeing to a restriction on the use of compulsory acquisition powers in the protective provisions in favour of TWUL.

My client is a statutory undertaker and therefore the provisions of s.127 of the Planning Act 2008 apply - if the DCO were to proceed with compulsory acquisition powers applying to my client's land, this would cause serious detriment to its undertaking and the PPs should therefore include a restriction on the powers of compulsory acquisition over TWUL's land.

Therefore, on the basis that the Applicant will not include the restriction on compulsory acquisition powers in the protective provisions in favour of TWUL, my client continues to object to the making of the DCO as drafted.

Kind regards

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