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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. TWUL also provided an update on 13 February 2026 in respect of its position.

I write to further update you on TWUL's position, pursuant to ongoing negotiations with the Applicant.

TWUL has been working hard with the Applicant over the course of the past 7 months to complete the relevant property agreements, which for the avoidance of doubt includes a Deed of Variation and an Easement to grant the Applicant the relevant interests in TWUL's operational land to accommodate the PV panels, alongside the carrying out of TWUL's statutory undertaking. Whilst this work has been cooperative and has been progressing during this time, these agreements have yet to complete and are unlikely to do so before the deadline to respond to the Secretary of State's questions on 9 June 2025.

TWUL will continue to work with the Applicant to enter into these agreements in order that the proposed development may be progressed. However, it remains TWUL's position that the wider application of compulsory purchase powers over TWUL's operational land under the proposed DCO would cause serious detriment to TWUL's statutory undertaking, and therefore the test under section 127 of the Planning Act 2008 is not satisfied. TWUL's position remains that the Provisions for the Protection of Thames Water Utilities Limited must include a restriction on the exercise of compulsory purchase powers by the Applicant over TWUL's land interests. TWUL maintains its representations to the proposed DCO on this basis.

Kind regards

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