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Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero
Department of Energy Security and Net Zero
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Dear Ed Miliband

'Botley West' Solar Farm application – reference EN010147

As a resident in the Evenlode Valley, one of the areas most affected by this application, I was delighted to see your department's rejection yesterday of the applicant's request to triple the length of time allowed for responding to your questions, from 8 weeks to almost 24.

There is just one reason why the applicant struggles to defend their submission, especially in the matters highlighted of landscape and visual impact assessment (LVIA), and residential and visual amenity assessment (RVAA): it is quite simply indefensible.

The devastating impact of the application is plain to the tens of thousands of people who know, love and depend on the area in question. No amount of prevarication by the applicant, additional verbiage from expensive consultants, liaison meetings with public bodies, or Skylark Compensation Strategies and the like can alter this obvious fact.

I applaud your reference to maintaining confidence in and integrity of the planning process. I urge you now to follow this through and deliver a simple rejection of this flawed and shoddy application.

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cc:

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