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Dear Secretary of State,

I wish to maintain my objection to the Botley West Solar Farm application and urge that it be refused.

Having followed this process for a long time, I am concerned that key information requested during the Examination remains incomplete. The applicant has acknowledged that important landscape work and residential visual amenity assessments have not been completed, yet is still seeking consent. I do not believe such a significant development should be approved without the full evidence being available and properly assessed.

I am particularly concerned by proposals to leave decisions on property buffer zones until after any Development Consent Order is granted. Residents should not be asked to accept uncertainty on matters that directly affect them, especially when these assessments should have been carried out much earlier in the process.

Although I live in Begbroke, I regularly walk through the countryside affected by this proposal and value it for its open rural character, tranquillity and wildlife. On my walks I frequently see skylarks, birds of prey, deer and other wildlife using these fields, hedgerows and surrounding habitats. I remain unconvinced that the environmental impacts of a development on this scale have been fully understood or that sufficient protection for wildlife can be guaranteed.

I am also concerned that new information regarding site selection and other matters is only being presented at this late stage, after the Examination has concluded. This makes it difficult for local communities and interested parties to properly scrutinise the evidence.

The continued uncertainty around landscape impacts, wildlife protection, agricultural land use and other outstanding issues reinforces my view that this application has not demonstrated that the benefits outweigh the harm.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask that the application be refused.

Yours faithfully,

Emma Mundy
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