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Subject: Response to latest PVDP answers

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Dear Sir/Madam

We note the rather rushed response to the applied deadline about this development. We have studied the response and continue to have further concerns, especially as one of the most affected properties ([REDACTED])

1. Residential visual assessments. We have a direct overlook onto the proposed development and have requested and have been expecting a residential visual assessment from the developers. This hasn't happened - we have had no contact from them up to and including the recent deadline. We understand that the panels have been pushed back a field from our property boundary and the developers may consider this a satisfactory mitigation, however this takes no account of the fact that the land south of Bladon is not flat. It rises attractively to the hill of Bladon woods, thus all of the panels on the fields listed as 2.7, 2.10, 2.11 and 2.12 on the developers maps will be visible from every room in our house. These fields were also identified by the ICOMOS organisation as visible from the UNESCO heritage site of Blenheim Palace, but this appears to have been ignored.
2. Use of Green Belt and Best and Most Versatile Land. The fields to the south of Bladon are all part of the Oxford Green Belt and are highly productive agricultural land (rated 3A BMV), delivering 2 crops a year. These fields are currently filled with 6 foot high rapeseed plants, visibly contradicting the developers claim that these fields are agriculturally exhausted.
3. Airport safety. In the 15 years we have lived in Bladon there have been 2 air crashes in the fields between Bladon and Begbroke. Oxford Airport is expanding its trainee pilot school including pilots from British Airways. It is deeply concerning to consider how the glint and updrafts produced the by the solar panels will impact the repetitive landings and takeoffs that occur at the airport. It is also concerning to think how a development of this scale might impact the very heavy military planes that circle around our area in preparation for landing in Brize Norton.
4. Community food growing areas. It appears that many of the fields in Bladon, including the one behind our house are to be used for allotments and community food growing. This is not needed or wanted and has not been proposed following any consultation with residents or Parish councils. What we would like is for these fields to be left as prime agricultural land that we can access on a daily basis for walking, running and cycling.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns

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