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Dear Planning Inspectorate

**Re: registered interested party - Paul & Domonique Wightman,** [REDACTED]  
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I write to register further concerns re: the proposed Botley West Solar development.

Several years into this process we still await answers to so many questions, which raises serious questions regarding the applicant's competence, let alone its ability to construct and manage such a vast, oversized project that will blight views of historic fields and impact our enjoyment of the countryside in the area for decades to come, if not forever. Where we do have written answers, they have too often been flawed; inaccurate, incomplete and insufficiently verified. From the start, the applicant's engagement with the public, local authorities' and interested parties such as ourselves has been completely insufficient and even adversarial and arrogant at times. It's been clear from the start that they were unprepared for the level of scrutiny such a vast proposal rightly requires, and planned to do the minimum amount of work required and to work the system to their advantage, far more blatantly than anyone ever expected.

Most notable perhaps is the applicant's statement that the required National Grid sub station connection will go live in 2029, while National Grid itself estimates it won't be live until 2031, despite not yet having selected a suitable site and/or submitted a planning application. Which one is it?

Also, the applicant's obfuscation and lack of clarity regarding the boundaries of the project smacks of arrogance - suggesting a minimum 100m boundary, instead of the 250m minimum proposed by ExA.

For these reasons (and so many more I don't have time to list now) it's clear that the application should be denied and that the applicant is told to go away and reconsider a more suitable, smaller project, with an application that is at least fit for purposes.

Many thanks for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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