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Botley West's timetable is totally unrealistic and many issues have still not been addressed.

1. As the examiners have pointed out, PVDP cannot possibly start building Botley West until the substation has planning permission. National Grid says this won't be ready until end of 2031 at the earliest. Yet Botley West haven't even decided its exact location, so would actually be later than their current plan of late 2029. This later connection date will obviously impact the whole schedule of this project.

2. Airport safety at London Oxford airport has not been addressed and several big training companies have not even been consulted about the very serious safety issues regarding the 70,000 training flights and landings.

3. Despite earlier appearances to the contrary, many properties will only have a 100m buffer zone from solar panels etc- not the ExA proposed 250m. When specific properties identified it will prob too late to affect changes.

4. Wildlife habitats and species are not sufficiently protected by the proposed mitigations. No proper protection of current wildlife and fauna has been produced.

5. No consultations or management plans have been produced for Botley West's offer of community growing plots.

6. Botley West has failed to take into account of the amount of water that may flow off solar panels and thus increase the current flooding that occurs particularly in Cassington, Worton etc.

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