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From: Jean Glendinning [REDACTED]
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To: Botley West Solar Farm
Subject: Objections to the Botley West Solar Farm application.

I would like to repeat my concerns over this proposed application. In general, it is so ill thought out and potentially detrimental to a huge number of people and businesses that it should be completely rejected. It is insulting to local residents and to the planning inspectorate that the development has been so badly and shoddily put together. If PVDP can't get things right at this stage what hope is there that they would follow the regulations, were they to get consent for the project?

One of my major concerns is the issue of the Substation that the panels will connect to. Planning for this has not yet been sought by National Grid, and yet PVDP are claiming that they will be able to connect to it by 2029. Interesting. My fear is that we get a half-built scheme that has nothing to connect to and is out of date and surplus to requirements before it is finished. The only result is destroyed countryside.

Another of my concerns is the concept of having community food growing plots. Why take farming land away from the professional food producers? If the land is not needed for solar, let the farmers keep it, don't pretend to sweeten the pill and make it sound like you are helping communities. It is ill thought-out greenwashing.

The final concern that I will mention is protecting the wildlife, ancient trees, and the unique water meadows that exist in the amazing landscape of the proposed area. I understand that to date PVDP have not even submitted their proposed Environmental Management Plan yet. How can a proposal of this magnitude be considered as viable if something as important as this has not been completed?

I am a keen supporter of solar and wind generation, but I believe strongly that the PVDP plan has SO many faults and gaps in its design and conception that it should be thrown out of the planning process.

Your sincerely

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