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From: [REDACTED]
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To: Botley West Solar Farm
Subject: Comment

Dear Sir,

I am concerned that the applicant is considering making new submissions by the 16th July. I respectfully request that the SoS should not accept further submissions, given that PDVP's attempt to extend the 9th June deadline has already been rejected, as explained below:

"The Secretary of State considers that maintaining discipline within the statutory framework established by the Planning Act 2008 ("PA 2008") is of fundamental importance to the efficient and fair operation of the development consent regimes."

"Agreeing to an extension of the duration sought, and at a late stage within the RFI response period, could create an undesirable precedent and risk undermining confidence in, and the integrity of, the planning process. It may also give rise to concerns of fairness, as other respondents are working to the existing timetable and would not have benefited from an equivalent extension."

In many areas the applicant's assessments are deeply flawed; inaccurate, incomplete and insufficiently verified. In all areas, lack of engagement, missing studies and reports and attempts to delay important decisions until after the DCO is granted all mean that the decision maker, Secretary of State for Energy and Net Zero, (SoS) has not been provided with sufficiently reliable information on which to make a fair and balanced decision and to lawfully determine this the application.

In these circumstances, I believe the only equitable judgement the SoS can make is to refuse the application.

Yours faithfully,
Gareth Hammond
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