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I understand that PVDP have said that they plan to make substantial new submissions regarding the Botley West Solar proposal round about the deadline of 16th July for responses by Interested Parties to previous submissions up to 9th June. PVDP had already asked for an extension to the 9th June deadline and this had been refused.

I see no reason why they should be allowed to make new submissions when they have had plenty of time to do this during the Examination stage. Why should they be allowed to ignore the previous refusal of the SOS to extend the deadline? If they are permitted to do so, then there will be very little, if any, time for Interested Parties to respond to the new submissions.

Your letter refusing the extension made the following comments:

“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 the light of this I would respectfully request that you deny PVDP the right to make any further submissions.

Thank you

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