

To : Secretary of State, Department of Energy and Net Zero

Subject : Botley West Solar Farm Late submissions by the applicant PVDP

The deadline of 9th June 2026 for the applicant to answer the 70+ questions that the Planning Authority published should be adhered to BY ALL PARTIES

I am aware that PVDP, the applicant, may try to submit substantial new data around 16th July 2026, the deadline at which Interested Parties should respond to anything submitted up to 9th June 2026

The Planning Authority should not accept any new data subsequent to 9th June 2026 from the applicant for the following reasons.

- If the Planning Authority does accept new information from the applicant then this will undermine the democratic process.
- It will bring the whole planning process into disrepute
- It will destroy the public's belief in democratic fair play which this country professes to follow
- In the letter of 8th June 2026 from the SoS to the applicant the SoS refused the applicant's request for further time to provide submissions. In that letter the SoS considered that "maintaining discipline within the statutory framework established by the Planning Act, 2008 is of fundamental importance to the efficient and fair operation of the development consent regime". This, I thoroughly agree with.
- The applicant has not completed a RVAA although repeatedly asked to do so by the examiners.
- The applicant has not carried out many of the consultations requested, for instance many house by house assessments of the impact of the solar panels on properties have not been carried out.
- Such data have been requested by the planning authority repeatedly since the commencement of the examination in 2025. However, the applicant has refused to comply with requests.

For these reasons, I request that the SoS should not accept any submissions from the applicant subsequent to 9th June 2026.

Yours Sincerely

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