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To the Secretary of State

I wish to record my opposition to this further example of the applicant's propensity to override the 'rules' of the process. We learn that the applicant is intending to make some substantial new submissions around 16 July this year.

My comments are as follows:-

Following the SoS refusal in your letter of 8 June stating

- The Secretary of State considers 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 regimes."

- Agreeing to the extension of the duration sought and at a later 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.

Also, a further round of consultation would require an extension beyond the decision deadline of 10 September set by the SoS whose letter of 7th June clearly stated that -an extension would have significant implications for the statutory decision making timetable which has already been extended from 10th May 2026 to 10 September 2026.

I respectfully request that you should not accept submissions of new material from the Application on or around 16 July.

Yours sincerely
A.B. Townsend