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From: tim watson [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 July 2026 16:49
To: Botley West Solar Farm
Subject: Subject: Botley West Solar Farm — proposed new submissions after the 9 June deadline

Dear Secretary of State,

I have written separately with my substantive concerns about this application. This letter is about one narrow point: the Applicant's stated intention to submit substantial new material, including updated Masterplans and a Residential Visual Amenity Assessment, on or around 16 July.

Their deadline was 9 June. They asked for a further three months and you refused, noting that maintaining discipline within the statutory framework matters to the fair operation of the regime, and that a late extension risked both an undesirable precedent and concerns of fairness to those working to the existing timetable. That reasoning seems to me exactly right, and it applies with equal force to material arriving a month after the deadline by another route.

Interested parties have kept to the timetable throughout. I have responded promptly to every question and consultation asked of us. It is hard to see why the Applicant alone should be granted the additional time they were expressly denied.

The RVAA is the clearest example. It has been requested repeatedly, the Applicant had the whole Examination in which to produce it, and as far as I am aware the property-by-property assessment with site visits recommended by the Oxford Host Authorities still has not been carried out. It is unclear how a new document produced now could be any improvement on the incomplete work submitted in November 2025.

Accepting significant new material at this stage would also leave interested parties with little or no opportunity to respond, and any proper consultation would push beyond the 10 September decision deadline that has already been extended once.

I would therefore respectfully ask that new material from the Applicant is not accepted on 16 July.

Yours faithfully,

Best
Tim
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