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I know that PVDP requested an extension to September 25th of their 9 June deadline to answer the Secretary of State's many questions and this request was refused by the SoS. I have now heard that the Applicant is now openly talking about their intention to make some substantial new submissions around 16 July with newly updated Masterplans and updated assessments including Residential Visual Amenity. But it is unclear how any new RVAA can be an improvement on the incomplete assessments submitted in Nov 2025 because the Applicant has still not carried out property-by-property assessment with site visits (as recommended by Oxford Host Authorities).

The SoS justified his refusal of an extension because doing that would undermine 'the discipline within the statutory framework established by the Planning Act 2008 which is of fundamental importance to the efficient and fair operation of the development consent regimes', and could 'create an undesirable precedent and risk undermining confidence in, and the integrity of, the planning process' and give 'rise to concerns of fairness, as other respondents are working to the existing timetable and would not have benefited from an equivalent extension'. Hence by requesting an extension the applicant is making a public request for the SoS to undermine the efficient and fair operation of the development consent regimes. This seems outrageous to me. The applicant has been, so far, treated leniently for their repeated failures to answer the inspectors' questions. So, I respectfully request that the SoS should not accept submissions of new material from the Applicant on 16 July.

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