

Simon Raywood

From: Maggie [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 July 2026 19:42
To: Botley West Solar Farm
Cc: Stop Botley West Campaign
Subject: Responses to the Secretary of States questions

Dear Secretary of State ,

I am writing in response to the submissions by PVDP and their answers to your questions on 11th June.

Firstly, the applicant has not provided a satisfactory Residential Visual Amenity Assessment. This is a vital aspect of such a massive project that will affect so many people who live in the area. The applicant has proposed only a minimum of 100m as a buffer, but the final decision on this would be made later with the Local Authorities concerned. This is not within the competence of Local Authorities and it would exclude local residents from any say on the matter, even though they will be significantly affected.

National Grid advise that the substation connection will not be ready until 2031 and its location is undecided while PVDP claim it will be ready in 2029. Why is there such a discrepancy and does PVDP appear to be misleading on this issue?

The plans for protecting habitats and species have still not been completed by PVDP as regards cabling for the project. Given the loss of so many habitats and species, this does not appear to show understanding of the environmental destruction that this project would cause nor to value its importance.

I note that airport security due to this project has still not been evaluated and the interested parties have yet to make their submissions.

It appears that the amount of water flowing off the Solar Power Station has been underestimated. Botley is already prone to flooding , the Botley Road often flooding after heavy rainfall. This is the major route into Oxford from the west. The Eynsham Road already frequently floods where it meets the slip road from the A420, resulting in road closures. Houses along this part of Eynsham Road are already regularly at risk.

There are too many unanswered questions and too many gaps in PVDP's submissions to understand fully the implications of this project. Their submissions appear ill-prepared and incomplete.

I respectfully request that this ill-conceived, incomplete application is refused.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Margaret Lawrence