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From: Mark Selinger [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 July 2026 09:17
To: Botley West Solar Farm; Stop Botley West Campaign
Subject: Planning fiasco

Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing regarding the Applicant's anticipated submission of further material on 16 July.

This work should have been completed during the Examination stage. The Applicant has had repeated opportunities to produce a complete RVAA, yet has failed to do so. It is therefore concerning that they appear able to disregard the clear deadline set in your letter of 8 June, which stated that "the deadline of 23:59 on 9 June 2026 for response to the RFI therefore remains."

You emphasised the importance of maintaining discipline within the statutory framework under the Planning Act 2008, noting that extensions at a late stage risk undermining fairness and confidence in the process. This principle should apply equally here. Interested Parties, including myself, have complied fully with all deadlines and requirements throughout the Examination.

Allowing substantial new material at this stage would not only depart from that framework but would also deny Interested Parties a fair opportunity to review and respond. Any meaningful consultation would inevitably require further extensions beyond the current decision deadline of 10 September, which your department has already noted would have significant implications for the statutory timetable.

In addition, the Applicant has still not undertaken the recommended property-by-property assessments with site visits, raising serious concerns about the adequacy of any revised submissions.

In light of the above, I respectfully request that no new material from the Applicant be accepted on 16 July or at any other time.

Respectfully yours

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