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Dear Secretary of State

I am writing in response to the "Applicant's Response" dated June 2026 (PINS Ref: EN010147 Document Ref: EN010147/APP/20.3).

Whilst I won't go through every point made by the Applicant, I would, by way of example, highlight the following issues:-

1. Several important studies have not been completed nor results submitted eg The Environmental Management Plan is being "promised later".
2. The National Grid is saying that any connection to the proposed Solar Farm will not be available until the end of 2031 whereas the Applicant still says 2029.
3. There is still concern on the safety effect on the London Oxford Airport and yet a number of major companies involved in the 70,000 training flights per year have not been consulted.
4. The Applicant's response to the risk of flooding cites old scientific literature rather than more recent literature which comes to a different conclusion.

In summary it would appear that the Applicant's assessments are both inaccurate and incomplete and yet are put forward knowing that the statutory framework does not provide local authorities, and other interested parties, the opportunity to respond in any meaningful way.

I would therefore respectfully suggest that that Secretary of State for Energy and Net Zero has not been provided with sufficiently reliable information on which to make a fair, balanced and lawful decision regarding the Application and, as such, the Application should be refused.

Yours sincerely.

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