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Dear Secretary of State

I understand that the applicant for the Botley West solar farm is mindful to submit additional material to you on 16th July, the deadline for *responses* to their proposal. Please could I politely remind you of some of these key words from your letter of 8 June, when you denied the Applicant their request for an extension:

- *"The Secretary of State considers that maintaining discipline within the statutory framework established by the Planning Act 2008 ("PA 2008") is of fundamental importance to the efficient and fair operation of the development consent regimes."*

- *"Agreeing to an extension of the duration sought, and at a late stage within the RFI response period, could create an undesirable precedent and risk undermining confidence in, and the integrity of, the planning process. It may also give rise to concerns of fairness, as other respondents are working to the existing timetable and would not have benefited from an equivalent extension."*

I would add to these, that if new material was accepted at this late stage it would not give any stakeholder the opportunity to respond to it. Therefore I respectfully request that you should not accept submissions of new material from the Applicant on 16 July.

Yours sincerely

George Peck