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Sent: 13 July 2026 21:12
To: Botley West Solar Farm
Subject: For the Secretary of State for Energy and Net Zero

Dear Sir,

Re proposals for Botley West Solar

I am deeply concerned to hear that PVDP are intending to submit further information to your department by July 16th, the date given to interested parties to submit further comments. The company had already been given an extension to allow them to amend the lack of information in their first response, and that extension in itself seemed unjustified. We, as community members, were given deadlines for responses and we met them, while throughout the process PVDP showed us that they were convinced that their proposal would be accepted, however thin the information they supplied and whatever counter arguments were raised against their proposals. They did not make a rigorous attempt to answer many of the issues raised and those of us attending the hearings with your Inspectorate could see quite clearly how much work they had failed to do. It was, in my opinion, unacceptable that they were given a chance to right their omissions. Then when they asked for an added extension, I was pleased to hear your government's response. I quote:

- *"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."*

If they now produce further amendments, and these are given consideration, this would totally undermine what you have said to them. It would also deprive us of the ability to respond to new material. hope that our communities will not be let down by more leniency to PVDP, who have simply not taken their responsibility seriously.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. E.R Atherstone

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