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To: Botley West Solar Farm
Subject: Botley West Solar Proposals

RE the latest submissions from PVDP

There are four areas of concern that I would like to raise:

1. The very real issue of potential flooding. Where I live in Cassington there is already often flooding in the area of Elms road and the fields behind the houses on Yarnton Road. We have not heard convincing evidence that solar panels on those fields and the rising slopes beyond them will not create significant run-off and exacerbate the existing flood danger. Nor has the flooding which occurs on the A40 between Cassington and Eynsham been given due weight.
2. The claims of increased biodiversity are nothing more than claims, with no substantive evidence and nor is there enough detailed work shown on protection for bird, bat and wildlife habitat.
3. The community food-growing plots seem to be window-dressing. There is no evidence that I can see of local communities wanting these and they are highly unlikely to be useful to local residents, who would have to travel to make use of them.
4. The wording from PVDP about distances from residences are vague, with no clear promise of a full 250m distance from any solar panels for properties abutting the proposed site. This proposal will have a massive negative impact on many homes.

Finally I would like to add that it does not seem fair to local communities that PVDP have been granted this extra time to hone their proposals. They had already had ample time, but chose not to take local concerns seriously.

Thank you,

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