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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing as an Interested Party regarding the Botley West Solar Farm application.

I understand that the Applicant may intend to submit substantial new material around 16 July 2026, potentially including revised masterplans and updated assessments relating to Residential Visual Amenity.

I am concerned that accepting significant new evidence after the Applicant's deadline of 23:59 on 9 June 2026 would be unfair to Interested Parties who have complied with the established timetable. The Applicant requested a substantial extension to that deadline, which was refused, and the Secretary of State's letter clearly confirmed that the 9 June deadline remained in place.

The Applicant has had extensive opportunities throughout the Examination and subsequent Request for Information process to complete the necessary assessments. Material such as a Residential Visual Amenity Assessment should have been properly completed much earlier, particularly given that this issue has been raised repeatedly.

Introducing revised masterplans or materially different assessments at this extremely late stage would leave Interested Parties with little or no meaningful opportunity to review and respond to them. This would appear inconsistent with the Secretary of State's stated commitment to maintaining discipline, fairness and confidence in the statutory process.

Interested Parties, including local residents, have worked hard to meet every deadline placed upon them. It would be inequitable for the Applicant to receive, in practice, the additional time that was expressly refused, particularly when other participants have not received the same benefit.

Any further consultation required to address substantial new information could also place additional pressure on the statutory decision deadline of 10 September 2026, which has already been extended.

I therefore respectfully request that the Secretary of State does not accept substantive new or revised material from the Applicant on or around 16 July 2026 that should properly have been submitted by the 9 June deadline.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Charandeep Singh Sanghera
Interested Party
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