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For the attention of The Secretary of State

Dear Sirs,

I live in Woodstock, and live in a property which would be severely affected if consent was granted for the proposed solar farm. I therefore registered as an "Interested Party" and duly submitted objections to the proposals both before, and at the Examination stage.

As you will be aware, the Applicant failed to comply with the 9th June deadline, to deal with the multitude of questions arising from the Examination stage. His request for a further 3 months extension was quite rightly refused by you. There is no question therefore, that the deadline for any further submissions has passed. All the way through the process, the applicant has substantially ignored the shortcomings of his application. He has simply gone through the motions of complying with the statutory planning procedures, which are laid down for such a major proposal. I am extremely concerned to learn that the Applicant is now making it clear, that he imminently intends making some substantial new proposals! If this happens, I would respectfully request that It should not be accepted.

In your letter to the Applicant dated 8th June, I note the emphasis you placed on the importance of maintaining discipline within the statutory framework, which was established by the 2008 Planning Act. You quite rightly considered that this was of **"fundamental importance to the efficient and fair operation of the development consent regimes."** I trust that your views have not changed over the last 5 weeks! You were very clear that the deadline of 9th June should be adhered to. Any deviation from the laid down RFI response period, would create an undesirable precedent. It would not comply with your own guidelines, and would undermine the integrity of the whole process.

Yours faithfully,
Kenneth Wilkins FCIOB