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Dear Secretary of State

I wrote to you on 7 July 2026 expressing concerns about the proposal for Botley West Solar Farm in West Oxfordshire.

However, I am writing once again as it now seems that the the Applicant intends to make some substantial **new submissions** around 16 July, the deadline date for responses from us as interested parties.

I am extremely concerned to have learned of this development and I believe it would be totally inappropriate and undemocratic if any such new material should not be accepted at this very late stage.

In your "refusal to extend" letter you clearly state: "The deadline of 23:59 on 9 June 2026 for response to the RFI therefore remains." And in addition stated 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 very much hope that you will not renege on that response.

If PVDP were to be given more special treatment and extra time now beyond the deadlin agreed the integrity of the planning process will be lost and any sense of fairness with it. It has always been apparent that PVDP have assumed from the beginning that they will be given permission and they have behaved arrogantly and dismissively at all stages of this process. They have been cavalier in their dealings with local residents, interested parties, the government inspectorate, Historic England and now it seems the parameters put in place by your office.

I would request that your office should not accept submissions of new material from the Applicant after the agreed 9 June.

Yours faithfully

