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To: Botley West Solar Farm
Subject: Botley West Solar Farm - Denmans Farm, Oxford

Dear Secretary of State

I am the farmer who farms and owns the land at Denmans farm, part of the proposed Botley West Solar Farm.

When I saw the latest Indicative Masterplan, I was dismayed to see that a number of panels had been removed from the fields on my farm . We need solar farms to help drive down our energy costs. We have the hottest summer on record and probably the wettest winter - potentially flash flooding coming up. To help mitigate this climate change we need as much renewable energy as possible. The volatility of the weather and high energy costs are having a major negative impact on the viability of farming in the UK.

In my view you have to let the solar farm, farm every single acre as a normal farmer would, to make it efficient and help drive energy costs down. It will never be able to do this if it cannot operate on the land it has leased from Denmans within the normal constraints. (eg around pipe lines and power lines). I would be happy to meet with any relevant persons to physically point out my objections to having even a 100m buffer on this site.

Yours faithfully

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