

For the attention of the Secretary of State

Project: Botley West Solar Farm Application EN010142 Ref. [REDACTED]

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It came to our attention that the Applicant is now talking openly about their intention to make some substantial **new submissions** around 16 July with newly updated Masterplans and updated assessments, including Residential Visual Amenity, despite their deadline to do this having passed.

In the letter of June 8th, 2026, the SoS refused the Applicant's request for an extension of the June 9th deadline to submit the answers to the questions of the SoS, arguing that such extension would undermine 'discipline within the statutory framework established by the Planning Act 2008 and that it 'could create an undesirable precedent and risk confidence in, and the integrity of, the planning process'. Making such a late submission would therefore **be against the SoS guidelines**. Moreover, the questions that remained unanswered were asked much earlier in the process by ExA and all interested parties; the Applicant had plenty of time to prepare the answers.

Any further submissions by the Applicant should therefore be refused; there would be no time for Interested Parties to review them as part of the democratic planning process.

Yours sincerely,
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