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FAO Secretary of State

I am writing to express my concerns about the Applicant's intention to make some substantial new submissions around 16 July 2026. The Applicant is openly talking about their intention to do this.

The 16 July date is for responses by Interested Parties to comment and respond to information submitted up to 9 June. This is not an opportunity for the Applicant to submit further information. This opportunity has long since passed.

The Applicant has had considerable time to undertake this work and submit the necessary information during the Examination process. It is therefore concerning that further material is being proposed at this late stage, particularly given the Secretary of State's clear statement in the letter of 8 June 2026 that the response deadline of 9 June 2026 remained unchanged.

Repeated requests have been made for the completion of a robust Residential Visual Amenity Assessment (RVAA), yet it appears that comprehensive property-specific assessments, including site visits recommended by the Oxford Host Authorities, have still not been undertaken. Without such detailed work, it is difficult to understand how any revised assessment could materially improve upon the incomplete information submitted in November 2025.

The Secretary of State emphasised the importance of adhering to the statutory timetable, noting that maintaining procedural discipline is essential to ensuring both fairness and confidence in the planning system. Granting additional flexibility to the Applicant at this stage risks creating an impression of unequal treatment, particularly when Interested Parties and other respondents have consistently complied with the established deadlines throughout the Examination and post-Examination process.

Introducing significant new information at this late point would also raise concerns regarding procedural fairness. Interested Parties would have little, if any, meaningful opportunity to review and comment on new evidence, thereby limiting their ability to participate fully in the process. Any further consultation could also necessitate additional extensions beyond the current decision deadline of 10 September 2026, despite the Secretary of State already recognising the implications of previous timetable extensions.

In light of these considerations, it is respectfully requested that the Secretary of State declines to accept any substantial new material submitted by the Applicant on 16 July 2026. Any other decision is undemocratic and procedurally unsound.

Yours faithfully

