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Dear Botley West Team

Please accept the following comments from myself as an Interested Party

As an Interested Party (registration identification number is: [REDACTED]) and resident of Cumnor Village I would like to advise the Secretary of State that as an impacted property I can confirm that during this entire process, and more recently following the request from the SoS, the Applicant has not made any contact with myself as owner or engaged with myself or my neighbours on Tumbledown Hill, Cumnor Village for inclusion in an updated RVAA.

The conditional offer of solar panel push-back to 250m cannot be taken seriously given the Applicant will not commit to this until after the DCO has been granted. With the very concerning financial background to the Applicant's finances, I would question whether this commitment would be honoured at all.

I am deeply disappointed that once again PVDP are attempting to submit new information despite being instructed that no extension could be provided for within the decision-making process.

All assessments should have been completed and submitted by 9th June 2026.

At the very first engagement event at Cumnor Village Hall the Applicant demonstrated a smoke and mirrors approach to evidence and complete disregard for the Examination process.

Very little consideration has been given to community feedback on key matters such as the risk of flooding to properties in Farmoor Valley and the impact on residential amenity. Despite the very clear concerns being raised by the SoS, the evidence is still incomplete and below the standards needed to make an effective judgement on the balance of harm v benefits for this scheme.

We now see that the National Grid connection has slipped another 2 years to Q4 2031 leaving the whole viability of the project up in the air. The confusion over Order limits of the NGET scheme and the PVDP/Solar 5 scheme are truly disturbing at this stage of decision making. If the Applicant and the NGET cannot decipher where their project limits extend to, what hope is there that this project will be delivered effectively?

We have yet to see any kind of assessment of cumulative impacts from adjacent schemes such as the Red House Farm scheme and the NGET substation proposal.

The response provided around alternative site selection seems to be inconsistent with the earlier narrative and deserves very close scrutiny.

This project will have severe impacts on the local area. The public needs confidence in the planning system particularly where the Applicant treats it with such a level of arrogance. I fully support the Host Authority's request to withdraw the Southern Site from this proposal and ask that given the lack of accurate and robust evidence that this application is refused or withdrawn and re-submitted.

Regards

Fiona Newton