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16 July 2026

Dear Secretary of State,

Re: Botley West

It has come to my attention that the Applicant may attempt to make further submissions to the SoS at or around the 16th July **response** deadline.

Following your letter to the Applicant dated 8th June, refusing their request of an extension of the process to 25th September in order for them to reply to the many outstanding issues following the inspectors' examination, I write to seek assurance that no further submissions /changes will be permitted after the 16th July response deadline.

All or most outstanding issues should have been addressed, as requested by the inspectors, months ago. The Applicant has consistently failed to provide requested information at inspection timetable deadlines.

As the SoS rightly concluded, to agree to a further extension *"...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 timeline and would not have benefited from an equivalent extension"*

As stated, interested parties, including myself, have adhered to the inspection timetable. The fact that the Applicant has repeatedly failed to do so is a clear indication that this application is unworthy of a National Infrastructure project of this magnitude.

I respectfully ask that the SoS not accept additional submissions from the Applicant at the 16th July deadline.

Yours sincerely,

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