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Subject: Proposed Botley West Solar Farm development

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Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to you as concerned Cassington residents regarding the proposed Botley West Solar Farm development. Having given feedback at various points in the application process, we still feel that the applicant (PVDP) has failed to address the many issues which have arisen during the application process. Our main concern, in addition to potential flood risks, is that the applicant has still failed to produce a satisfactory residential visual amenity assessment. PVDP are also proposing to leave the final decision on buffers to be finalised with local authorities after the development consent order (DCO) is granted. There is therefore no opportunity for residents to have a final say in the decision on buffers.

The Secretary of State (SoS) has refused PVDP's request for a 3-month extension to the 9th June deadline to answer the many questions asked by the SoS. PVDP are now discussing their intention to make substantial new submissions around mid-July to include updated residential visual amenity assessments. PVDP has had ample time to provide information and carry out assessments. Submitting further information at this late stage would give little or no time for interested parties to respond, which is their democratic right. We refer to the recent quote from the SoS, "The Secretary of State considers that maintaining discipline within the statutory framework established by the Planning Act 2008 is of fundamental importance to the efficient and fair operation of the development consent regimes." We therefore politely request that the SoS should not accept any new submissions from the applicant.

Yours sincerely,

Kathryn and Malcolm Teal