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Dear Secretary of State

Botley West Solar Farm: EN010147

I am disappointed that the Applicant's late submissions have been accepted causing further delay in the decision for Botley West and requesting yet another response from Interested Parties.

I am a supporter of the Stop Botley West campaign and fully endorse the comprehensive SBW submission of 16 July [\[C2-161\]](#). I am concerned that despite these new proposals the Application is still irretrievably flawed. Too many questions remain unanswered and the Applicant seeks to defer too many important decisions until after any development consent is granted when they will be beyond public scrutiny and challenge.

I am a supporter of renewable energy but expect the government to control its introduction in a responsible manner. Covering prime agricultural land is a disgusting misuse of a strategic resource and amounts to exploitation rather than progress.

I respectfully request the Secretary of State to refuse outright the grant of a DCO for this Application.

Graham Smith