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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 have concerns about the reduction in proposed buffer from 250m to 100m. The Applicant seems to be trying to use the late submissions to water down protections for residents.

I am concerned that there is no clear plan or agreement for a substation, which means the entire project is not functional.

I am concerned by the rejection of the Host Authority's proposals for a smaller installation that would be more appropriate, and the Applicant's failure to justify this.

I am concerned by the impact on ecology and biodiversity as there has been no arboricultural assessment completed. In addition the impact on the proposed Three Rivers SSSI and the lack of agreement around Minerals and Waste, plus the failure to mitigate against identified flood risk, as well as a failure to provide a Decommissioning fund and plan, despite requests for this, mean that the project is likely to be an environmental problem rather than solution.

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

Jonathan Godsall