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Dear Secretary of State,

Botley West Solar Farm – EN010147

I am writing to express my strong concerns about the proposed Botley West Solar Farm.

I am disappointed that the Applicant's late submissions have been accepted, as this has caused further delays to the decision and means that interested parties are being asked to respond yet again.

I support the Stop Botley West campaign and share many of the concerns raised in its submission of 16 July.

My main concerns are the huge scale of the proposed development, the impact it would have on the countryside and local landscape, and the loss of valuable agricultural land. I am also concerned about the potential impact on wildlife and biodiversity, including birds and existing habitats.

There are also serious concerns about flooding and drainage. I do not believe that these risks have been fully addressed.

I am concerned about the impact on the Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site and the surrounding historic landscape, as well as the effect on public footpaths and the enjoyment of the countryside by local residents and visitors.

The construction of such a large development would also bring increased traffic, noise and disruption to local communities.

Overall, I feel that too many important issues remain unresolved and that too many decisions appear to be being left until after development consent has been granted. I do not believe this provides sufficient opportunity for the public to properly scrutinise and challenge those decisions.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the Secretary of State to refuse the application and not grant a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Botley West Solar Farm.

Yours faithfully,

Gemma Hurley