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Dear Secretary of State

Botley West Solar Farm: EN010147

We are 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.

We support the Stop Botley West campaign and fully endorse the comprehensive SBW submission of 16 July [\[C2-161\]](#). We are 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.

We feel the voice of the local community is in danger of not being given as much weight as the voice of the applicant. At every turn the applicant has been given leeway which, to our minds, severely undermines the process we are all going through. If the process set up to manage this type of application is to have any meaning and to be trusted by the electorate then it should be followed and not abandoned when the applicant finds it all a bit too hard or inconvenient. Without this, we fear that self-interest and lobbying will rule major decisions rather than a fair assessment considering all available information.

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

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Mr Robin Saunders MBE

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