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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, resulting in further delays to the decision on the Botley West Solar Farm application and requiring yet another response from Interested Parties.

As a supporter of the Stop Botley West campaign, I fully endorse the comprehensive SBW submission of 16 July (C2-161).

I remain concerned that, despite these new proposals, the application is still fundamentally flawed.

Too many important questions remain unanswered, and the Applicant continues to seek the deferral of critical decisions until after any Development Consent Order is granted, at which point they will be beyond meaningful public scrutiny and challenge.

I am particularly concerned that key mitigation measures and assessments, including details of the Environmental Management Plan, have not been fully developed and assessed as part of the current application. Instead, they appear to be deferred to a later stage. This approach prevents proper evaluation of the likely environmental impacts and undermines confidence in the adequacy of the proposed safeguards.

Bladon Heath, where we live, comprises ancient woodland and is recognised as a Habitat of Principal Importance. It supports a bat population that includes the **Bechstein's bat, one of the UK's rarest and most protected species**. These are significant environmental considerations that require full assessment and scrutiny now and cannot simply be deferred to a later stage.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Secretary of State to refuse the grant of a Development Consent Order for this application.

Yours faithfully,

Simon & Joanna Cadbury

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