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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.

The Solar Farm as proposed is way out of proportion to the area: how could it be possible to give permission for this installation in an area highly populated and with valued research area (Wytham Woods backing onto some of the proposed site). And RAF Brize Norton - the biggest Defence airfield in the country a couple of miles away - surely there must be security concerns there. This vast installation will severely impact on the lives of residents in a negative way. The impact on wildlife, landscape and community will be profound. At many of the ' consultations' I attended I felt my concerns were brushed aside with bland responses from the Applicants representatives who were unprepared and ill informed, therefore creating a great sense of unease. In some cases their responses were completely inaccurate.

It is unbelievable that the Applicant has been given so much additional time- and makes a mockery of the whole planning system and faith in the response that the Secretary of State might give.

How much better it would be for the environment for all households to be helped to install solar panels on roofs - thereby giving us all a sense of contributing to the mitigation of climate change and global warming. Or a wind farm - much more effective on hills than north facing solar panels (see the Tumbledown hill area).

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

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