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Dear Secretary of State

Botley West Solar Farm: EN010147

I am concerned that the Applicant's late submissions have been accepted causing further delay in the decision for Botley West and requesting further responses 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 flawed. Many questions remain unanswered and the Applicant seeks to defer many important decisions until after any development consent is granted when they will be beyond public scrutiny and challenge. For a major development of this kind, the applicant should surely have fully investigated the issues raised at an early stage? This doesn't inspire confidence in their organisational ability and competence,

The land encompassed in the proposal is traversed by public rights of way, meaning it is a fine resource for walkers and joggers, The views are wonderful, and very therapeutic, when I first walked to Bladon from Oxford, the views from Springhill brought to my mind a statement by Amerigo Vespucci; "If there's a paradise on Earth it won't be far from here." That such fine views are over land involved in local food production, and woodland habitat for wildlife, make them especially valuable. As an MP raised in Parliament recently, it is surely wrongheaded to cover productive agricultural land in solar panels when neighbouring buildings have no panels in their roofs. Food security and sustainability become increasingly crucial as the climate warms and changes. Renewable energy is also extremely important, but please site the panels where they do least harm on roofs, overlying car parks, alongside sports stadia etc, Also consider more wind turbines which plant a smaller footprint on the land,

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

Yours faithfully
Grizelda Graham

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