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Sent: 18 September 2026 17:39
To: Botley West Solar Farm
Subject: Please refuse this proposal

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 minor changes made at this late stage by the applicant do not significantly reduce the damage threatened by the proposed scheme. Furthermore, the red line outlining the boundary of the scheme has not been redrawn, raising a question as to the developers' serious commitment to the changes. A similar doubt is raised by their prevarications about the buffer zones, required around homes and woods and historic buildings. Nothing could be safely left until "post Consent".

Many significant issues have not been addressed at all, notably those concerning aviation safety. These have been identified by numerous experts and by the flight schools themselves. Miles of fenced solar arrays, around two major airports, threaten serious dangers to pilots, to any air craft in distress and to rescue services.

Furthermore, no serious effort has been made to avoid or mitigate irreparable harm to the landscape, or to its capacity for food production. The Botley West Solar Farm scheme is utterly unsuitable, in size and design, for this highly populated and much visited area.

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

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