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To: Botley West Solar Farm
Subject: Botley West Solar Farm: EN010147

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.

I am particularly concerned that the Applicant has continued to answer the Examiners' questions late and inadequately. To suddenly offer a revised proposal after agreed due dates doesn't instil confidence that the Applicant can be trusted to follow through on promises. For example, the latest revised proposals marginally reduce the edges of the proposed solar arrays, but maintain the original red lines showing the areas they want to control. Could they then expand into the larger red line areas if consent were to be granted?

The proposed buffer zones around surrounding houses remain vague: 100 m or 250 m? There is no evidence of serious consultation with the residents of the surrounding houses by the Applicant.

The folly of decreasing aviation safety in the area surrounding two major airfields, London Oxford Airport and RAF Brize Norton, remains. There would be a significant reduction in the number of fields available for emergency landings and a significant increase of glint and glare danger for aircraft in the area. Consider the Schiphol Experience!

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

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