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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. This runs the risk of undermining confidence in the way decisions are made by the government as it generates perverse incentives for applicants not to take the process seriously as they will always be given more time when they game the system

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.

There is now a further issue over the need to protect productive agricultural land — again the application takes advantage of its vast scale to argue the average rating of the land does not mean it ought to be protected — but parts are highly productive. Furthermore the changes that are happening means those criteria need to be revised

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

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