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To: Botley West Solar Farm
Subject: Botley West Decision Delayed - Major Concern

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Dear Secretary of State,

Botley West Solar Farm: EN010147

I write to express my serious concern regarding the Examining Authority's acceptance of the Applicant's late submissions, which has caused further delay to the determination of this Application and imposed an additional burden on Interested Parties to respond within compressed timescales. This process should not permit an Applicant to remedy fundamental deficiencies in its case through piecemeal late submissions at the expense of proper public scrutiny.

I am a supporter of the Stop Botley West campaign and fully endorse the comprehensive submission made by SBW on 16 July [[C2-161](#)]. Notwithstanding these further proposals, I remain firmly of the view that the Application is irretrievably flawed. Material questions of fact and policy remain unresolved, and the Applicant continues to seek to defer numerous matters of substance to post-consent stages, at which point they would fall outside the scope of public consultation and challenge. This approach is inconsistent with the principle that an applicant must make its case in full at the examination stage, not reserve fundamental elements for resolution after consent has been granted.

I respectfully but firmly request that the Secretary of State refuse outright the grant of a Development Consent Order for this Application.

Yours faithfully,

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