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John Hemingway - Interested Party Reference number: [REDACTED]
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To:

The Secretary of State

RE: Botley West Solar Farm Project Application EN010147

Dear Secretary of State,

It is extremely disappointing that this application has dragged on yet again and that the applicant has been allowed to make late submissions. We have all commented many times already as Interested Parties, pointing out the numerous problems with this scheme, and continue to have serious concerns about major risks with the project such as flooding around our village and damage to the heritage landscape. The scale of the scheme is vast, too vast, and the potential pitfalls of it going ahead are much greater than any potential benefits. Even if it has now been scaled down a little, the buffer zones between the proposed solar panels and local houses are still not wide enough and too vague, and should be set at a minimum 250 metres everywhere.

The Stop Botley West campaign has responded in detail through a submission C2-161 on 16 July 2026 pointing out how and where the scheme continues to be seriously flawed, and I strongly urge you to take that submission fully into account.

Please will you do the right thing and refuse to grant a Development Consent Order to this project.

Yours faithfully,

John Hemingway