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Sent: 25 September 2026 18:38
To: Botley West Solar Farm
Subject: Botley West Solar Farm - late submission

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 do not understand why you are prepared to consider allowing this company (which has failed to provide answers to important questions from residents and the Planning Inspectorate within the specified time frame) to build this gigantic solar farm which will affect the lives of many people and destroy the countryside. PVDP has treated residents and the Planning Inspectorate with contempt and disrespect throughout.

I believe the latest submission contains errors and omissions. For example:

(1) - the default buffer is not drawn at 250m as expected from the 9th June submission

(2) - Bladon does not require a community food growing area (the village has an adequate allotment area) - especially one that would be accessed by a narrow, steep private road used by local children to access the primary school and by visitors to Winston Churchill's grave.

I am surprised that a proposal of this size by a company with a reported dubious funding source is even being considered at this time since:

(1) - the National Grid will be unable to take the output for many years and there is currently no plan for a substation

(2) - there are no arrangements for the disposal of any materials and equipment at the end of their useful life; I understand that there may not be any available landfill sites in Oxfordshire.

With the prospect of global warming in the near future, it is vital that the UK grows as much of its food requirements as possible. Solar panels can be put on roofs of buildings, crops cannot.

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

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