

## Simon Raywood

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**From:** Penelope Marcus [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 September 2026 18:23  
**To:** Botley West Solar Farm  
**Subject:** Botley West Solar Farm

Dear Simon

Would you very kindly forward this letter to the Secretary of State for her consideration

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. I am concerned that despite these new proposals the Application is still irretrievably flawed. Too many questions remain unanswered, and it is not acceptable that the Applicant is seeking to defer too many important decisions until after any development consent is granted when they will be beyond public scrutiny and challenge. **The Secretary of State must be presented with a final plan that is comprehensive and complete at the time of final submission, or otherwise reject it.**

The Applicant is completely incognizant of the risks of glint and glare from the panels in the fields adjacent to Oxford London Airport that will blind the pilots landing there. It is particularly serious since the London Oxford Airport is a major hub for pilot training in the UK, specialising in general and business aviation. Nearly 40% of the airport's activity is dedicated to flight instruction and commercial pilot training. This training starts for pilots as young as 16 years old, who can fly solo from that age.

I would like to add a personal experience that indicates the dangers from glint and glare from the solar panels:

*Last week, I was blinded by the late afternoon sunlight hitting the screens of cars in traffic driving towards me on the M25. I was simply controlling a car on a flat surface and not undertaking the tricky operation of descending and landing a plane in a specific place.*

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

Name: \_Penelope Marcus\_\_\_\_\_

Interested Party Registration No: [REDACTED]

With many thanks,

Best wishes,

Penelope Marcus