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To: Botley West Solar Farm
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Dear Secretary of State

I am outraged 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. It makes a mockery of the whole planning process. Only an obstinate tunnel-visioned approach to this inappropriately huge project proposal can explain the continued process of examining it, when the Applicant has repeatedly been shown to be evasive and unreliable.

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.

I note also that the issue, and avoidance, of best and most versatile agricultural land (especially concentrations of it either side of Lower Road) has again been ignored by the Applicant.

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

Nigel Pearce

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