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Sent: 30 September 2026 12:30
To: Botley West Solar Farm
Cc: Stop Botley West Campaign; Layla MORAN
Subject: Botley West Solar Farm EN010147

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.

The default buffer for the outline Residential Visual Amenity Plan is now reduced to 100m when the Examiners recommended 250m. Why should the applicant be left to decide this later?

There has been no heritage and landscape assessment although the applicant was requested to do so.

The substation location is undecided and the lack of requirement for planning consent is of great concern.

Hydrology experts have confirmed the flood risk to the site. We already have a Park and Ride which floods which any local resident could have pointed out would happen to the site.

The much needed cycle path has been removed from the plan.

The community food growing areas should be removed.

Trainee pilot safety is compromised by the plan.

Given what appears to be the applicant's failure to provide answers on every occasion to the inspectorate, why does the inspectorate consider the applicant competent to build such a massive and damaging solar farm? It is bewildering to local people that the applicant is repeatedly being given further time and opportunities to answer questions when it appears their application has been so inadequate and is completely inappropriate for the area.

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

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