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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.

As a retired business person, having worked in multi-national insurance companies in senior roles, and in particular having been responsible for some significant projects and their completion, I am appalled that the Applicant has not been able to manage its application, particularly its lack of clarity in the first place. The Applicant's failure to answer properly your perfectly valid questions and its general inability to meet your reasonable timetable. If this project is to be managed with the same level of incompetency as the application, then approval will cause:

- the Government great embarrassment in having approved the project,
- potentially lead to enormous cost for taxpayers either to complete the project or mothball it,
- if mothballed there are unlikely to be sufficient funds to restore the environment,
- if the project is completed after a Government (taxpayers') bailout, then there may not be sufficient income to cover the costs of the government bailout and, more importantly, for the affected communities to restore the environment after its 40 year life (not a problem for me, but yet another burden we leave for future generations).

The "deferral of important decisions" by the Applicant is also indicative of the incompetence of the Applicant to manage such a large and complex project resulting in potential chaos and potential cost for the Government (and therefore taxpayers) if the project is given approval.

As well as being potentially very expensive for the Government, such incompetence that has been demonstrated by the Applicant's inability to "get things done" on time, would cause chaos for the all the communities expected to be affected by this project.

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

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