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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.

My specific concerns, whilst fully acknowledging the inappropriate size and scale of the planned development, its impact on the rural environment, flooding and food security, are that as a resident of Swinford there are still no specific plans as to how and where the electricity lines will be brought across the River Thames and onto Filchampstead, the proposed site for the sub station. The area includes nature reserves, areas of SSI with Wytham Woods and the newly planted Bear Wood on the Swinford bank of the Thames, the Thames Water site, many vital water pipes and private lanes under resident's ownership. Despite the additional time given this crucial element of the scheme is still not clear and as such I cannot see how the scheme remains viable.

This proposal has been discussed for many years and at its outset large solar farms may have been the Government's preference. However, as time has passed views have evolved and countries like Italy have banned solar farms from arable land, other countries have sought to use motorways and train lines, car park canopies and warehouse roofs for the solar panels. The Government states it wishes the UK to be an innovator in green energy and I would urge it to really innovate, rather than destroying farm land, tourism and the environment in any part of the UK.

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

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