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Dear Secretary of State

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 applicants have behaved in a cavalier manner throughout the process, as though they were convinced that the consent would be granted, whatever the circumstances. When I queried the team on a public consultation exercise, they had no clue, none whatsoever, of the impact this would have on heritage assets. And they seemed to care not at all about the impact this would have on the lives of local people and our much loved landscape.

The area in Cumnor parish is a much-valued green space, used constantly, throughout the day by very many walkers, runners and those seeking to re-charge in a natural environment, myself included. The Green Belt is a long-standing, internationally-admired planning feature which is essential for the health and well-being of local residents and those from within Oxford seeking respite from the ever-increasing development going on all around us. Its loss would seriously diminish our quality of life.

I respectfully request that you refuse outright the grant of a DCO for this Application.

Regards

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