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Dear Secretary of State

Botley West Solar Farm: EN010147

The fact that this matter is still ongoing is creating a deep sense locally of unfairness and injustice.

Further it is deeply regrettable that Oxford and the surrounding area including Blenheim palace and estate lands which are areas of unique heritage value and Unesco World heritage sites are being treated so ruinously. The Italians and French look after their ancient cities and places of heritage - why do the English insist on destroying theirs?

It is also very disappointing that the Applicant's late submissions have been accepted causing further delay in the decision for Botley West and thus requiring yet further responses from Interested Parties. The applicant has played the game and is being advantaged over common local people who should have a right to locally led decision-making as the new Labour Leader has said.

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.

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

Legislate to place solar panels on all the industrial sites and brown field sites currently in existence - but please preserve our fields and landscape around the unique and globally important city of Oxford.

Yours sincerely,

Hadley Bennet