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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.

The new submissions fail to address multiple areas of concern including default buffer of only 100m; the absence of a Landscape Character Assessment requested by ICOMO; unresolved associated flood risk; failure to heed SSIs; uncertain viability and lack of National Grid infrastructure; risk to trainee pilots based at nearby Oxford Airport. In summary, the scale of the proposed solar farm represents a misuse of agricultural land which will be regretted for generations. Of course there is a place for solar power but at our latitude its efficiency is limited and it should in any case be generated from the many roofs, large commercial buildings and public car parks available.

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

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