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Dear Mr Million

Response on behalf of OASL to the Invitation to Comment dated 4 September 2026

I write on behalf of our client, Oxford Aviation Services Limited (OASL), to your letter dated 4 September 2026.

As the SOS will be aware, OASL, in its capacity of owner and operator of London Oxford Airport, has made representations to the Botley West Solar Farm Consenting Order process since the opening of the examination. These representations have been limited to the safe and continuing operation of its business, as a licenced aerodrome.

In the main, OASL's concerns have been heard, and amendments made to the draft Order to reduce the potential impact on operations at the aerodrome. Albeit we note, in recent rounds of consultation, a number of airport tenants, independent of OASL, have raised further objections, not raised earlier in the process. You will appreciate that this is a cause of considerable concern to OASL. If its tenants feel that the solar farm is not compatible with their safe operation then it will likely lead to relocation, having a damaging effect on OASL business as a direct result of the development.

Further, and the core purpose of this response, is to provide comment and correction to the statement made by the applicant in their cover letter dated (16 July 2026), wherein they state *"In terms of the Oxford Airport the only outstanding matter not agreed between the parties is that OASL are seeking unlimited liability which the Applicant cannot accept. All other provisions are agreed which would allow for the planning, establishment, and implementation of an additional Wildlife Hazard Management Unit during the operational lifetime of the proposed development."*

Firstly, the matter of a liability cap is confidential, and is for OASL to set, based on the perceived level of risk to and impact on its business operations. However, for the avoidance of doubt and in the interest of transparency, OASL have since agreed to a cap. This was communicated to the applicant on 24 August 2026.

However, aside from this point, not all other matters are agreed. Amendments were proposed by OASL in June 2026, and have not been incorporated into the latest draft legal agreement.

We trust this information is helpful to your considerations. Both OASL and the applicant remain engaged on this matter and should agreement ultimately be reached between the two parties, OASL and/or the applicant will update you.

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