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27 September 2026

Dear Secretary of State,

Re: **Botley West Solar Farm**
EN010147

I would like to add my concerns to the input of other interested parties at London Oxford Airport.

I am a retired British Airways captain, local resident, an employee at London Oxford Airport and involved in pilot training.

The impact of the proposed solar panels has been highlighted by several parties involved in training activities at the airport. Risk from light distractions and glare, thermal plumes and, most crucially, rendering the surrounding area unsuitable for emergency landings.

The post war development of London Oxford Airport was built on the pilot training business. The airport's location and its surrounding area have been a prime reason for this type of business thriving.

I believe this application as a whole is ill conceived and deeply flawed on multiple fronts but, as an aviator of many years' standing, felt I must specifically voice my concerns on this matter of safety.

Yours sincerely,

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