



Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero
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Dear Miatta Fahnbulleh

Botley West Solar Farm: EN010147

I am a local resident and a supporter of solar power generation in principle (at the right scale and in the right location). This application does not fall in that category.

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.

In addition to these comments, I am extremely concerned about the lack of detailed information regarding the Landscape Character Assessment requested by ICOMOS. This has not been undertaken and issues raised by ICOMOS remain unresolved.

Also there doesn't appear yet to be an application for permission submitted for the substation development, and yet surely the viability of the whole plan hinges on this being built within a suitable timeframe.

As for any information regarding a decommissioning fund for this 'temporary' installation – that again is missing.

These are some of the many things that have been requested by your department, but no information has been forthcoming. It is sad that the developers have been given yet another opportunity to present their case – but telling that even within their extended timeframe they have not managed to do this.

One of the things that I find most worrying is that the application does not form part of an overall plan for energy production in the UK. Technology has developed hugely in the

field of photovoltaics since this proposal was first put forward and the pressure and need for good agricultural land is now even more important than it was. I feel that extending the time frame for this application has served no purpose. There are other, more appropriate solutions to increasing the energy generation in this area. And better use for this valuable agricultural land.

Many faults with this proposal have been identified, researched, commented on and written about by local people and experts who have a vast amount of expertise, both from previous knowledge and from investing a huge amount of time and energy in understanding the intricacies of solar production, the infrastructure required to develop and maintain a 'solar farm', and the impact that such a proposal would have on the landscape and quality of life in the area. In general the applicant has been unhelpful and unforthcoming in their response to our questions.

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

Yours sincerely

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Interested Party Registration No: [REDACTED]