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Dear Secretary of State

I am writing - yet again - to register my objections to the scale of the proposed site. PVDP have acted throughout as though they had fore-knowledge of the approval of the scheme by the government. If such a tacit understanding were not the case, the government bodies concerned, including the previous Secretary of State, have been woefully manipulated, allowing multiple extensions to the various supposedly inviolable deadlines, subverting a process which should strive to balance the interests of the various parties. Instead, the government has given the very firm impression of supporting PVDP by repeatedly bending its own rules in their favour.

For the government to regain a semblance of acting fairly, it must surely INSIST that PVDP address ALL (not cherry-pick from) the specific issues highlighted by the Stop Botley West campaign, which I am in complete agreement with, and I 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.

These issues have been fully elaborated to you by the campaign, but I would highlight in particular:

- The vaguer reduction in the requirement for 250m buffer zones
- Flood risk remains a major concern here in Cassington
- Landscape assessment is unresolved
- Decommissioning fund - they are being let off the hook by failing to commit to this. Future generations will have to pay

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

Yours, Peter Harvey