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Reference Botley West Solar Farm EN010147. (In response to your email dated 4/9/26)

Interested Party reference number [REDACTED]

Dear Secretary of State,

The applicant has repeatedly failed to listen to the community, failed to consult adequately, failed to answer reasonable questions in a sensible timeframe and failed to engage with the NSIP process in a way one would expect for this size of application. They have missed deadlines, delivered inaccurate and incomplete material and assumed that the demand for solar power trumps any concerns anyone may have with their plans. They have taken everyone, including the Examining Authority and the Secretary of State for granted.

Not all Solar Farms applications can be approved just because they are Solar Farms; the detailed planning involved must be completed and the application justified before it is granted. This is why the NSIP process exists.

In this case, the applicant and landowner are speculators. They are not a serious developer of Solar Farms, and as a result they have failed to take the process seriously. Repeated submissions of yet more unsatisfactory material to support their application is too little, too late. They have had plenty of time to get this right and have failed to deliver.

As a result, the application does not meet the standards one would expect and it has become very clear that the application cannot be trusted.

The application must be refused.

Anthony Thompson