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Subject: Response from OGBN re-affirming objection to the Botley West Solar Farm EN1014

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Dear Secretary of State

Botley West Solar Farm: EN01014

As chairman of the Oxford Green Belt Network (OGBN), founded in 1997 to provide advice and information to the 56 Oxfordshire villages located within the Oxford Green Belt, 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 (SBW) 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 seriously flawed. Many questions remain unanswered by the Applicants who apparently wish to defer very important decisions until after any development consent is granted when they will be beyond public scrutiny and challenge.

As 75% of the site is within the Green Belt it is of great concern to OGBN that not only will some of the original Planning Policy purposes of the Green Belt be undeliverable within this site, but also that the beneficial ecosystem functions of the Green Belt will be lost across such an extensive area for at least 40 years during which those functions including flood alleviation and local nature recovery strategies (LNRS) will clearly have increased importance in this confidently predicted period of accelerated climate change.

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

Yours sincerely

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