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To: Botley West Solar Farm
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Dear Secretary of State,

Re: **Botley West Solar Farm: EN010147**

I am acutely disappointed and annoyed 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. This despite the fact that your predecessor made it abundantly clear that deadlines and adherence to procedural rules were of critical importance to a fair and proper evaluation of any development proposal.

I fully support and endorse the comprehensive Stop Botley West submission dated 16 July 2026 [\[C2-161\]](#). I am very concerned that, despite these new proposals, the Application is still irretrievably flawed. Too many questions remain unanswered and the Applicant seeks to defer far too many important decisions until after any granting of development consent, at which point they will be beyond public scrutiny and challenge.

Throughout the whole process of developing the BWSF proposal, the consultation programme and the examination phase it has consistently been a characteristic of the Applicant's approach to fail to address critical issues, to deliberately attempt to obfuscate details with the clear intention of avoiding being held to account and to flaunt established procedural rules and standards to their own advantage. The Applicant's attitude can at best be described as cavalier, unprofessional and cynical and certainly unworthy of trust.

Both you, the responsible Government Authority, and we, the Interested Parties, are continually being played by a career Applicant in the pay of landowners whose only interest is securing the guaranteed income for the use of their land. If Applicants cannot be trusted during the conduct of an application, it is wholly unrealistic to expect them to respect and adhere to all eventual terms and conditions of implementation and operation.

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

Peter M Giles

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