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I write with reference to the current planning application for Botley West Solar Farm.

This proposal is part of a critical argument to ensure a national infrastructure of free and renewable energy as an urgent response to climate breakdown caused by the continuing burning of fossil fuels.

There is no greater immediate threat to our future than the continuing and exponential consumption of oil, gas and coal globally and its dramatic effect on our lives. This is happening now, in real time and we are at the stage of mitigation, rather than cure. However, I firmly believe we owe future generations the responsibility of doing our utmost to protect the pale blue dot that is earth, that we call home. There is much evidence of other nations providing the rapid response that is now required in installing solar energy generation schemes to reduce and eventually end our reliance on fossil fuels. We do not have the luxury of time or further debate on the impacts of such schemes as part of the response required at scale to ensure our future.

This well researched proposal for a part of a much larger national requirement for similar schemes is essential as part of that equation. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts is never truer than now and should be acted on now to expedite that outcome. The fact that this proposal is at appeal itself speaks volumes about the diligence and research previously carried out as part of the planning process to ensure a considered and justifiable scheme. By default this proposal is technically reversible in the future and undoubtedly will be part of a larger and ongoing conversation to improve energy creation as evolving technologies facilitate more sophisticated solutions. In the short term, the concerns of those who feel the proposal is 'harmful' may do well to consider what the alternative might be. We are on the cusp of extraordinary change climatically, politically and technically. Collective support rather than fractured opposition will pay dividends both in the short and longer term.

Well documented scientific evidence supports the facts regarding climate breakdown, which we now ignore at our peril. The application for Botley West must be approved in order to contribute to the national, international and global response required to reduce the speed of change that we are all now witnessing on a daily basis. I trust the planning inspectorate will make the right decision

regarding this proposal in approving the proposed scheme, for the greater benefit of all now and in the future.

Respectfully yours,

Bartus Lacey

