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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,

I am writing again on behalf of the community project called 'Forever Fields'

During the NSIP process 'Forever Fields' has submitted questions and information as follows:

REP 1- 101 : Forever Fields Book  
REP 1 -102 : Written Summary of Hearing 1 submission  
REP 3 - 093 : Responses/Questions  
REP 4 - 063 : Responses/Questions  
REP 5 - 086 : Comments on Decommissioning  
REP 5 - 087 : Estimated costs of Decommissioning  
REP 7 - 103 : Summary Comments

And most recently via email after the formal NSIP process had completed.

Throughout the formal process and since the deadlines have closed, when further substantial submissions have been permitted without the opportunity for wider scrutiny, the applicant (PVDP) and the landowner (Blenheim Estate) have failed to answer **any** of our questions or engage seriously with our three areas of concern.

These remain:

1. Health and Wellbeing
2. Landscape and Heritage
3. Decommissioning and Re-Instatement

The only recognition of any of the input from Forever Fields, a significant community project involving over a hundred artists and almost a thousand visitors to the Exhibition, was after REP1 -101. The response of the applicant was '**Noted**' .

This unsatisfactory response is typical of the cynical and unprofessional approach of the applicant towards consultation and community concerns. They have clearly not bothered to read the Forever Fields book, which is a unique reference point to the strength of feeling amongst the community in respect of the three areas outlined above.

In terms of **Health and Wellbeing**, the applicant fails to satisfactorily address the potential impact of the solar farm on local people. In respect of **Landscape and Heritage**, the Landscape

Character Assessment requested by ICOMOS has still not been undertaken and issues raised by ICOMOS remain unresolved. In regards to **Decommissioning** ExA recommended DCO should ensure a decommissioning fund (as well as a plan) is in place before construction starts, and this has also not been done.

The applicant has failed to meet the standards necessary to satisfy the requirements of the NSIP process and has failed to complete the work needed to approve the application.

This remains a highly speculative application driven by a profit motive only, and should be refused.

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