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Dear Secretary of State

Re: Botley West Solar Farm: EN010147

I was very disappointed to learn that the Applicant's late submissions were accepted. This has meant further delay in the Botley West decision, which is stressful for all of us. It also means that we must again to submit another response as Interested Parties.

I am a supporter of the Stop Botley West campaign and fully endorse the comprehensive SBW submission of 16 July. Despite these new proposals, the Application is still irretrievably flawed. Too many questions remain unanswered and the Applicant seeks to defer too many important decisions until after any development consent is granted when they will be beyond public scrutiny and challenge.

For example:

- The Applicant has continued to use a 100 m default buffer, with "up to 250 m applied where needed," but it's not clear how the Applicant would decide what is "needed," and how the public could appeal that. The project would still be viable with a 250 m buffer, so it should not be allowed to reduce that to 100 m.
- No effort has been made to establish a fund or detailed plan for decommissioning this infrastructure at the end of its useful life. This is a beautiful place, with good quality farmland. It should not be permissible for the Applicant to turn it into an industrial dump.
- The project threatens the skylarks, and the Applicant's strategy for that is unworkable.
- I live near the airport, and I am extremely worried that not enough has been done for pilot safety. More panels should have been removed to safeguard trainee pilots, in particular. This airport is right by a very busy road, and an accident could cause great loss of life.

I have solar panels on my home, and if this project had been smaller and the Applicant had taken more care to reduce its impact, I would have supported it. If it had been community-based, I might well have campaigned for it. But this is the wrong way to do solar. Big-money interests are undermining the democratic process and ignoring the needs of the people who live here.

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

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