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4th October 2026

Dear Secretary of State,

Botley West Solar Plant: EN010147

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.

The acceptance of further submissions from the Applicant at this late stage clearly illustrates the extraordinary latitude that they have been given during this process. As the Secretary of State said in his letter of 8th June, 2026, when he refused a request from the Applicant for an extension, *"Agreeing to an extensionat a late stage within the RFI response period, could.....risk undermining confidence in, and the integrity of, the planning process. It may also give rise to concerns of fairness, as other respondents are working to the existing timetable and would not have benefitted from an equivalent extension"*.

I am a supporter of the Stop Botley West 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 irretrievably flawed. Too many questions remain unanswered and the Applicant continues to seek to defer too many important decisions until after any development consent is granted when they will be beyond public scrutiny and challenge.

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

Sincerely,

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