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Dear Secretary of State,

Botley West Solar Farm: 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.

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 seeks to defer too many important decisions until after any development consent is granted when they will be beyond public scrutiny and challenge.

The loss of prime agricultural land on this scale is a major concern, as is the impact on a vast area of heritage landscape - a treasured resource for the residents of numerous historic villages and an important attraction for foreign visitors and the revenue they bring to our country. Alternative locations are not in short supply, where the adverse impact would be immeasurably less, and where local economies could benefit from, rather than be undermined by a solar energy development of this kind. What is more, in this specific case, so many issues relating to landscape and heritage are still unresolved!

I note that the owners of the Blenheim estate were, at one time, of the opinion that any solar development on their land would be inappropriate and unwelcome. The reversal of their view, and now your department's leniency in allowing repeated deadline extensions, when the application clearly has not met requirements, are incomprehensible. I respectfully urge you, Secretary of State, to give due regard to British fair play and justice in this process, and to refuse outright the grant of a DCO for this Application.

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