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Dear Secretary of State

re. Botley West Solar Farm: EN010147

Why was the Applicant's late submissions even accepted, causing further delay in the decision for Botley West and requesting yet another response from Interested Parties? As I have written more extensively before, while there is a clear need for solar and wind energy in the UK, the particular project proposed here should play no part in any net-zero strategy. This one is nothing more than a grotesque gold rush, an example of greed masquerading as green (by both PVD and by Blenheim Estate , with a few people hoping to prosper at the expense of fifteen villages. Solar developments on this vast, Heathrow-sized scale should only be in deserted/largely deserted regions - as found everywhere else in the world - not built in an area of fifteen villages, with all the subsequent effects that will have there. (See the full response on all of those consequences, from the Stop Botley West campaign)

The Application is still unacceptable in both tone, process and proposed outcome. Vested interests of the applicants (and their own appointed experts) have led to their proposals reading like a promotion rather than a carefully considered cost-benefit plan, and has also led to too many issues remaining conveniently unanswered or answered vaguely. The Applicant still seeks to defer too many important decisions until after any development consent is granted when they will be beyond public scrutiny and challenge. Please do not dismiss the local opposition from the Stop Botley West campaign as nimbyism. I hope you can see instead that the truly selfish interests here are the people behind it. I hope that you have also read the Private Eye reports on PVD, though this proposal and process is unacceptable regardless of the finances behind it.

Best wishes

Stephen Petty