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From: Sean Woodcock MP [redacted]@parliament.uk>
Sent: 21 August 2026 13:44
To: DESNZ Correspondence <correspondence@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: A response from DESNZ to your recent query - DESNZ ref: MCB2026/08027 (Case Ref: SW17438)

Good afternoon,

Thank you again for your response to my previous correspondence on behalf of my constituent Alwyn Seeds.

Mr Seeds has since come back to me with a follow up question as to whether the Secretary of State has accepted information that he understands was submitted by the applicant after the deadline.

I would be grateful if you could provide a response that I can pass on to my constituent.

Best wishes,

Sean Woodcock MP
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Please see my monthly newsletters [redacted]

From: DESNZ Correspondence < correspondence@energysecurity.gov.uk >
Sent: 10 July 2026 15:02
To: [redacted]@parliament.uk
Subject: A response from DESNZ to your recent query - DESNZ ref: MCB2026/08027

Dear Sean Woodcock MP,

Please find attached a response to your recent query to DESNZ.

Constituent Name: [redacted]

Correspondent Address: 1[redacted]

We apologise for the delay in response.

Yours sincerely,

DESNZ Correspondence

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September 2026

Dear Sean Woodcock MP,

Thank you for your email of 21 August on behalf of your constituent, Alwyn Seeds, regarding the proposed Botley West Solar Farm application and whether the Secretary of State has accepted information submitted by the applicant after the further information request deadline. I am responding as this matter falls under my Ministerial portfolio.

For the most up to date information on the case, I would encourage your constituent to continue to check the project information page for updates on this case. These will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's project webpage: Botley West Solar Farm - Project information. Interested parties are advised to use the 'Get Updates' functionality, which will enable them to be kept informed of any updates during the decision-making stage of the process.

Given the Secretary of State's quasi-judicial role in taking decisions on applications for development consent for energy infrastructure proposals, it would not be appropriate to comment on specific matters related to the proposals, as this could be seen as prejudicing the decision-making process.

I trust that this is of assistance to you.

Best wishes,

MICHAEL SHANKS MP
Minister of State for Energy