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From: Secretary of State (Miatta Fahnbulleh) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Sent: 05 October 2026 17:10
To: DESNZ Correspondence <correspondence@energysecurity.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Botley West Solar Panels - complaint from constituent whose property will be immediately affected

Good afternoon,
Please log for TO response.
Kind regards,
[redacted]

From: Stop Botley West <contact@stopbotleywest.com>
Sent: 03 October 2026 12:18
To: Amy Tiffany Hemingway [redacted]>; BotleyWestSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk; [redacted]@parliament.co.uk; Secretary of State (Miatta Fahnbulleh) <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>; [redacted]@parliament.uk
Cc: [redacted] uk
Subject: Re: Botley West Solar Panels - complaint from constituent whose property will be immediately affected

Well done, [redacted] and thanks, [redacted] for helping out!
I think of your lovely garden often - [redacted] years of care and ignored by PVDP - how dare they!
Best wishes
[redacted]
For SBW
[redacted]

From: Amy Tiffany Hemingway [redacted]>
Sent: Saturday, 03 October 2026 11:42:19
To: BotleyWestSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk <BotleyWestSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>; [redacted] Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk <Secretary.State@energysecurity.gov.uk>; [redacted]
Cc: Stop Botley West <contact@stopbotleywest.com>; [redacted]k

Subject: Botley West Solar Panels - complaint from constituent whose property will be immediately affected

Dear Minister of State, or to whom it may concern,
There are so many issues not yet answered in the **Botley West Solar Farm scheme:**

1. Flood Risk and Hydrology - report not considered;
2. Trainee Pilot safety - not considered that reflection could affect their training from Kidlington Airport, called in fact **the London Airport;**
3. Ecology Assessment - still not completed (Skylarks and bats particular concern);
4. The National Grid Substation - no planning consent, so no building can take place and I **(Ninon Linnell)** am particularly concerned as it will affect my property on two sides. So the situation is of paramount importance to me. **The substation/ battery could be put at the end of my garden!**
5. I have not received any visual inspection visit from an Inspector. This is unacceptable and not professional;
6. Heritage and landscape - this will spoil a small village and remains an unconsidered factor.
7. A local **Anaerobic Digestion Plant** at Worton Park, Cassington is 98% effective at creating energy from waste, whereas it would appear the solar panels will only be 6% effective. Should you wish to know more about this, Worton Park would be happy to talk to a member of your team.

My Registration Number is: [redacted]
A village friend is helping me to send this complaint by email, as I am in my [redacted] I have lived at my home for [redacted] years.
Best wishes,
Ninon Linell
[redacted]

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Dear Ninon Linell,

Thank you for your email of 3 October, about the Botley West Solar Farm. Your correspondence has been passed to me for response.

As I hope you will appreciate, the Secretary of State receives significant volumes of correspondence on a daily basis, and, regrettably, is unable to respond to each one personally. Therefore, I have been asked to respond.

The Department notes the concerns raised in your correspondence regarding the proposed development, including flood risk, ecology, heritage and landscape impacts, aviation safety, and the location of associated infrastructure. Your correspondence will be treated as a representation and will be carefully considered alongside all matters that are relevant to the decision-making on the application for development consent in accordance with the Planning Act 2008.

Given the Secretary of State's quasi-judicial role in determining applications for development consent for energy infrastructure projects, it would not be appropriate to comment on the specific merits of the proposal or on matters that may be relevant to the decision-making process.

Thank you for taking the time to write and set out your views.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]
DESNZ CORRESPONDENCE UNIT