

Subject: FW: Botley West Solar Farm - Stop Botley West campaign, Oxfordshire

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Importance: High

Dear Mr White and Mr Jones,

Re: Botley West Solar Farm (BWSF) National Infrastructure Project.

I understand you are the Operations Lead and Operations Manager (respectively) for the NSIP Planning Inspectorate Office, for National Infrastructure and Energy.

I am the Chair for the Oxfordshire residents' group which objects to this scheme and has adopted the name "Stop Botley West campaign, Oxfordshire" (SBW).; we were mandated in December 2023, with charitable status pending approval. We have approximately 1850 signed up members and a total of around 55,000 residents across the three key sites which would be impacted by this scheme in Oxfordshire.

Please be aware that SBW intends to register as an Rule 6 /"Interested Party" in the DCO process for this project, in due course. We further intend to be legally and professionally represented.

However, at this stage we wish to make a strategically important point in respect of the Scoping Report recently published (15th June 2023)by the Applicants' consultants.

Although described by the Applicants as one scheme, in land use terms this proposal clearly comprises 3 distinct geographical areas. Each of these 3 elements of the proposals will impact on different groups of residents and businesses, different types of built and natural environment and sit within 3 separate Local Authorities, following different strategies, through different plans and policies (albeit through one 'host' authority).

In order for the Inspectors (and, ultimately, the Secretary of State) to understand fully the detailed impacts of the applicants' proposals and hear them being properly debated with those affected and our elected representatives, we believe they need to be described for each of the three areas of the proposals and then aggregated.

The impression given by the Scoping Report is that the Environmental Statement will only provide the aggregated impacts. This would require all other participants to disaggregate these impacts in order to understand and assess the local impacts.

As well as being unfair to the three Local Authorities and local objectors with their limited resources, it would, inevitably waste considerable amounts of pre-Inquiry and Inquiry time trying to separate out the local impacts if they are not detailed in the EIA.

The onus and obligation should be on the Applicants to provide this basic information. Simply providing the aggregated data would give them an unfair advantage. We request the Inspectorate consider this inappropriate inequality and explore advising the Applicants accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

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