Botley West Solar Farm

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Phase Two Consultation Materials

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Introduction

Photovolt Development Partners (PVDP) is proposing Botley West Solar Farm, a new solar farm in the west of Oxfordshire.

Botley West could deliver 840 megawatts (MW) of clean, affordable power to the National Grid, contributing to reducing carbon emissions and improving UK energy security.[1] The project will connect to a new National Grid substation, to be built by National Grid near Farmoor reservoir, to the west of Botley, hence the name Botley West.

We introduced our initial proposals during our first phase of community consultation, which was held for seven weeks between Thursday 3rd November and Thursday 22nd December 2022.

Since the end of our Phase One consultation, we have considered the feedback you gave us to develop our proposals further. Additionally, we have continued to undertake extensive environmental assessments, further refined our site layout and continued to engage with relevant groups and stakeholders.

This leaflet includes information about our second phase of community consultation, which will be open for ten weeks from 30th November 2023 until 8th February 2024. We encourage you to submit your feedback on our updated proposals during this time.

Details on how to contact us can be found on the back of this leaflet.

Who We Are

Photovolt Development Partners (PVDP) is a developer of solar power projects. We have a 19-year track record of delivering large-scale solar projects in Europe and Japan.

PVDP will be the Applicant for this project on behalf of SolarFive Ltd, which holds the connection agreement with National Grid and is licensed by Ofgem as an electricity generator.

[1] For context, 840 MW is enough to power the equivalent of approximately 330,000 homes. You can see how this figure is calculated on our website.

Our Phase Two Consultation

We are now inviting feedback on our updated proposals for Botley West Solar Farm.

We want to hear your comments and ideas on topics such as:

- Our updated proposals, including the site layout and cable routes.
- The information presented in our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR).
- Our proposed environmental enhancement measures to deliver benefits, such as biodiversity net gain and new recreational connectivity across the site.
- Our proposed mitigation measures to minimise or avoid the potential impacts on the environment and local communities.

Have Your Say

You can take part in this phase of consultation by:

Provide your feedback
You can do this through an online feedback form on our website, by completing a feedback form at one of our events, by writing to us or by email. You can find all of our contact details on the back page of this leaflet.

Attend one of our community information events
We are holding a series of drop-in information events across the area. These events provide an opportunity to view materials and discuss the proposals with members of the team. Details of our information events can be found on page 22.

Viewing our materials
Our dedicated project website (www.botleywest.co.uk) provides the latest information, including relevant documents and answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs). Here you can view and download all consultation documents and information. Materials are also available at our Community Access Point (CAP) sites listed on page 23.

Contact our team
You can get in touch with our team free-of-charge by phone, post or email. These details are listed on the back cover of this leaflet.

The need for Botley West

We need to take action against climate change. We also need to improve the UK's energy security. Botley West can support this by providing affordable, renewable, and home-grown electricity.

Impacts of climate change

The effects of climate change can be seen around us, both nationally and globally. Wildfires have broken out more frequently across Europe and our own weather has been more temperamental. 2022 was the first year in which a temperature above 40C was recorded in the UK.[2] To tackle climate change the International Energy Agency (IEA) has highlighted that renewable electricity, in particular solar, is key in reducing carbon emissions and achieving 2030 targets.[3]

Climate change poses one of the most serious threats to food production in the UK. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has estimated that climate change could reduce the UK's stock of high-grade agricultural land by three quarters by 2050.[4]

The need for ground-mounted solar

The UK has set ambitious and legally binding targets to eliminate carbon emissions and achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050.[5] Large-scale solar development is recognised as having an important role to play in helping achieve this target. The British Energy Security Strategy, published in April 2022, outlined the aim to increase the UK's solar capacity fivefold by 2035 – equivalent to around 70 gigawatts (GW) total generation capacity.[6]

To achieve this, the UK must install an average of 4.15 GW in solar capacity per year. Whilst rooftop solar is also part of this solution, projects such as Botley West are essential to be able to reach these targets, due to its ability to produce power on a much more efficient scale.

The affordability of solar

Solar is the most affordable form of electricity in the UK,[7] which means that it can help to reduce household energy bills caused by the continued use of gas. Botley West could reduce our reliance on foreign gas imports, providing an equivalent amount of electricity for up to 330,000 homes. The Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) has identified solar as being central to the future of electricity generation in a recent report, with solar estimated to be roughly 35% cheaper than costs predicted for combined-cycle gas turbine power plant in 2025.[8]

Local climate targets

Oxfordshire has set ambitious climate targets for the county, which Botley West would contribute to. The Oxfordshire Energy Strategy, signed up to by all councils within Oxfordshire, agreed a target of a 50% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030, and 100% net zero carbon emissions by 2050.[9]

The need for home-grown energy infrastructure

As gas prices rise and energy bills increase, the UK is in need of a more reliable and secure supply of energy. This is essential in making us more resilient against potential blackouts, meet growing energy demands and improve our energy security. It can be achieved by increasing our own generating capacity and number of generating assets, through renewable energy projects such as Botley West.

Building infrastructure where it is needed most

Within Oxfordshire, there is a need to increase electricity generation to support demand. The county is committed to extensive growth and intends to lead on energy innovation.[9]

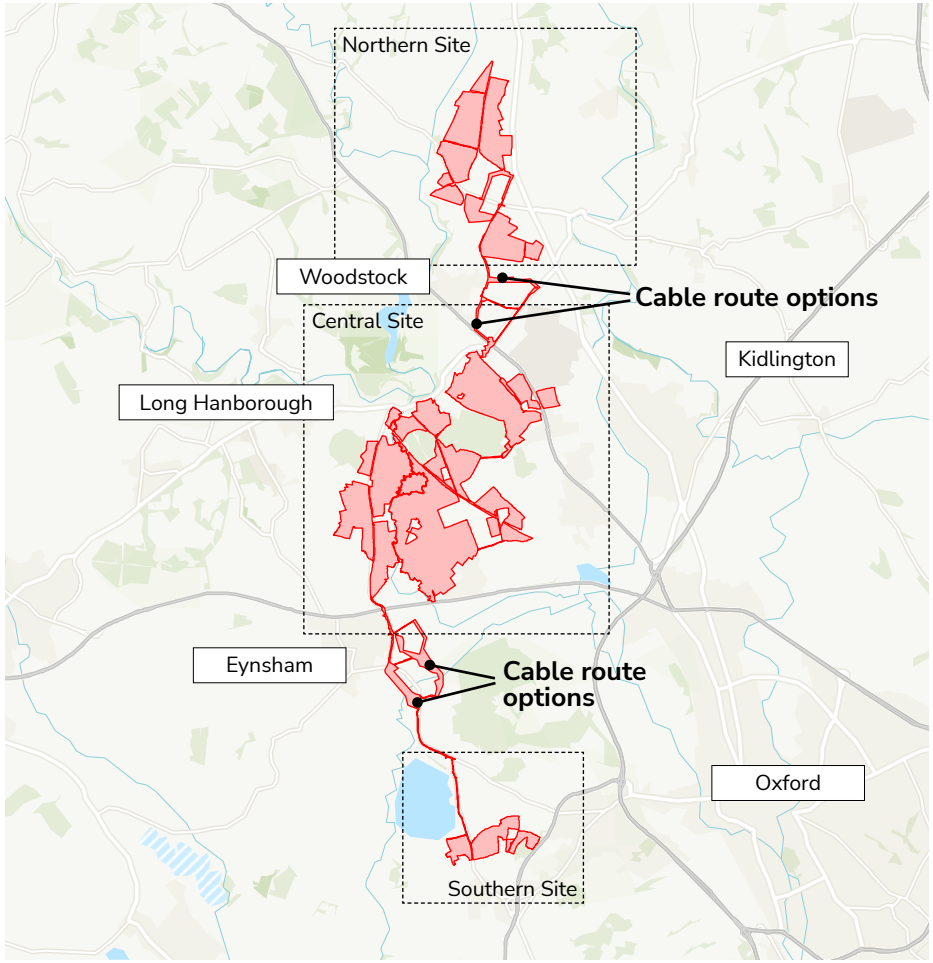
These targets lead to a need to increase the capacity of electricity generation within Oxfordshire. This includes both the development of connecting infrastructure, through substations built by National Grid and other electricity suppliers, as well as new generating stations, such as Botley West.

Botley West has secured a grid connection with National Grid in close proximity to the site, allowing for supporting both Oxfordshire's ambition to increase their solar generating capacity from 300 MW to 1900 MW by 2030[9], as well as supplying electricity to an area where the demand is growing and where there is capacity to accommodate it.

[2] Met Office, 'Record breaking 2022 indicative of future UK climate', July 2023
[3] IEA, 'Net Zero Roadmap Update', September 2023
[4] Solar Energy UK, 'Solar farms and food security: the facts', September 2022
[5] UK Government, 'PM recommits UK to Net Zero by 2050', September 2023
[6] UK Government, 'British Energy Security Strategy', April 2022
[7] Solar Energy UK, 'Everything Under the Sun: The Facts About Solar Energy', March 2022
[8] UK Government, 'Electricity generation costs 2023', August 2023
[9] OXLEP, 'The Oxfordshire Energy Strategy'

Full Site Map

Our team has also put together a Preliminary Masterplan to show how the designs of Botley West will be sensitively worked into the landscape. Visualisations of the project from an eye-level perspective from agreed local viewpoints and other maps of the project can be found on our website (www.botleywest.co.uk). These show how the project the project may look just after construction before mitigation measures are in place. Further detail on mitigating landscape and visual impacts for the project can be seen on page 16 of this document, and full details can be seen in chapter 8 of our PEIR.



Our Phase Two Proposals

Since the first phase of consultation back in November and December 2022, we have sought to develop our proposals for Botley West Solar Farm in various ways to address the feedback that we received at phase one, as well as the assessment work we continue to carry out. Below highlights the key benefits of the project, as well as some of the changes that we have made since Phase One.

Botley West has an agreement to provide **840 MW of clean, affordable power** to the National Grid, providing enough electricity for the equivalent of **330,000 homes**.

Botley West has **increased minimum buffer zone distances** between solar panels and all buildings, as well as **providing significant increases to the buffer zones near residential areas.**

Botley West seeks to **increase recreational use and access across the site** through the creation of new footpaths and cycle paths.

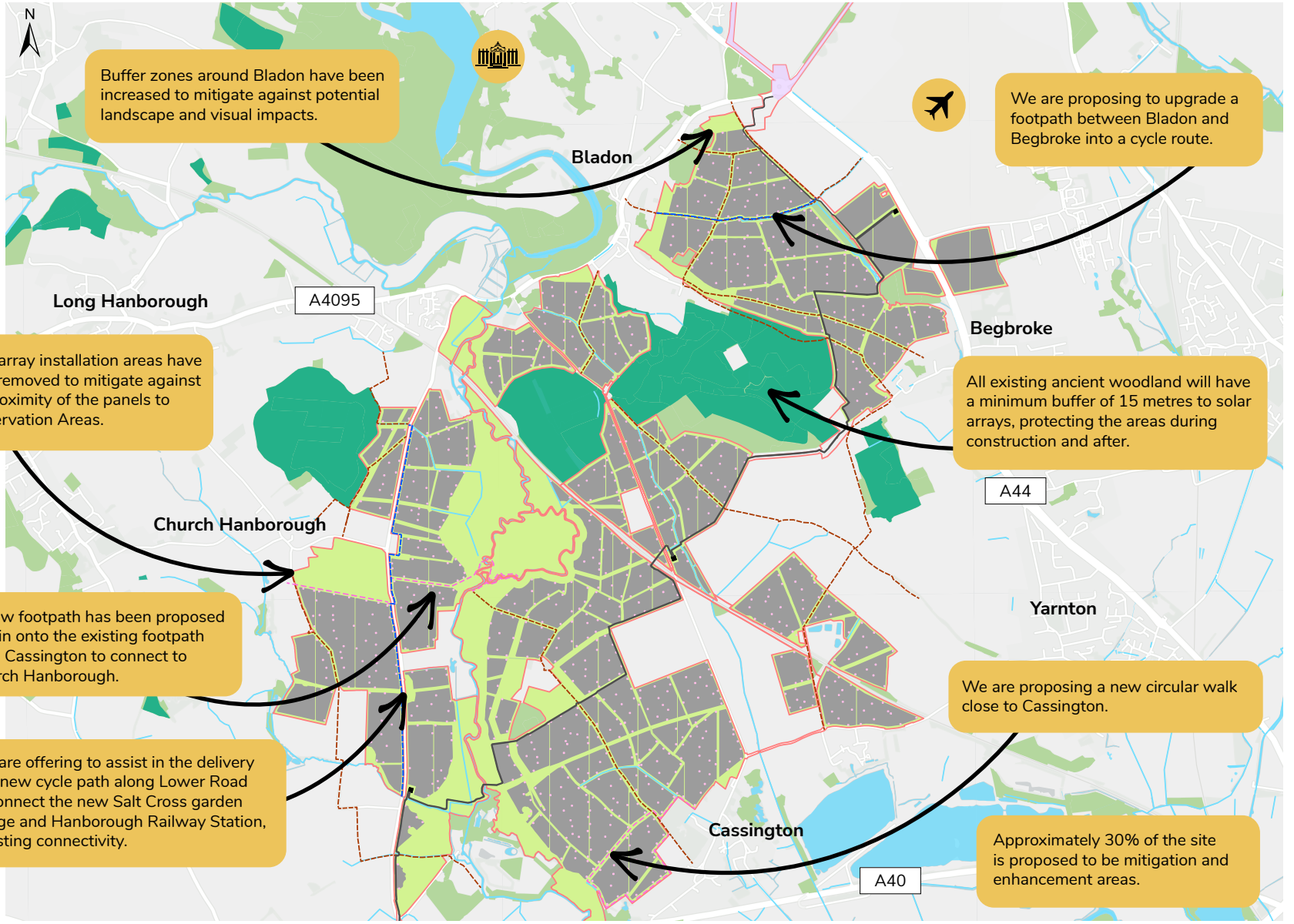
Botley West now includes a **Landscape and Ecology Masterplan** set out on page 16 and will deliver a **minimum Biodiversity Net Gain of at least 70%**.

Botley West has **removed solar development directly south of Oxford Airport** to enable the installation of runway lighting that will improve safety.

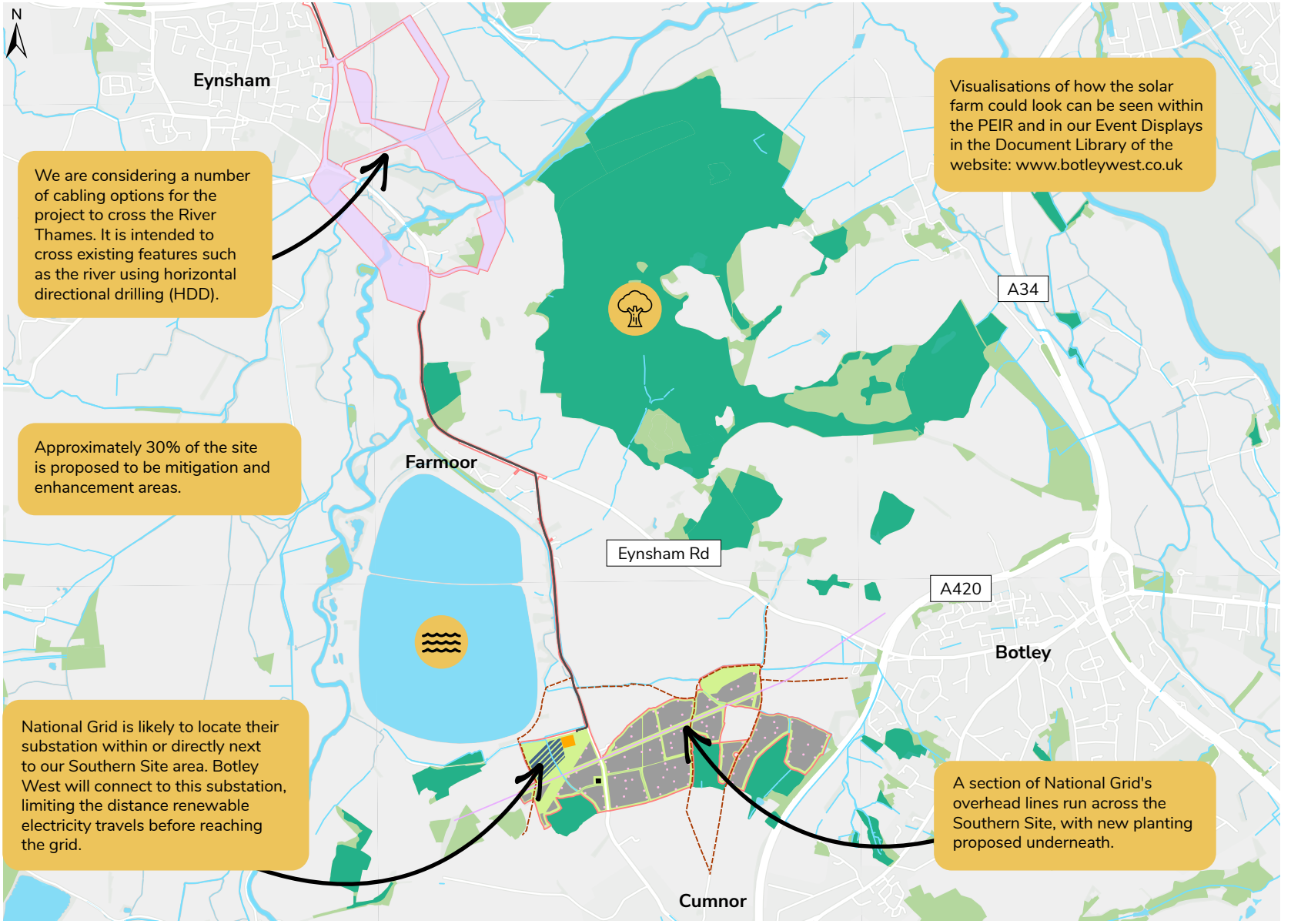
Botley West is exploring a **dynamic and wide-ranging community benefits package**, set out on page 15.

Northern Site Map

Central Site Map



Southern Site Map



Opportunities Beyond Solar

Botley West Solar Farm is committed to establishing an environmental and long-standing legacy across the area. We are committed to working with the community to inform what a package of community benefits could look like.

We are seeking to take a considered approach to delivering community benefits through Botley West. Our proposed approach is built upon three key forms of potential community benefit:

1. **Community funding:** we are committed to ensuring funding is available to support local initiatives for each year that the solar farm is operational.
2. **On-site benefits:** we are proposing to deliver benefits to local communities through the design the project, such as by increasing connectivity through new footpaths and providing areas for community food production.
3. **Helping to reduce energy bills**: in addition to the wider effect that increased solar capacity may have on UK electricity prices, we are actively exploring potential mechanisms through which the project could directly supply electricity locally at a discounted rate.

During and since the last phase of consultation, the project team has been in discussion with a number of local groups to understand how best the project can benefit the local community. We have engaged with:

Local Agricultural Groups – allocating areas of the site for community arable farming and community allotments.

Local Farmers – understanding the opportunities for sheep to graze the land.

Cherwell Collective – an organisation looking to empower those who may struggle to live sustainably by providing locally grown food to communities.

Cutteslowe Community Larder – seeking to provide food to the community at low or no cost to combat food poverty and reduce food waste.

We are exploring various on-site benefits that Botley West could deliver to local communities.

Blenheim Estate – becoming the environmental steward for the site to maintain the legacy of the area and ensure that environmental benefits are delivered. The Estate has a well-established track record of delivering green projects and their own Green Report reflects the same visions as the project. The findings from the Estate's monitoring data will ensure the accountability of any environmental commitments.

Biodiversity Net Gain - aiming to create a standard-setting environmental legacy with a minimum biodiversity net gain of 70%. More details about our biodiversity plans can be found on page 17.

Increasing Recreational Use – Botley West is exploring improvements to connectivity across the site through working with Blenheim and new proposed footpaths and cycle tracks. More details about our recreational plans can be found on page 18.

As part of our approach to deliver community benefits, we are committed to supporting the local community by:

Exploring Community Energy Opportunities - The team also appreciate that energy bills are becoming a real burden for many people. Botley West is exploring the creation of a retail energy company to sell part of the energy generated by Botley West to the local community at a discounted rate.

Establishing a Community Benefit Fund - As part of Botley West's objective to establish a legacy across the area through working with the community, we are committed to exploring making a fund available that will be similar in size to Blenheim's bursary fund of £50,000. We are seeking feedback on the potential projects and initiatives that this fund could support.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

As part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application, we are undertaking an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to inform our proposal and the design. This is a process that involves various studies being undertaken and mitigation measures proposed to reduce or remove any significant environmental impacts that are identified. The EIA process is helped by feedback received through consultation. The process is split into three main areas: the EIA scoping report, the Preliminary Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and the Environmental Statement (ES).

We submitted our EIA Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 15th June 2023. PINS consulted with statutory consultees and published their Scoping Opinion on 24th July 2023, which will guide our EIA work.

We are now consulting on a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which provides the initial findings of these assessments to help consultees develop an informed view of the potential environmental impacts of Botley West and our proposed approach to assessing and mitigating them. This has built upon the initial EIA scoping report, the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) Scoping Opinion and environmental assessments, in addition to the consultation feedback.

Our DCO application will include an Environmental Statement, containing the full details of the environmental assessments undertaken for Botley West and the mitigation and enhancement measures proposed.

Landscape and Visual

As part of the ongoing EIA process, we have been assessing the potential visual impact of the site upon the local area. Therefore, we have developed a Landscape Masterplan which includes the landscape and ecological strategy for implementation, long-term maintenance, and management of the Project site. We have been exploring the potential of the following mitigations:

- Creation of woodland belts.
- Planting of lengths of new hedgerows along lengths of PRoWs and reinforcement of existing field boundary hedgerows.
- Meadow grassland to perimeter of solar array areas and areas of enhancement.
- Planting of individual trees where appropriate.

We've taken several steps to mitigate visual impacts. This includes expanding the minimum buffer zone to 25 metres between the solar arrays and any building and increasing buffer zones near residential areas. An area of solar development has been removed to enhance safety for Oxford Airport. Furthermore, there will be no permanent operation of security lighting, instead there will be infrared sensors, which provide no visible light, and manually operated lighting will only be in the vicinity of transformers.

Visualisations of how Botley West could look can be found on the project website (www.botleywest.co.uk).

Local Ecology and Biodiversity

In assessing the local ecology and biodiversity of the project site we have been undertaking site-specific surveys, investigated habitats, and studied the various species in the area.

There are mitigation measures that the project incorporates to ensure the effects on ecology is minimised. These include:

- Establishing a minimum 5m buffer zone for hedgerows, trees, ponds and woodland, an 8m buffer for watercourses and 15m for ancient woodland
- No removal of hedgerows, woodland, waterbodies, or watercourses.
- Establishing new skylark plots between the solar arrays.
- Creating a new landscape-scale corridor along the River Evenlode.

To deliver this, PVDP is working with Blenheim Estate to ensure there is long term environmental stewardship in place, with the primary goal of supporting the project to achieve a substantial biodiversity net gain within the area, of at least 70%.
This could include:

- Establishing bee hives on the site.
- Providing log piles and other refugia.
- Putting bird and bat boxes on trees.

Land Use and Agriculture

In assessing land use and agriculture, we have been conducting a number of Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) surveys. From our initial assessments, approximately 62% of the surveyed land falls under the category of lower-quality Subgrade 3b agricultural land, while 38% consists of Best and Most Versatile (BMV) agricultural land (ALC Grades 1-3a), with the majority of that land classed as 3a, which represents pockets of land across the site. The ALC Survey Map can be found in Figure 17.3 of the PEIR. Botley West intends to implement a comprehensive Outline Soil Management Plan.

At the end of Botley West's operational life, a comprehensive decommissioning plan, commencing two years before the lease concludes, will be executed. Our commitment is to remove all infrastructure except public highway cables, keeping the National Grid substation. The land will return to its original use, and not become brownfield land, with a dedicated reserve to cover decommissioning costs. We will be working with landowners and relevant stakeholders to explore how particular features of our proposals – such as planting, landscaping, and permissive access – could provide continued benefits by remaining in place beyond the life of the solar farm.

Recreation and Amenity

In accessing the recreation and amenity of the site, the Botley West team have been exploring ways to increase the connectivity of the site through proposing new footpaths and cycle tracks. As a part of this, we will establish a new footpath to connect Cassington and Church Hanborough. Additionally, we are enhancing the existing footpath connecting Bladon to Campsfield, located near the airport north of Begbroke, to transform it into a dedicated cycle route. Furthermore, we are exploring more opportunities where we can facilitate new routes and upgrade current ones.

Regarding the current Public Rights of Way, our primary aim is to preserve them without disruption. While temporary diversions may be necessary for safety during construction, our objective is to minimise inconvenience to users. Throughout operation, all existing routes will remain unaltered.

Hydrology and Flood Risk

Solar farms provide the opportunity to reduce the flood risk of an area. Botley West is actively exploring ways to mitigate the potential impacts of the project on hydrology and flood risk during construction and operation. This includes conducting hydrogeological risk assessments for sensitive areas.

The mitigation measures we have already put in place include:

- Incorporating a drainage strategy in various project components to mitigate surface water runoff and flood risk.
- Establishing temporary haul roads.
- Planting seeded vegetation between solar PV modules to manage surface water and erosion.
- Implementing shallow channels with seeded vegetation along the perimeter to capture excess water after heavy rainfall.
- Employing trenchless methods for crossing watercourses and flood defences.
- Maintaining a 10m buffer zone between watercourses and project development.

In addition to these mitigation measures, we are developing Pollution Prevention Plans, an Infrastructure Drainage Strategy and a Code of Construction Practice which follow environmental guidelines.

Traffic, Access, and Construction

Botley West is committed to reducing traffic and construction impacts. We've actively worked with Oxfordshire County Council Highways to address traffic concerns. To minimise disruptions, we'll include a detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) in our Development Consent Order application. This CTMP will be produced collaboratively with Highway Authorities and set out routeing and traffic controls. Additionally, we'll create a travel plan for our construction staff to minimise local road traffic.

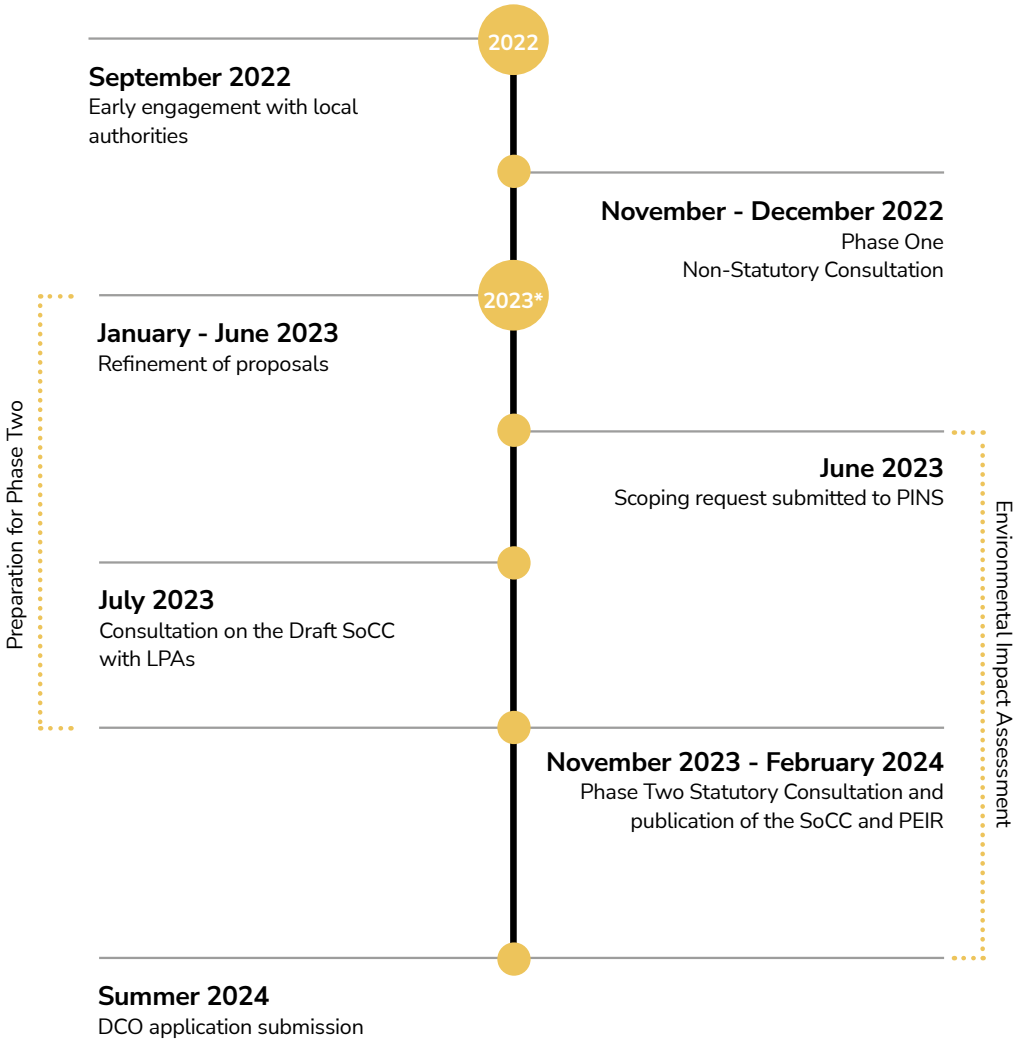
The materials used for the construction and the lifetime of the project will be as recyclable as practically possible. Up to 99% of materials in a solar panel are recyclable, and there are well-established industrial processes to do this.

Heritage and Archaeology

To assess the heritage in the area, we have been undertaking various studies, including desk-based assessments, analysis of aerial photography, geophysical survey, and site visits. A separate Heritage Impact Assessment of the World Heritage Site at Blenheim Palace has also been commenced. From this initial work, no significant heritage impacts have been identified in the PEIR. However, to achieve this and protect the heritage of the area, mitigation measures and buffer zones have been carefully designed to protect the built heritage and features of likely archaeological interest.

- Heritage assets have been excluded from the project site, in that land within conservation areas will not undergo solar development but will instead be used for environmental purposes.
- Specifically, two areas of land comprising parts of Conservation Areas in Bladon and Church Hanborough are to be used for environmental mitigation, rather than for project development.
- Significant archaeological sites will be preserved, while less significant ones may employ a 'no-dig' approach where solar panels could utilise 'concrete shoes' to avoid any disturbance to the ground.
- Effects on heritage assets are considered reversible, and impacts on buried archaeological remains are deemed insignificant, ensuring the responsible progress of our Project.

Indicative Project timeline



All future dates are indicative and subject to change.

Information Events

Over the consultation period, we are holding nine in-person information events and one online community webinar to give you an opportunity to speak to members of the project team directly and ask any questions you may have. You are welcome to drop-in to an event at any time.

Location	Date & Time
2023	
Bladon Methodist Church, 28 Park Street, Bladon, OX20 1RW	**Friday 8th December 2023** 3pm - 7:30pm
Woodstock Community Centre, 32 New Road, OX20 1PB	**Saturday 9th December 2023** 11am - 3pm
Begbroke Village Hall, 3 Begbroke Lane, Kidlington, OX5 1RN	**Tuesday 12th December 2023** 3pm - 7:30pm
Hanborough Pavilion & Village Hall, Roosevelt Road, OX29 8JG	**Wednesday 13th December 2023** 1pm - 5pm
2024	
Cassington Village Hall, The Green, OX29 4AX	**Friday 12th January 2024** 3pm - 7:30pm
Woodstock Community Centre, 32 New Road, OX20 1PB	**Saturday 13th January 2024** 11am - 3pm
Cumnor Village Hall, Leys Road, OX2 9QF	**Wednesday 17th January 2024** 3pm - 7:30pm
Seacourt Hall, 3 Church Way, Botley, OX2 9TH	**Thursday 18th January 2024** 1pm - 5pm
Eynsham Village Hall, 46 Back Ln, Eynsham, OX29 4QW	**Friday 19th January 2024** 2pm - 6pm
Community Webinar Register your attendance here	**Tuesday 23rd January 2024** 5.30pm - 7pm

Details on how to access our Community Webinar can be found on our website: www.botleywest.co.uk.

If you have any issues accessing the webinar, please contact the team through the project's communication channels listed on the back cover of this leaflet.

Community Access Points

To ensure that our consultation is as accessible as possible, we have designated Community Access Points. These are locations in the vicinity of the site area where you are able to access our Phase Two consultation materials. At these sites you will be able to access:

- Additional copies of this leaflet
- Our phase two feedback form
- A copy of the full PEIR for the project, available to view
- A non-technical summary of the PEIR, available to view

You can also access all of our information materials on our project website. If you would like documents in large print, audio, or braille formats, please contact us.

Our Community Access Points are at the following locations:

Location	Opening Times
Woodstock Library Fletchers House, Park St, Woodstock, OX20 1SN	**Tues – Fri:** 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm **Sat:** 10am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 4.30pm **Sun:** 2pm - 5pm **Mon:** Closed
West Oxfordshire District Council Town Centre Shop 3 Welch Way, Witney, OX28 6JH	**Mon – Fri:** 9am - 5pm **Sat & Sun:** Closed
Kidlington Library 23 Oxford Rd, Kidlington, OX5 2BP	**Mon & Thurs:** 9.30am - 5pm **Tues & Fri:** 9.30am - 7pm **Weds:** 9.30am - 1pm **Sat:** 9am - 4.30pm **Sun:** Closed
Botley Library 5a Church Way, Botley, Oxford, OX2 9TH	**Mon, Tues & Thurs:** 9.30am - 5.30pm **Fri:** 9.30am - 7pm **Sat:** 9.30am - 1pm **Weds & Sun:** Closed
Eynsham Library 30 Mill Street, Eynsham, OX29 4JS	**Mon:** 9:30am-1pm and 2pm and 5pm **Wed & Thurs:** 1pm-5pm **Friday:** 1-7pm **Sat:** 9:30-1pm

Contact us

Email: info@botleywest.co.uk

Freephone Information Line: 0808 175 3085
(Open Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm
Voicemails can be left outside of these hours)

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You will not need a stamp to send any correspondence to the freepost address

Website: www.botleywest.co.uk
Please scan the QR code to visit our website and view more information on Botley West.

If anyone needs this document in large print, audio or braille formats, please contact us using the details above.

Please note that all graphics and maps in this document are for illustrative purposes.

2 Phase Two Feedback Form

Botley West Solar Farm

Phase Two Consultation Feedback Form

Community consultation: Thursday 30th November 2023 to Thursday 8th February 2024

We want to hear your thoughts on our proposals.

You can provide you feedback using this form, through our consultation website, by contacting us by email, freephone or freepost:

- Email: info@botleywest.co.uk
- Freephone information line: 0808 175 3085
- Freepost: FREEPOST BWSF

Please note that the deadline for the submission of feedback is **Thursday 8th February 2024** (on or before this date).

Please feel free to include additional sheets of paper alongside this form, if you require more space to fully complete your answers. All feedback received will be considered.

You do not have to supply personal details; however, it will help us work towards meeting the needs of the public during the consultation period and enable us to contact you regarding Botley West Solar Farm, if appropriate. Your personal details will be stored in compliance with the GDPR by Counter Context, acting on behalf of the Botley West project team, and will not be shared with any third parties.

About you

Name: Postcode:

Organisation: (if applicable)

What is your age?

- ◯ Under 18
- ◯ 18-24
- ◯ 25-34
- ◯ 34-44
- ◯ 45-54
- ◯ 55-64
- ◯ 65-74
- ◯ 75 and over
- ◯ Prefer not to say

Would you like us to keep you updated?

Please let us know if you agree for us to contact you with any future updates regarding the project. This may include sharing with the results of this phase of consultation with you and notifying you of any future consultation opportunities. If you agree to being contacted, please provide your preferred contact method and your postal and/or email address below.

Address: ☐

E-mail address: ☐

General

1) How would you describe your interest in Botley West Solar Farm?

- ◯ Local resident
- ◯ Local representative
- ◯ Landowner
- ◯ Local business owner
- ◯ Regular visitor
- ◯ Local interest group member (if so, please name)
- ◯ Statutory organisation (if so, please name)
- ◯ Other (please specify):

2) As a principle do you agree there is a need to install solar infrastructure?

I agree there is a need to install solar infrastructure ◯

I do not feel I understand enough about the need to install solar infrastructure ◯

I do not agree there is a need to install solar infrastructure ◯

3) Based on our updated Stage Two proposals and the information presented in our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), what are your views on Botley West Solar Farm?

I support the proposals ◯

I would like changes to be made to support the proposals ◯

I do not support the proposals ◯

I have no opinion ◯

Project specific feedback

4) Which aspects of the project are most important to you?

Since Phase One we have updated our proposals, the design, and the layout of site. This is based on the feedback we received and ongoing technical assessments.

In the following table, please tick the topic areas you consider to be the most important issues that you would like us to consider. You can refer to these topic areas when responding to Question 4.

Tick box	Topic area
	Local ecology For example, please suggest opportunities to improve ecology and biodiversity across the site, and / or provide us with details of existing flora and fauna you would like us to consider.
	Landscape and visual For example, please indicate any local public viewpoints particularly important to you or opportunities for improved public access you would like us to consider.
	Archaeology For example, our proposed mitigations to reduce the impact to areas of archaeological interest and our initial studies.
	Cultural Heritage For example, our mitigation measures in relation to the project site area's proximity to the Blenheim Estate as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
	Traffic, access and construction For example, please indicate local routes or areas you think we need to consider when planning our construction works.
	Land use and agriculture For example, please provide any suggestions for how you think we can best use and manage the land during the operation of the solar farm.
	Hydrology and flood risk For example, please let us know of any specific flood issues to consider in the area.
	Recreation and amenity For example, please let us know of any areas of the site that are currently well used for recreation, and / or any further opportunities to improve public access across the site area. This could include new footpaths or cycle routes – please see our concept plans for details.
	Climate change and energy need For example, the carbon footprint of the project and the need for large-scale solar projects.
	Socioeconomics For example, employment, supply chain, and education opportunities.
	Glint and Glare For example, our proposed screening and mitigation plans and the ongoing dialogue with Oxford Airport.
	Other (please detail) Please list any other key topics that you would like our team to consider: .....

5) **Please provide comments on our updated proposals for Botley West Solar Farm.**

You may choose to expand upon your answers to Question 3 (your overall view of Botley West Solar Farm) and Question 4 (the topic areas you think are most important for our team to consider). In your response you may choose to refer to address specific chapters or environmental topics of interest from the PEIR.

Technical questions

6) **Do you have any comments on the information presented in our PEIR?**

As part of our Phase Two Statutory Consultation, we have produced our Preliminary Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), alongside a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the information in the PEIR in less technical language. This document comprises the preliminary results of our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, containing the findings of the environmental studies and surveys that we have undertaken to date. This work is across a range of environmental topic areas, and also sets out any suitable mitigation measures identified for our proposals. We used this environmental work, in addition to Phase One feedback, to inform and shape our updated proposals for Botley West Solar Farm.

In your response you may choose to refer to address specific chapters or environmental topics of interest from the PEIR.

7) **Do you have any specific comments on our cable routes for the project?**

Since Phase One we have explored potential cable route corridors between the three sites. This includes the two options east of Eynsham at the point where it crosses the Thames near the Swinford Toll Bridge, as well as the cable route options east of Woodstock. We have now presented you with the various cable route options between the sites.

Working with the community

8) **Please provide any preferences for where you would like areas for community food growing to be placed.**

Botley West Solar Farm is proposing areas for the community to grow food on site. We are seeking feedback on where members of the community would prefer these areas to be. This could include areas being located near to a particular residential area, or further into the site area.

9) **Please provide any feedback on our approach to delivering opportunities beyond solar.**

Botley West is committed to establishing an environmental and longstanding legacy across the area. We are committed to working with the community to inform what a package of community benefits could look like.

We are seeking to take a considered approach built on three key forms of community benefit: community funding, on-site benefits and helping to reduce energy bills. Please see pages 14 & 15 of our Phase Two Community Consultation Leaflet for more details.

Your response could include suggestions for the type of projects or initiatives you think could benefit from this package, including from a community benefit fund that will be similar in size to Blenheim's bursary fund of £50,000 per annum.

What happens next?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form and provide us with your feedback.

Following the close of phase two community consultation, on Thursday 8th February 2024, we will consider the feedback that we have received during this period.

All feedback we receive will form part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the project to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. In the DCO, we must produce a Consultation Report that, among other elements, details the feedback and consultation responses we have received, and provides responses to this feedback, explaining how we have considered it and the way in which it has influenced our proposals for the Botley West Solar Farm.

Together with the results of ongoing environmental and technical studies, this will help further refine our proposals for Botley West, and allow us to finalise the details of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the project.

Get in touch

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Botley West Solar Farm

Welcome to our information event

Thank for attending today's event. Please have a look around and speak to members of our team. Remember to please fill in a feedback form so that we can record your feedback.

Scan the QR code to view our online feedback form.

PhotoVolt Development Partners

Who We Are

Photovolt Development Partners (PVDP) is a developer of solar power projects. We have a 19-year track record of delivering large-scale solar projects in Europe and Japan.

PVDP are acting on behalf of SolarFive Ltd. who will be the Applicant, and who hold the connection agreement with National Grid and is licensed by Ofgem as an electrical generator.

3 Phase Two information display boards

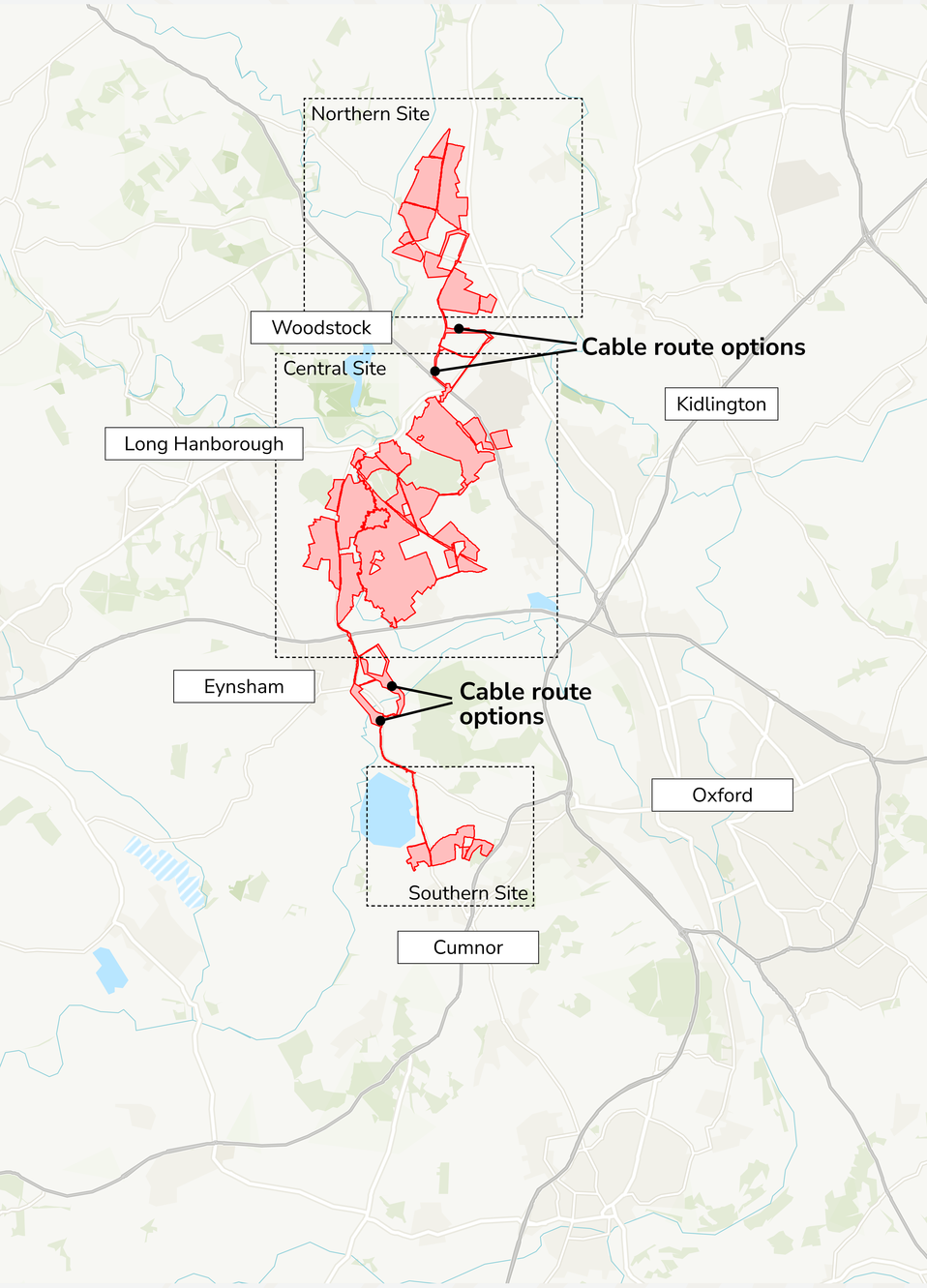
Phase Two Statutory Consultation

On behalf of SolarFive Ltd., Photovolt Development (PVDP) is proposing Botley West Solar Farm, a new solar farm in the west of Oxfordshire.

Our second phase of consultation is running between Thursday 30th November 2023 and Thursday 8th February 2024. During this time, you can provide feedback on our updated proposals.

Botley West could deliver 840 megawatts (MW) of clean, affordable power to the National Grid, contributing to reducing carbon emissions and improving UK energy security. The project will connect to a new National Grid substation, to be built by National Grid near Farmoor reservoir, to the west of Botley, hence the name Botley West.

Site Location Plan



The Need for Botley West

We need to take action against climate change. We also need to improve the UK's energy security. Botley West can support this by providing affordable, renewable, and home-grown electricity.

Impacts of climate change
The effects of climate change can be seen around us, both nationally and globally. To tackle climate change the International Energy Agency (IEA) has highlighted that renewable electricity, in particular solar, is key in reducing carbon emissions and achieving 2030 targets.

Climate change poses one of the most serious threats to food production in the UK. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has estimated that climate change could reduce the UK's stock of high-grade agricultural land by three quarters by 2050.

The need for ground-mounted solar
The UK has set ambitious and legally binding targets to eliminate carbon emissions and achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Large-scale solar development is recognised as having an important role to play in helping achieve this target. The British Energy Security Strategy, published in April 2022, outlined the aim to increase the UK's solar capacity fivefold by 2035 – equivalent to around 70 gigawatts (GW) total generation capacity. To achieve this, the UK must install an average of 4.15 GW in solar capacity per year.

The affordability of solar
Solar is the most affordable form of electricity in the UK, which means that it can help to reduce household energy bills caused by the continued use of gas. Botley West could reduce our reliance on foreign gas imports. The Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) has identified solar as being central to the future of electricity generation in a recent report, with solar estimated to be roughly 35% cheaper than costs predicted for combined-cycle gas turbine power plants in 2025.

Local climate targets
Oxfordshire has set ambitious climate targets for the county, which Botley West would contribute to. The Oxfordshire Energy Strategy, signed up to by all councils within Oxfordshire, agreed a target of a 50% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030, and 100% net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

The need for home-grown energy infrastructure
As gas prices rise and energy bills increase, the UK is in need of a more reliable and secure supply of energy. This is essential in making us more resilient against potential blackouts, meet growing energy demands and improve our energy security. It can be achieved by increasing our own generating capacity and number of generating assets, through renewable energy projects such as Botley West.

Building infrastructure where it is needed most
Within Oxfordshire, there is a need to increase electricity generation to support demand. The county is committed to extensive growth and intends to lead on energy innovation. These targets lead to a need to increase the capacity of electricity generation within Oxfordshire. This includes both the development of connecting infrastructure as well as new generating stations, such as Botley West.

Botley West has secured a grid connection with National Grid in close proximity to the site, allowing for supporting both Oxfordshire's ambition to increase their solar generating capacity from 300 MW to 1900 MW by 2030, as well as supplying electricity to an area where the demand is growing and where there is capacity to accommodate it.

Our Phase Two Proposals

Botley West has an agreement to provide **840 MW of clean, affordable power** to the National Grid, providing enough electricity for the equivalent of **330,000 homes**.

Botley West has **increased minimum buffer zone distances** between solar panels and all buildings, as well as **providing significant increases to the buffer zones near residential areas.**

Botley West seeks to **increase recreational use and access across the site** through the creation of new footpaths and cycle paths.

Botley West now includes an Illustrative Masterplan, available to view in the Document Library, and will deliver a **minimum Biodiversity Net Gain of at least 70%**.

Botley West has **removed solar development directly south of Oxford Airport** to enable the installation of runway lighting that will improve safety.

Botley West is exploring a **dynamic and wide-ranging community benefits package**.

Opportunities Beyond Solar

Botley West Solar Farm is committed to establishing an environmental and longstanding legacy across the area. We are committed to working with the community to inform what a package of community benefits could look like.

Our proposed approach is built upon three key forms of potential community benefit:

Community funding

On-site benefits

Helping to reduce energy bills

We have engaged with local groups to understand how best the project can benefit the local community, including:

- Local Agricultural Groups
- Local Farmers
- Cherwell Collective
- Cutteslowe Community Larder

As part of delivering a legacy for the project, Blenheim Estate are becoming the environmental stewards for the site to ensure that the environmental benefits, such as a minimum 70% biodiversity net gain, are achieved.

As part of our approach to deliver community benefits, we are committed to supporting the local community by:

- **Exploring Community Energy Options** - Botley West is exploring the creation of a retail energy company to sell part of the energy generated by Botley West to the local community at a discounted rate.
- **Establishing a Community Benefit Fund** - As part of Botley West's objective to establish a legacy across the area through working with the community, we are committed to exploring making a fund available that will be similar in size to Blenheim's bursary fund of £50,000 per annum.

Northern Site Map

Key

- Project Site Boundary
- Installation Area
- Proposed Mitigation and Enhancement Areas
- Cable Route
- Cable Route Option Area
- Existing PRoW
- Proposed Cycle Route
- Skylark Plot (5m x 5m)
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- Existing Woodland
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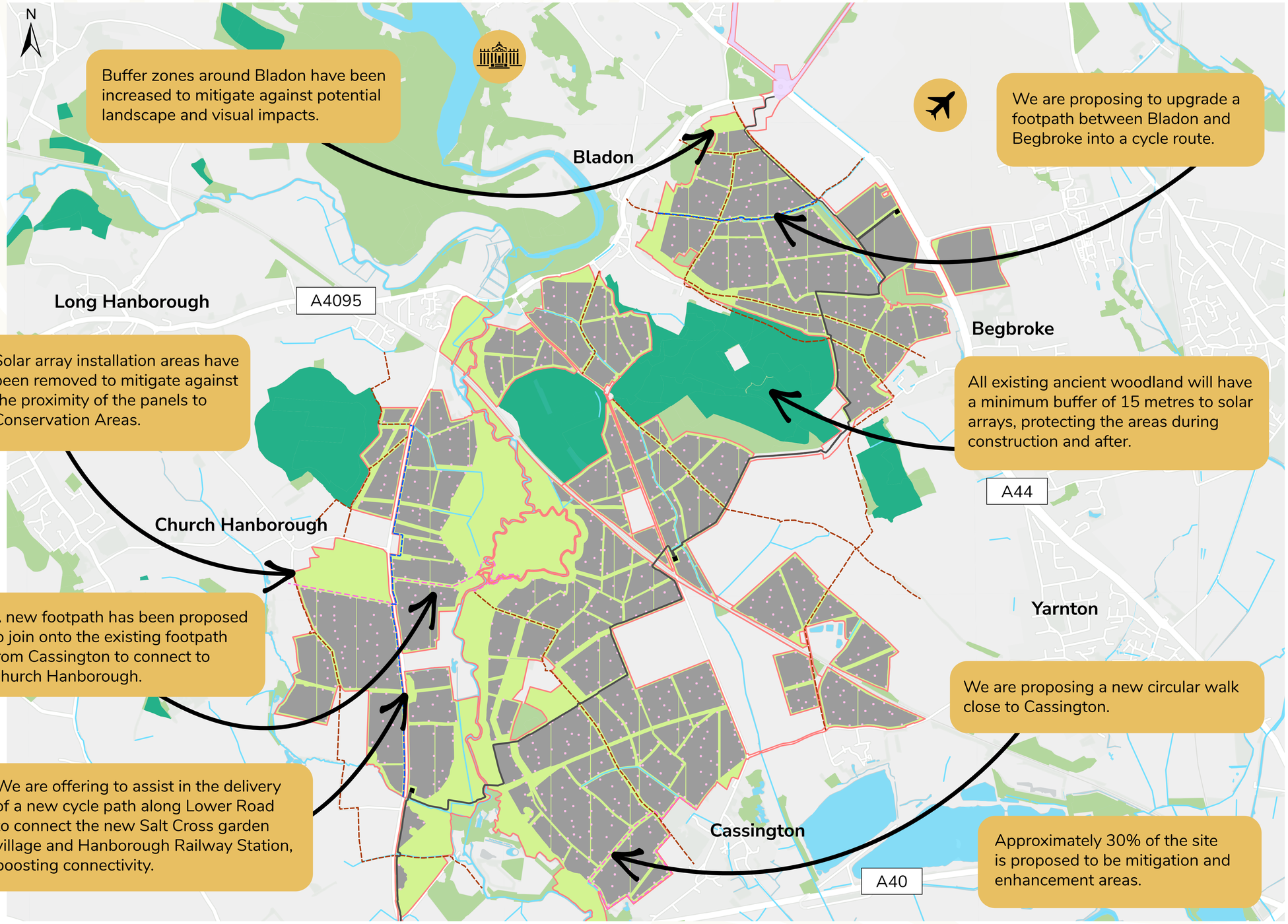

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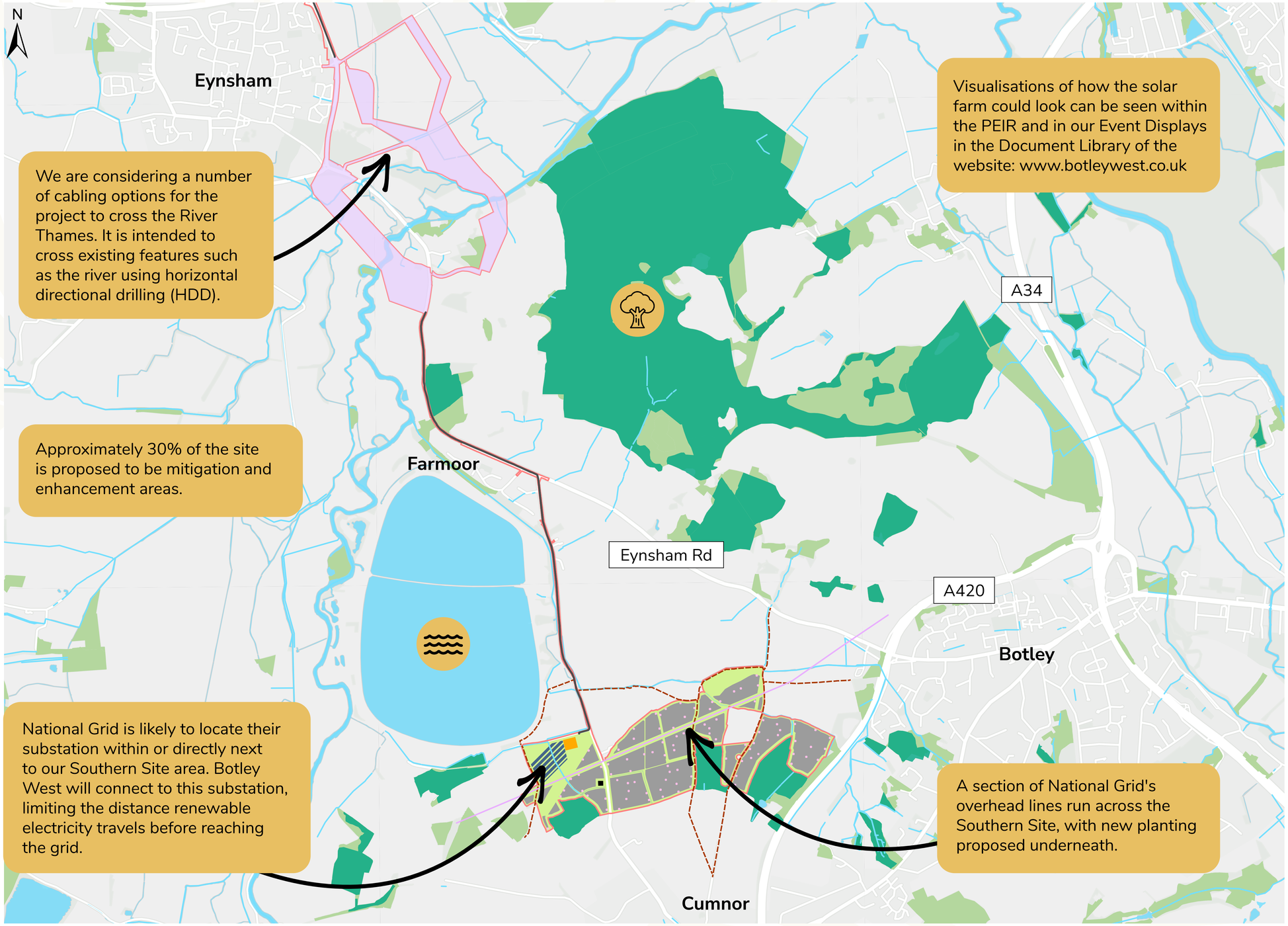

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

As part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application, we are undertaking an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to inform our proposal and the design. This is a process that involves various studies being undertaken and mitigation measures proposed to reduce or remove any significant environmental impacts that are identified.

The process is split into three main areas:

- the EIA scoping report;
- the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR); and
- the Environmental Statement (ES).

We submitted our EIA Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) on 15th June 2023. PINS consulted with statutory consultees and published their Scoping Opinion on 24th July 2023, which will guide our EIA work.

We are now consulting on a PEIR which provides the initial findings of these assessments to help consultees develop an informed view of the potential environmental impacts of Botley West and our proposed approach to assessing and mitigating them. This has built upon the initial EIA scoping report, the PINS Scoping Opinion and environmental assessments, in addition to the consultation feedback.

Our DCO application will include an Environmental Statement, containing the full details of the environmental assessments undertaken for Botley West and the mitigation and enhancement measures proposed.

Our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

The PEIR contains the initial findings of assessments across the varied range of topics.
An overview into these findings, as well as proposed mitigation, is provided below on a number of these topics.

Landscape and Visual

As part of the ongoing EIA process, we have been assessing the potential visual impact of the site upon the local area. Therefore, we have developed a Landscape Masterplan which includes the landscape and ecological strategy for implementation, long-term maintenance, and management of the Project site. We have been exploring the potential of the following mitigations:

- Creation of woodland belts.
- Planting of lengths of new hedgerows along lengths of PRoWs and reinforcement of existing field boundary hedgerows.
- Meadow grassland to perimeter of solar array areas and areas of enhancement.
- Planting of individual trees where appropriate.

We've taken several steps to mitigate visual impacts. This includes expanding the minimum buffer zone to 25 metres between the solar arrays and any building and increasing buffer zones near residential areas. An area of solar development has been removed to enhance safety for Oxford Airport. Furthermore, there will be no permanent operation of security lighting, instead there will be infrared sensors, which provide no visible light, and manually operated lighting will only be in the vicinity of transformers.

Traffic, Access and Construction

Botley West is committed to reducing traffic and construction impacts. We've actively worked with Oxfordshire County Council Highways to address traffic concerns. To minimise disruptions, we'll include a detailed Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) in our Development Consent Order application. This CTMP will be produced collaboratively with Highway Authorities and set out routeing and traffic controls. Additionally, we'll create a travel plan for our construction staff to minimise local road traffic.

The materials used for the construction and the lifetime of the project will be as recyclable as practically possible. Up to 99% of materials in a solar panel are recyclable, and there are well-established industrial processes to do this.

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Local Ecology and Biodiversity

In assessing the local ecology and biodiversity of the project site we have been undertaking site-specific surveys, investigated habitats, and studied the various species in the area.

There are mitigation measures that the project incorporates to ensure the effects on ecology is minimised. These include:

- Establishing a minimum 5m buffer zone for hedgerows, trees, ponds and woodland, an 8m buffer for watercourses and 15m for ancient woodland
- No removal of hedgerows, woodland, waterbodies, or watercourses.
- Establishing new skylark plots between the solar arrays.
- Creating a new landscape-scale corridor along the River Evenlode.

To deliver this, PVDP is working with Blenheim Estate to ensure there is long term environmental stewardship in place, with the primary goal of supporting the project to achieve a substantial biodiversity net gain within the area, of at least 70%.
This could include:

- Establishing bee hives on the site.
- Providing log piles and other refugia.
- Putting bird and bat boxes on trees.

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Land Use and Agriculture

In assessing land use and agriculture, we have been conducting a number of Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) surveys. From our initial assessments, approximately 62% of the surveyed land falls under the category of lower-quality Subgrade 3b agricultural land, while 38% consists of Best and Most Versatile (BMV) agricultural land (ALC Grades 1-3a), with the majority of that land classed as 3a, which represents pockets of land across the site. The ALC Survey Map can be found in Figure 17.3 of the PEIR. Botley West intends to implement a comprehensive Outline Soil Management Plan.

At the end of Botley West's operational life, a comprehensive decommissioning plan, commencing two years before the lease concludes, will be executed. Our commitment is to remove all infrastructure except public highway cables, keeping the National Grid substation. The land will return to its original use, and not become brownfield land, with a dedicated reserve to cover decommissioning costs. We will be working with landowners and relevant stakeholders to explore how particular features of our proposals – such as planting, landscaping, and permissive access – could provide continued benefits by remaining in place beyond the life of the solar farm.

Recreation and Amenity

In accessing the recreation and amenity of the site, the Botley West team have been exploring ways to increase the connectivity of the site through proposing new footpaths and cycle tracks. As a part of this, we will establish a new footpath to connect Cassington and Church Hanborough. Additionally, we are enhancing the existing footpath connecting Bladon to Campsfield, located near the airport north of Begbroke, to transform it into a dedicated cycle route. Furthermore, we are exploring more opportunities where we can facilitate new routes and upgrade current ones.

Regarding the current Public Rights of Way, our primary aim is to preserve them without disruption. While temporary diversions may be necessary for safety during construction, our objective is to minimise inconvenience to users. Throughout operation, all existing routes will remain unaltered.

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Heritage and Archaeology

To assess the heritage in the area, we have been undertaking various studies, including desk-based assessments, analysis of aerial photography, geophysical survey, and site visits. A separate Heritage Impact Assessment of the World Heritage Site at Blenheim Palace has also been commenced. From this initial work, no significant heritage impacts have been identified in the PEIR. However, to achieve this and protect the heritage of the area, mitigation measures and buffer zones have been carefully designed to protect the built heritage and features of likely archaeological interest.

- Heritage assets have been excluded from the project site, in that land within conservation areas will not undergo solar development but will instead be used for environmental purposes.
- Specifically, two areas of land comprising parts of Conservation Areas in Bladon and Church Hanborough are to be used for environmental mitigation, rather than for project development.
- Significant archaeological sites will be preserved, while less significant ones may employ a ‘no-dig’ approach where solar panels could utilise ‘concrete shoes’ to avoid any disturbance to the ground.
- Effects on heritage assets are considered reversible, and impacts on buried archaeological remains are deemed insignificant, ensuring the responsible progress of our Project.

Hydrology and Flood Risk

Solar farms provide the opportunity to reduce the flood risk of an area. Botley West is actively exploring ways to mitigate the potential impacts of the project on hydrology and flood risk during construction and operation. This includes conducting hydrogeological risk assessments for sensitive areas.
The mitigation measures we have already put in place include:

- Incorporating a drainage strategy in various project components to mitigate surface water runoff and flood risk.
- Establishing temporary haul roads.
- Planting seeded vegetation between solar PV modules to manage surface water and erosion.
- Implementing shallow channels with seeded vegetation along the perimeter to capture excess water after heavy rainfall.
- Employing trenchless methods for crossing watercourses and flood defences.
- Maintaining a 10m buffer zone between watercourses and project development.

In addition to these mitigation measures, we are developing Pollution Prevention Plans, an Infrastructure Drainage Strategy and a Code of Construction Practice which follow environmental guidelines.

Project Visualisations

For this phase of consultation, visualisations have been produced to show what the project could look like. The visualisations include an image of how areas currently look, and how they could look once built.

Below is a map that identifies the representative viewpoints agreed with the host authorities, and photographs of these can all be viewed in the Document Library on the website. Photomontage visualisations for over 30 of these views will be produced at the ES stage, and we have currently produced 18 visualisations for the PEIR, and a selection of these are available to view in our event displays.

Please note – the visualisations within the PEIR are produced to show the site during winter with year 1 mitigation, so new planting and screening mitigation will not be established at that point. The maximum panel height of 2.5 metres is also assumed, however, we expect the majority of the site will include the maximum panel height of 1.8 metres.

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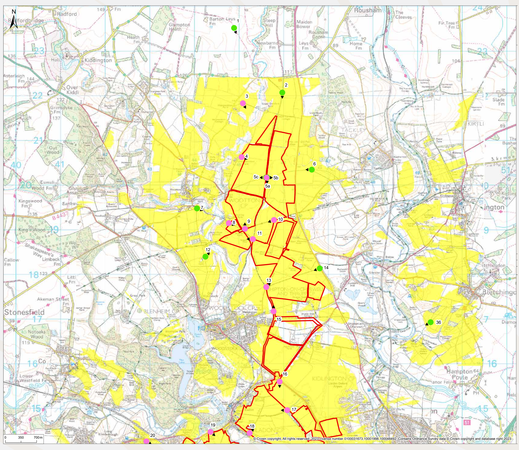

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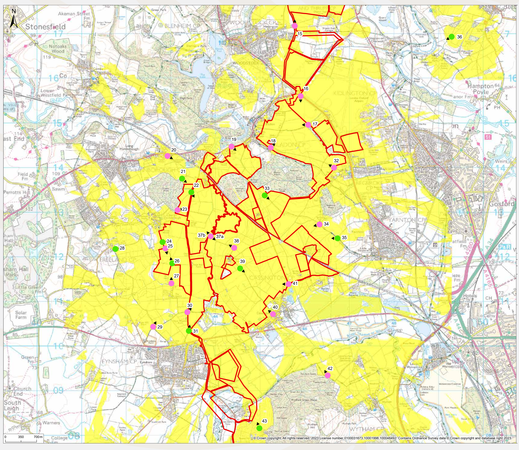

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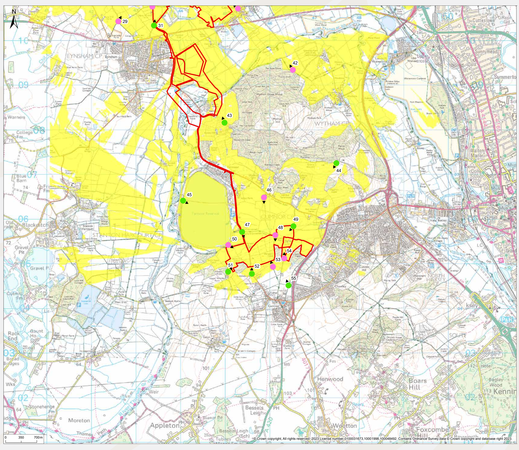

Legend

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Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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Representative Viewpoint 5b: View looking east from footpath 416/5/20		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 01/02/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 445633, 220174	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90° To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 5b** **Figure: 8.23a**

Representative Viewpoint 8: View looking south east from footpath 416/24/10, near Hordley House		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 31/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 444771, 219146	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90⁰ To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 8** **Figure: 8.31a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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Representative Viewpoint 10: View looking west from footpath 379/1/20 (Oxfordshire Way)		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 01/02/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 445782, 219213	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90° To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 10** **Figure: 8.35a**

Existing view

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Representative Viewpoint 16: View looking south from A44, near Bladon		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 26/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 445919, 215594	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90° To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 16** **Figure: 8.47a**

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Representative Viewpoint 18: View looking north east from footpath 132/3/10, near Bladon

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Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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Representative Viewpoint 20: View looking south east from footpath 238/1/10, near Long Hanborough		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 26/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 442927, 214262	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90° To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 20** **Figure: 8.55a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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Representative Viewpoint 29: View looking north east from footpath 206/12/10, at Acre Hill		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 20/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 443373, 210763	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90° To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 29** **Figure: 8.73a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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Representative Viewpoint 42: View looking north west from footpath 419/1/10, Oxford Green Belt Way		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 18/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 446510, 209333	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90° To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 42** **Figure: 8.101a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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Representative Viewpoint 46: View looking south from footpath 184/15/10 near Eynsham Road

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Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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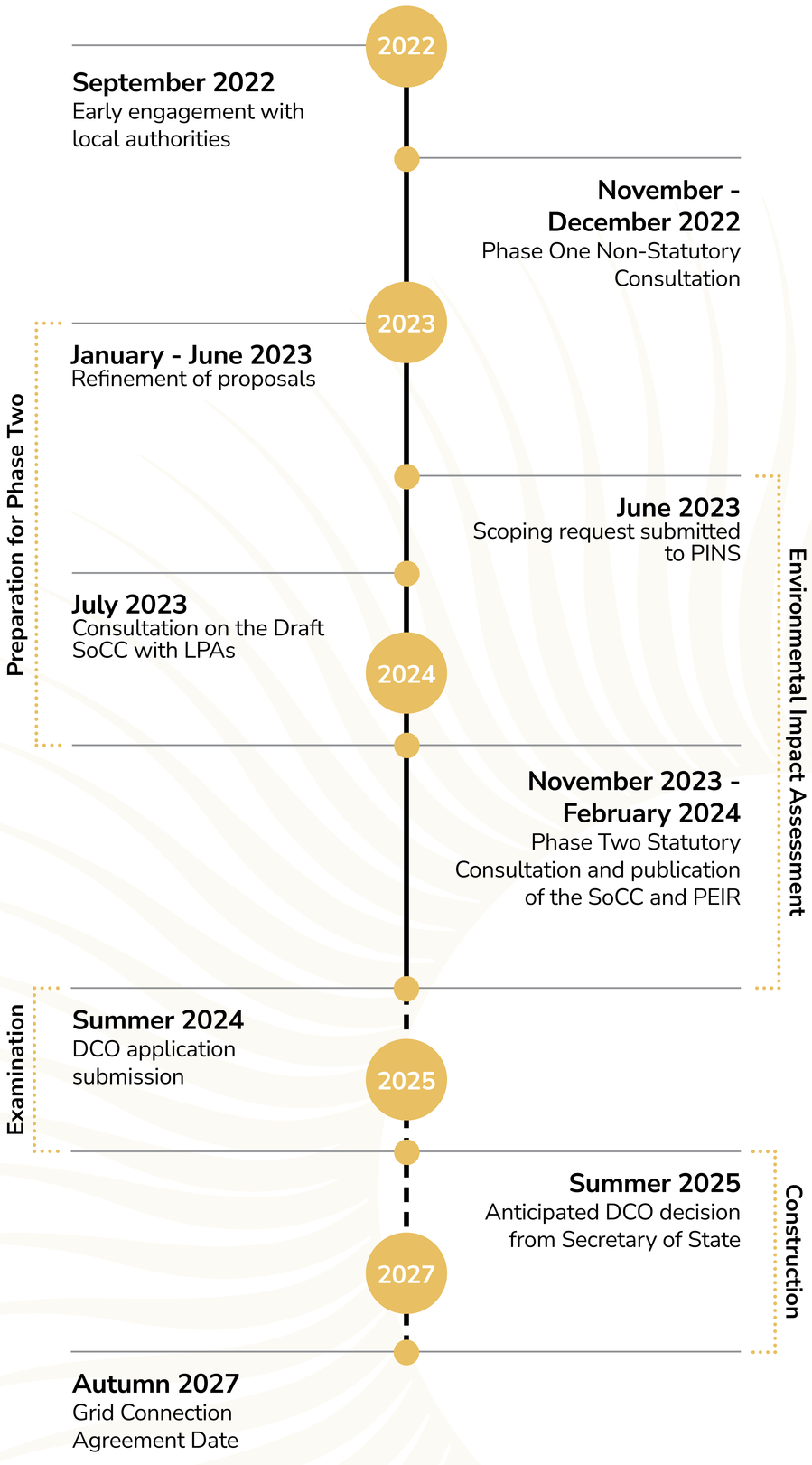

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Have Your Say

We want to hear your feedback on Botley West Solar Farm.

The deadline to provide feedback on Botley West Solar Farm is Thursday 8th February (on or before this date).

To have your say, you can:

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- Tell us your comments via email at info@BotleyWest.co.uk

All information regarding Botley West Solar Farm can be found on our website www.BotleyWest.co.uk.

To find out more, please contact a member of our team using any of our communications lines:

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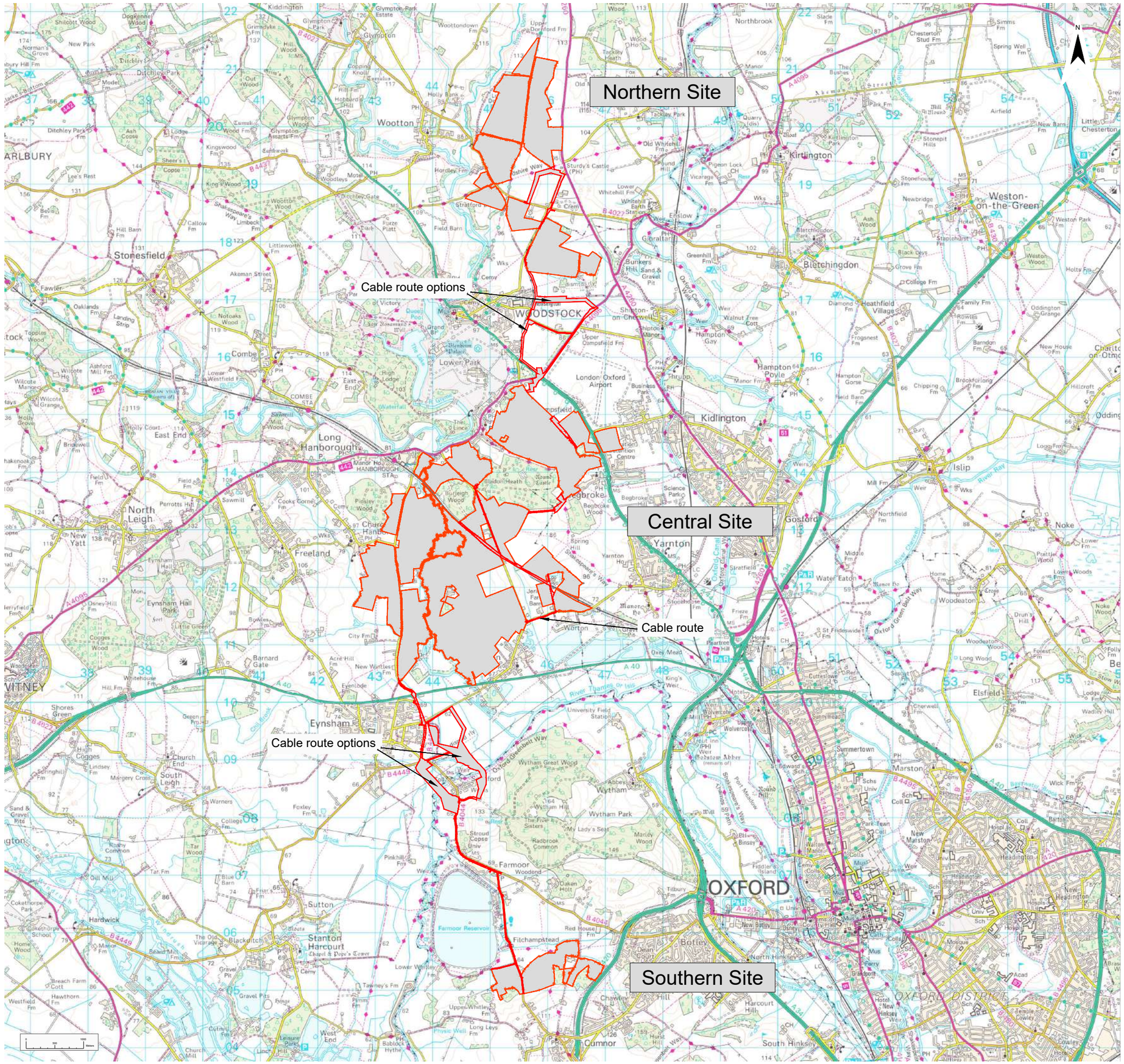

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Site Location and Project Site Boundary
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5 Phase Two Concept Plans

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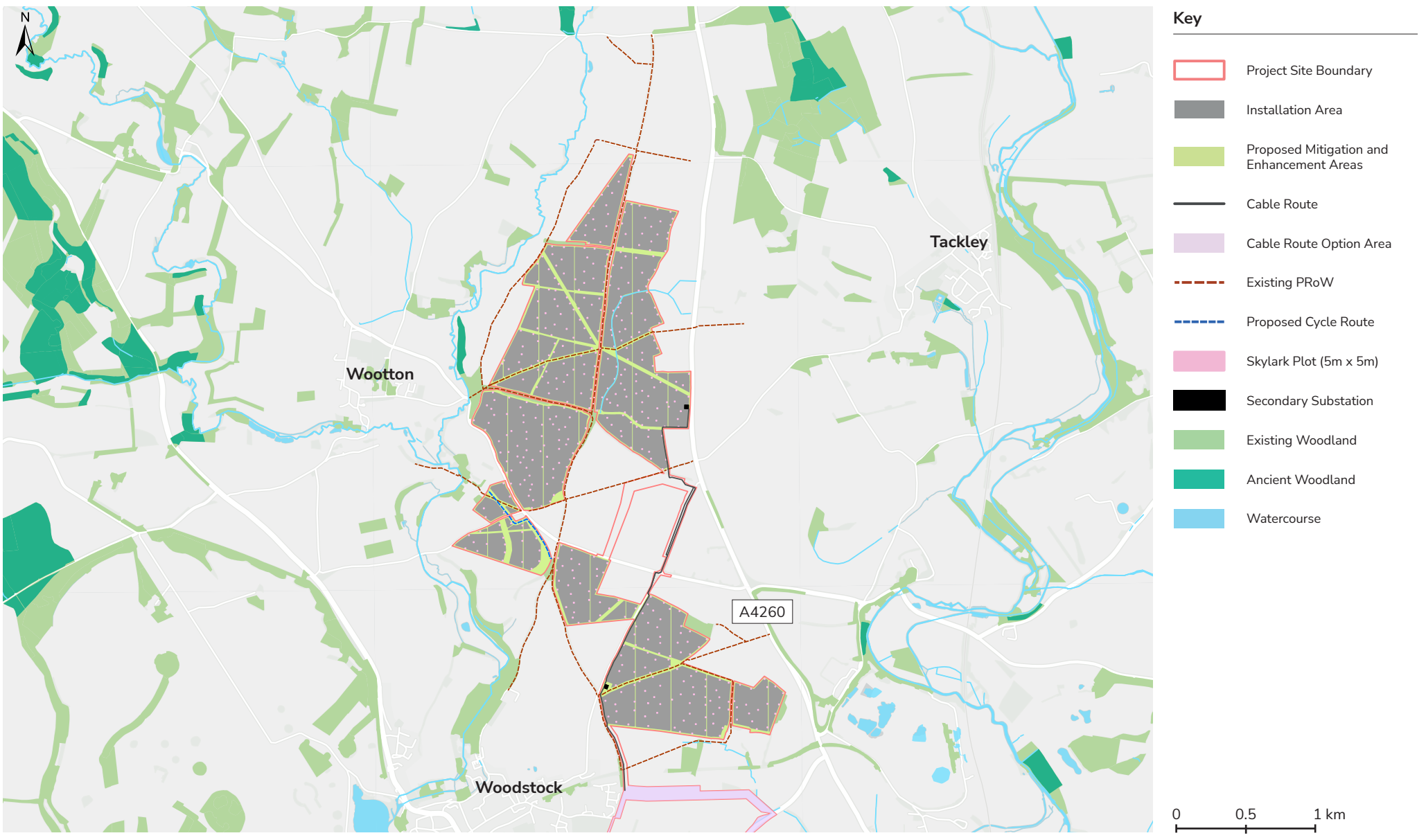

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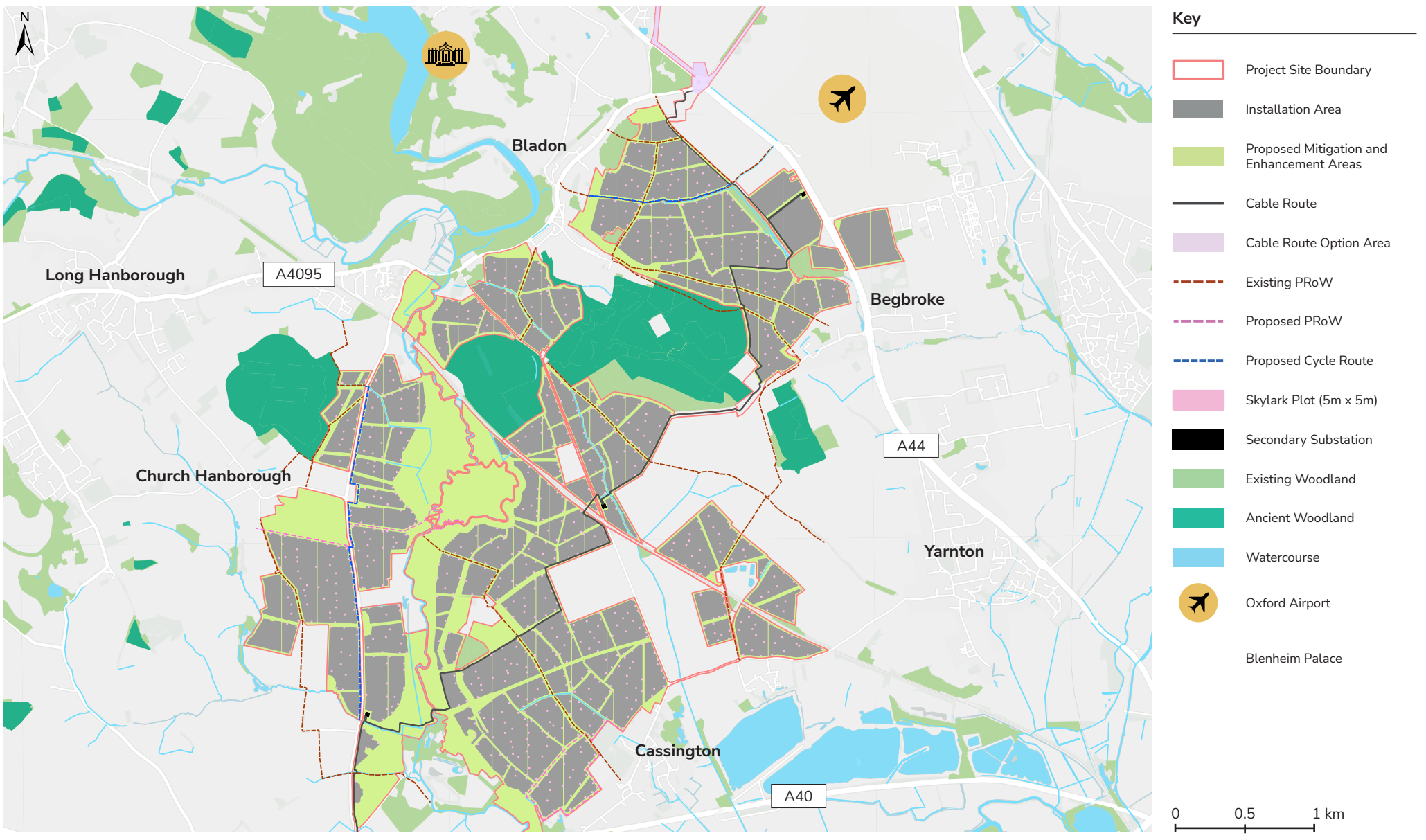

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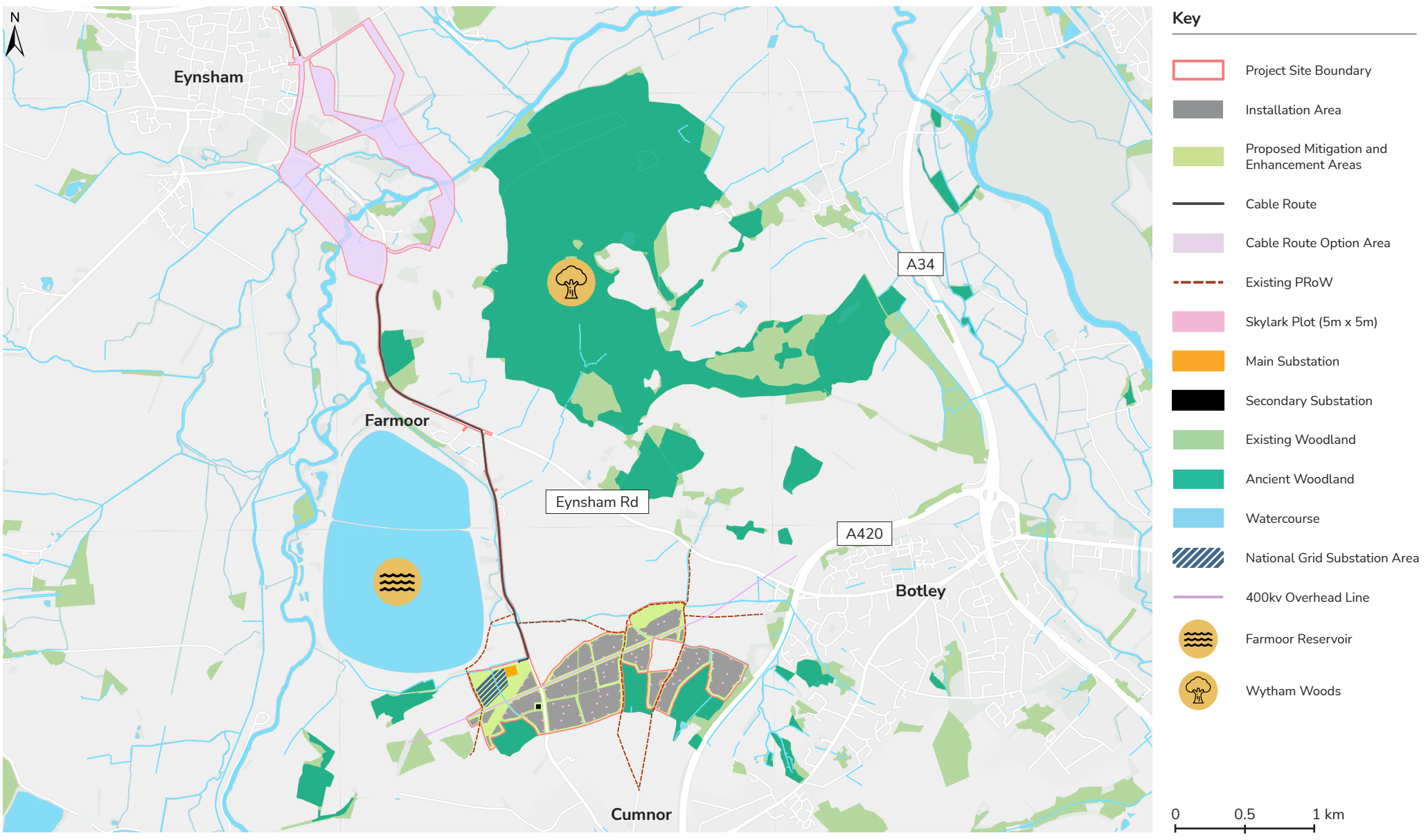
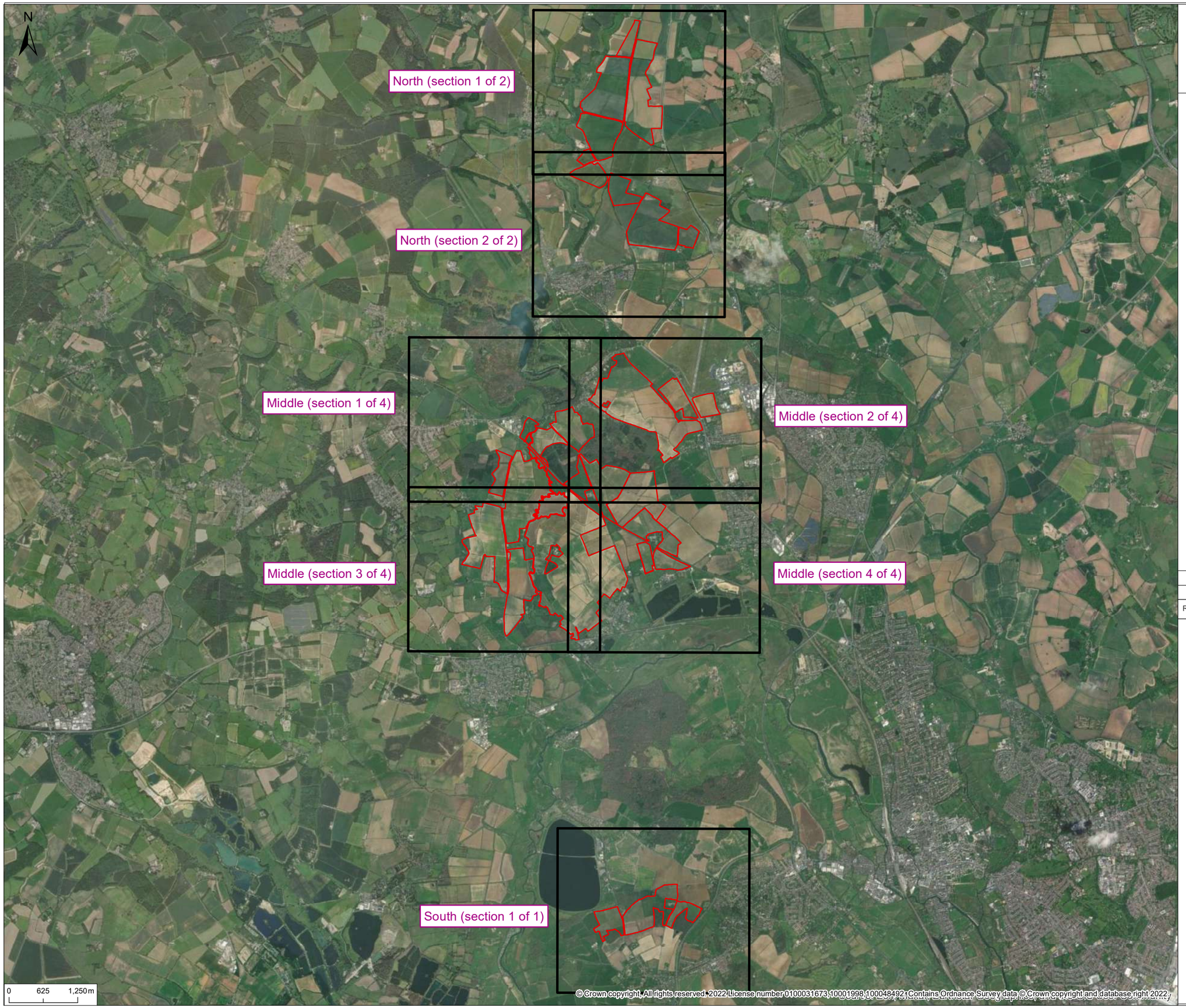


6 Phase Two Illustrative Masterplan



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- Site Location

Proposed Infrastructure Design Elements

- Indicative Cable Route
- Indicative Solar Array Layout
- Indicative Power Converter Station
- Indicative Location for Project Substation
- Vehicular Access Locations
- Fence
- Indicative Maintenance Road

Existing Landscape Elements

- Overhead Line
- Existing Public Right of Way
- Watercourse
- Ancient Woodland

Proposed Landscape Elements

- Reinforced Hedgerow
- New Hedgerow
- Opportunities for Enhancement
- Installation Areas
- Woodland
- Indicative Location and Number of Skylark Plots
- Tree Planting

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Project Botley West Solar Farm

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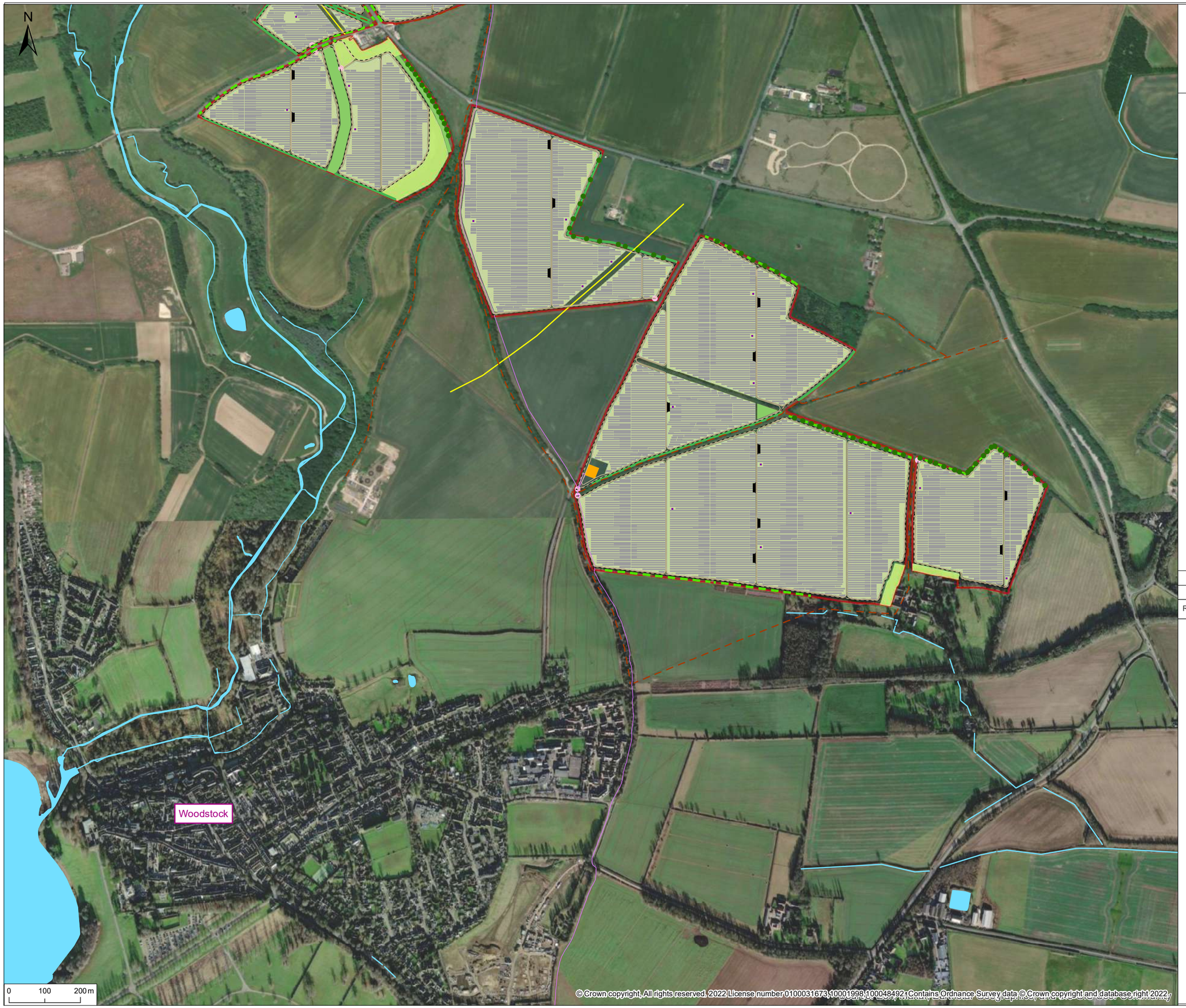

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- Fence
- Indicative Maintenance Road

Existing Landscape Elements

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- Existing Public Right of Way
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Proposed Landscape Elements

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Client -

Project Botley West Solar Farm

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- Fence
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Existing Landscape Elements

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Proposed Landscape Elements

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Client -

Project Botley West Solar Farm

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Existing Landscape Elements

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Proposed Landscape Elements

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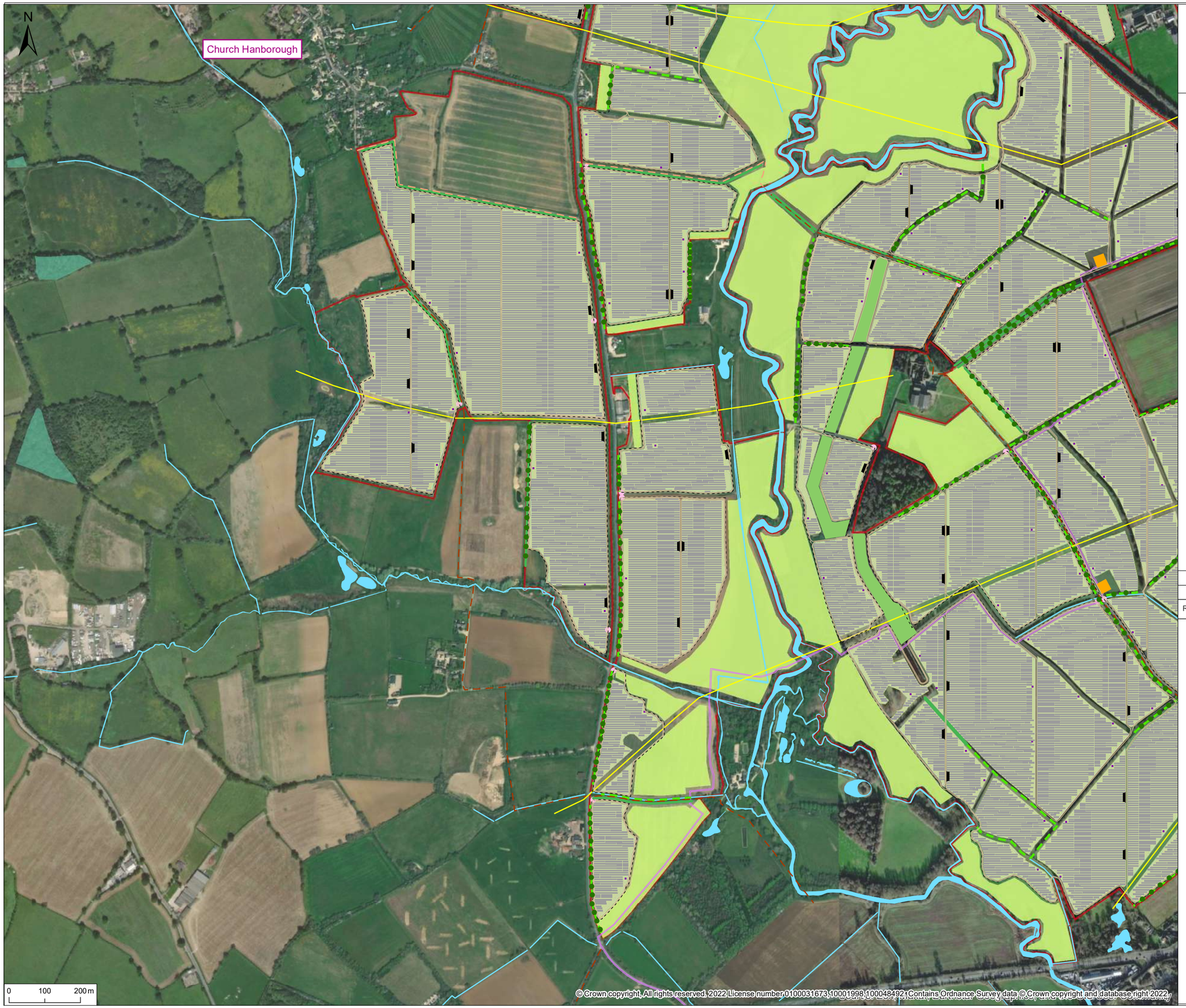

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- Indicative Maintenance Road

Existing Landscape Elements

- Overhead Line
- Existing Public Right of Way
- Watercourse
- Ancient Woodland

Proposed Landscape Elements

- Proposed Public Right of Way
- Reinforced Hedgerow
- New Hedgerow
- Opportunities for Enhancement
- Installation Areas
- New Bridge
- Woodland
- Indicative Location and Number of Skylark Plots
- Tree Planting

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Client -

Project Botley West Solar Farm

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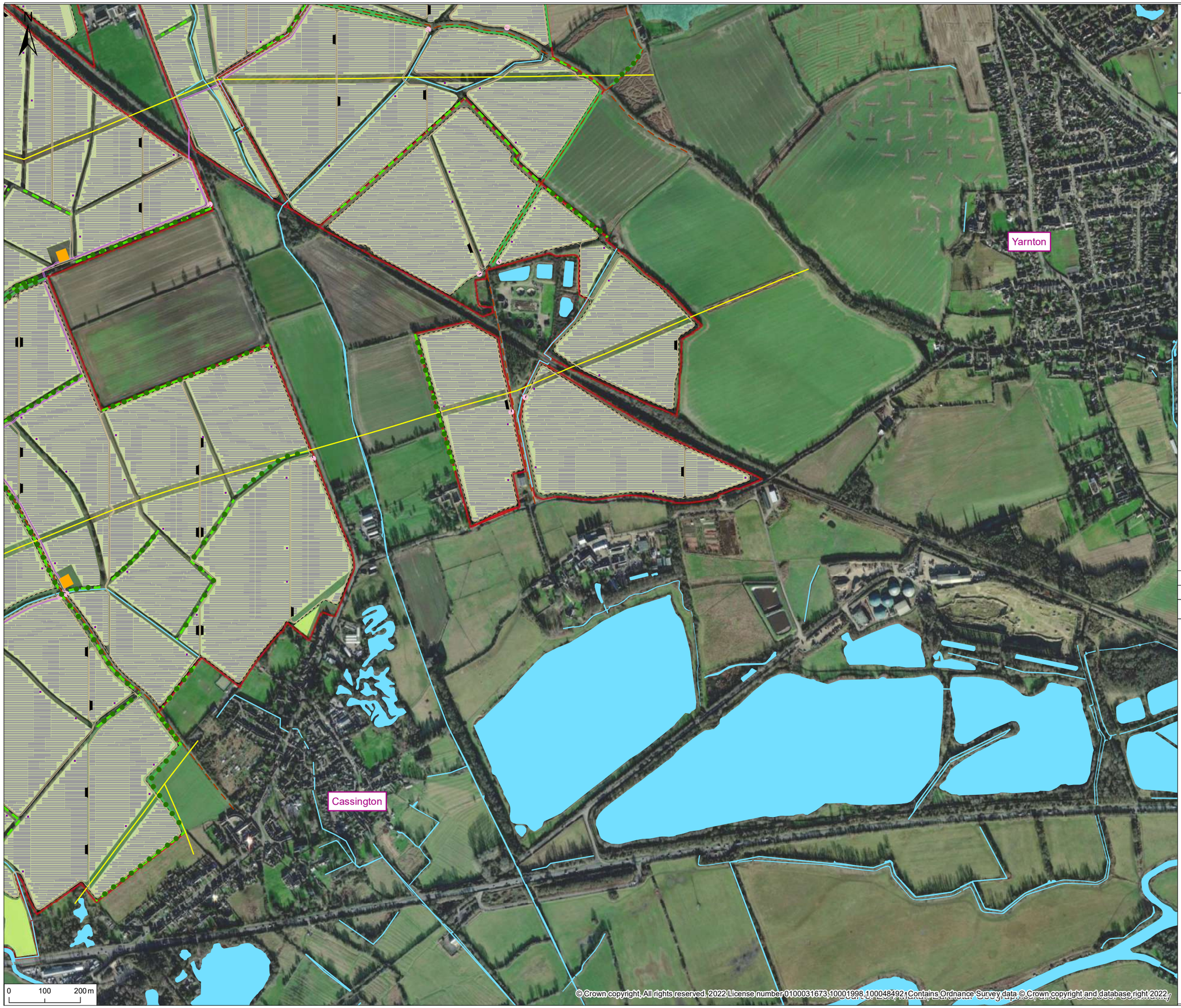

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Existing Landscape Elements

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- Watercourse
- Ancient Woodland

Proposed Landscape Elements

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Client -

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Existing Landscape Elements

- Overhead Line
- Existing Public Right of Way
- Watercourse
- Ancient Woodland

Proposed Landscape Elements

- Proposed Public Right of Way
- Reinforced Hedgerow
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- Installation Areas
- Indicative Location and Number of Skylark Plots
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Client -

Project Botley West Solar Farm

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7 Phase Two Project Visualisations

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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rps A TETRA TECH COMPANY	**Representative Viewpoint 3: View south east from footpath 416/10/60, near Woottondown Farm**		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 01/02/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 445090, 221835	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 3** **Figure: 8.17a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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Representative Viewpoint 4: View east from footpath 416/22/20, near Lower Dornford Farm		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 31/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 445058, 220630	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 4** **Figure: 8.19a**

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rps A TETRA TECH COMPANY **Representative Viewpoint 5b: View looking east from footpath 416/5/20**		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 01/02/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 445633, 220174	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 5b** **Figure: 8.23a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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rps A TETRA TECH COMPANY	**Representative Viewpoint 8: View looking south east from footpath 416/24/10, near Hordley House**		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 31/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 444771, 219146	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 8** **Figure: 8.31a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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rps A TETRA TECH COMPANY	**Representative Viewpoint 10: View looking west from footpath 379/1/20 (Oxfordshire Way)**		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 01/02/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 445782, 219213	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 10** **Figure: 8.35a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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rps A TETRA TECH COMPANY	**Representative Viewpoint 11: View looking west from bridleway 379/19/20 (Claude Duval Way)**		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 01/02/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 445315, 218791	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 11** **Figure: 8.37a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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Representative Viewpoint 13: View looking north east from bridleway 342/1/10, near Banbury Road		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 01/02/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 445609, 217712	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 13** **Figure: 8.41a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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Representative Viewpoint 16: View looking south from A44, near Bladon		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 26/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 445919, 215594	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 16** **Figure: 8.47a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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rps A TETRA TECH COMPANY	**Representative Viewpoint 18: View looking north east from footpath 132/3/10, near Bladon**		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 26/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 445235, 214446	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 18** **Figure: 8.51a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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rps A TETRA TECH COMPANY	**Representative Viewpoint 20: View looking south east from footpath 238/1/10, near Long Hanborough**		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 26/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 442927, 214262	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 20** **Figure: 8.55a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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Representative Viewpoint 23: View looking north east from footpath 238/2/20, near Pinsley Wood		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 20/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 443135, 213037	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 23** **Figure: 8.61a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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Representative Viewpoint 29: View looking north east from footpath 206/12/10, at Acre Hill		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 20/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 443373, 210763	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 29** **Figure: 8.73a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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Representative Viewpoint 40: View looking north west from footpath 152/6/10, near Cassington		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 18/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 445289, 210718	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 40** **Figure: 8.97a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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Representative Viewpoint 42: View looking north west from footpath 419/1/10, Oxford Green Belt Way		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 18/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 446510, 209333	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 42** **Figure: 8.101a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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Representative Viewpoint 46: View looking south from footpath 184/15/10 near Eynsham Road

Botley West Solar Farm NP12426	Date of Photo: 18/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 445872, 206488	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 46** **Figure: 8.109a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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Representative Viewpoint 48: View looking south from footpath 184/15/30, Oxford Green Belt Way

Botley West Solar Farm NP12426	Date of Photo: 13/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 446121, 205642	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 48** **Figure: 8.113a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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Representative Viewpoint 50: View looking south east from footpath 184/50/20, Oxford Green Belt Way adjacent Farmoor Reservoir

Botley West Solar Farm NP12426	Date of Photo: 13/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 445069, 205427	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 50** **Figure: 8.117a**

Existing view

Proposed illustrative view - Year 1

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rps A TETRA TECH COMPANY **Representative Viewpoint 53: View looking north from footpath 184/15/30, Oxford Green Belt Way**		**Botley West Solar Farm** NP12426	Date of Photo: 13/01/2023 Lens Type: 50mm	Distance to site: ? km OS reference: 446068, 204935	Direction to site: ? Viewpoint height: ?m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90º To be viewed at comfortable arms length	**Existing and illustrative winter Year 1: Viewpoint 53** **Figure: 8.123a**

8 Phase Two Information Poster

Botley West Solar Farm

Phase Two Consultation

Thursday 30th November 2023 – 8th February 2024

Come and find out more about Botley West Solar Farm during our community information events.

Over the consultation period, we are holding nine in-person information events and one online community webinar to give you an opportunity to speak to members of the project team directly and ask any questions you may have.

Community Information Events

Location	Date & Time
Bladon Methodist Church, 28 Park Street, Bladon, OX20 1RW	**Friday 8th December 2023** - 3pm - 7:30pm
Woodstock Community Centre, 32 New Road, OX20 1PB	**Saturday 9th December 2023** - 11am - 3pm
Begbroke Village Hall, 3 Begbroke Lane, Kidlington, OX5 1RN	**Tuesday 12th December 2023** - 3pm - 7:30pm
Hanborough Pavilion & Village Hall,Roosevelt Road, OX29 8JG	**Wednesday 13th December 2023** - 1pm - 5pm
Cassington Village Hall,The Green, OX29 4AX	**Friday 12th January 2024** - 3pm - 7:30pm
Woodstock Community Centre, 32 New Road, OX20 1PB	**Saturday 13th January 2024** - 11am - 3pm
Cumnor Village Hall,Leys Road, OX2 9QF	**Wednesday 17th January 2024** - 3pm - 7:30pm
Seacourt Hall, 3 Church Way, Botley, OX2 9TH	**Thursday 18th January 2024** - 1pm - 5pm
Eynsham Village Hall, 46 Back Ln, Eynsham, OX29 4QW	**Friday 19th January 2024** - 2pm - 6pm
Community Webinar Zoom	**Tuesday 23rd January 2024** - 5.30pm - 7pm

Details on how to access our Community Webinar can be found on our website: **www.botleywest.co.uk**

To ensure that our consultation is as accessible as possible, we have designated Community Access Points. These are locations in the vicinity of the site area where you are able to access our Phase Two consultation materials.

Community Access Points

Location	Opening Times
Woodstock Library Fletchers House, Park St, Woodstock OX20 1SN	**Tues – Fri:** 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm **Sat:** 10am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 4.30pm **Sun:** 2pm - 5pm **Mon:** Closed
West Oxfordshire District Council Town Centre Shop 3 Welch Way, Witney, OX28 6JH	**Mon – Fri:** 9am - 5pm **Sat & Sun:** Closed
Kidlington Library 23 Oxford Rd, Kidlington, OX5 2BP	**Mon & Thurs:** 9.30am - 5pm **Tues & Fri:** 9.30am - 7pm **Weds:** 9.30am - 1pm **Sat:** 9am - 4.30pm **Sun:** Closed
Botley Library 5a Church Way, Botley, Oxford OX2 9TH	**Mon, Tues & Thurs:** 9.30am - 5.30pm **Fri:** 9.30am - 7pm **Sat:** 9.30am - 1pm **Weds & Sun:** Closed
Eynsham Library 30 Mill Street, Eynsham, OX29 4JS	**Mon:** 9:30am-1pm and 2pm and 5pm **Wed & Thurs:** 1pm-5pm **Friday:** 1-7pm **Sat:** 9:30-1pm

If you have any questions about our community consultation, please get in touch using the communication lines below:

Website: www.botleywest.co.uk

Email: info@botleywest.co.uk

Freepost: FREEPOST BWSF
You do not need a stamp to send any correspondence to the Freepost address.

Freephone Information Line: 0808 175 3085
Available Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm.
Voicemails can be left outside of these hours.

9 Phase Two Press release

PRESS RELEASE (EMBARGOED UNTIL 30 NOVEMBER 2023)

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE LATEST PROPOSALS FOR BOTLEY WEST SOLAR FARM

Photovolt Development Partners is excited to announce that the second phase of consultation for Botley West Solar Farm has commenced today. Being mindful of Christmas, the consultation period will run for an extended 10-week period, until Thursday 8 February. Anyone interested in the proposals is encouraged to find out more and can provide their feedback during this time.

Commenting on the launch of the Phase Two Statutory Consultation, Mark Owen-Lloyd, Project Developer, said: "*We're excited to announce the commencement of our Phase Two Statutory Consultation. During this phase, we will present our updated proposals for Botley West, shaped by community feedback from Phase One and our ongoing environmental assessments. We will ensure that Botley West will be delivered in the best possible manner, considering the local surroundings, aiming to benefit local communities, enhance indigenous wildlife, and preserve biodiversity. We invite anyone interested in Botley West to reach out and actively participate in our forthcoming Phase Two Statutory Consultation. The feedback from this consultation will be invaluable in shaping Botley West."*

Botley West Solar Farm is proposed to generate renewable energy to provide up to 840 megawatts (MW) of reliable, low-cost electricity to the National Grid, contributing to reducing carbon emissions and improving UK energy security. The project will be located within Cherwell, West Oxfordshire, and Vale of White Horse, and could power the equivalent of approximately 330,000 homes, while considering the local environment and providing a biodiversity net gain. The first phase of consultation on the project, in November and December 2022, introduced the project publicly at an early stage.

Since the first phase of consultation, Botley West Solar Farm has been developed and updated as a result of the feedback received, as well as through ongoing environmental surveys and assessments. Some of the changes include increasing minimum buffer zone distances across the site, reducing the area for solar installation, increasing recreational use across the site, and removing solar development south of Oxford Airport to improve safety.

Ahead of Phase Two Consultation, PVDP has offered briefings to Members of Parliament and local councillors to communicate these updates.

This phase of consultation is the statutory phase of consultation, where the results from ongoing environmental studies and surveys that have been worked on as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process are shared, including proposed mitigations of potential environmental impacts. These have been published in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and summarised in the PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS). More information regarding the Phase Two proposals, including links to the PEIR and the NTS, can be found on the project website at www.botleywest.co.uk.

The consultation features a series of both in-person drop-in events and an online community webinar. These event dates are as follows:

- **Bladon Methodist Church, 28 Park Street, OX20 1RW** = Friday 8th December, 3pm – 7.30pm
- **Woodstock Community Centre, New Road OX20 1PB** = Saturday 9th December, 11am – 3pm
- **Begbroke Village Hall, 3 Begbroke Lane, Kidlington, OX5 1RN** = Tuesday 12th December, 3pm – 7.30pm
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- **Community Webinar (Online)** = Thursday 23rd January, 5:30pm - 7pm

Full details of all these events can be found at the project website address: www.botleywest.co.uk.

Due to its proposed generation capacity being over 50MW, Botley West Solar Farm is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). This means that, to gain permission to build and operate it, a Development Consent Order (DCO) application will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS), which is planned for 2024. The Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) will then determine whether to grant consent for the proposal.

At this phase of consultation, Phase Two materials as well as the PEIR and NTS are available for the public to view, download and print at: https://botleywest.co.uk/document_library.html. These documents are also available to read and collect at the project's designated Community Access Points (CAP) in the local area. Please note that CAP site opening hours may vary as these are dependent on the organisation itself.

- **Woodstock Library**, Tues – Fri: 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm, Sat: 10am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 4.30pm, Sun: 2pm - 5pm, Mon: closed.
- **West Oxfordshire District Council Town Centre Shop**, Mon – Fri: 9am – 5pm, Sat & Sun: closed.
- **Kidlington Library**, Mon & Thurs: 9.30am - 5pm, Tues & Fri: 9.30am - 7pm, Weds: 9.30am - 1pm, Sat: 9am - 4.30pm, Sun: closed.
- **Botley Library**, Mon, Tues & Thurs: 9.30am - 5.30pm, Fri: 9.30am - 7pm, Sat: 9.30am - 1pm, Weds & Sun: Closed
- **Eynsham Library**, Mon: 9:30am-1pm and 2pm and 5pm, Wed & Thurs: 1pm-5pm, Friday: 1-7pm, Sat: 9:30-1pm

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Photovolt Development Partners (PVDP) is a developer of solar power projects. PVDP has an 18-year track-record of delivering large-scale solar projects in Europe and Japan. PVDP are bringing the project forward on behalf of SolarFive Ltd, who holds the connection agreement with National Grid and is licensed by Ofgem as an electricity generator.

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To view the Phase Two Community Consultation Leaflet, Main Consultation Document, Feedback Form. Preliminary Environmental Information Report and accompanying Non-Technical Summary, please visit this link: https://botleywest.co.uk/document_library.html.

10 List of publications press release was issued to

Publication	
Oxford Times	1st Energy News
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Witney Gazette	Business Green
The Herald Series	Carbon Brief
This is Oxfordshire	Carbon Capture Journal
Banbury Guardian	Carbon Pulse
Oxfordshire Live	Clean Energy Pipeline
Oxfordshire Guardian	Climate Home News
BBC Radio Oxford	Current News
The Oxford Magazine	Energy CIO Insights
Oxfordshire news for Greatest Hits Radio	Energy Engineering
Thames Tap	Energy Live News
Daily Express	Energy Voice
Daily Mail	Environment Journal
Daily Mirror	Good Energy
Financial Times	Inspiratia
Sunday Mirror	PES - Power & Energy Solutions
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The Mail on Sunday	Power Engineering International
The Observer	PV Magazine
The Sun	PV Tech
The Sunday Telegraph	Recharge
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The Times	Renewables Now
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ITV/Good Morning Britain	Solar+Power Management
Independent	Solar Power Portal UK
CNBC	WorldofPhotovoltaics.com
BBC Radio 4 - Farming Today	Solar Magazine
Reuters	Solar Power World
Thomson Reuters	IJGlobal
The Economist - UK	Channel 4
The Times (London)	Sky News
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