



Botley West Solar Farm

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1 Approach to Targeted Consultation Document shared with local authorities

Botley West Solar Farm: Further statutory consultation on targeted changes

Introduction

This document explains further targeted consultation that will be undertaken on Botley West Solar Farm prior to a Development Consent Order application being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. The document describes the purpose and method of this further targeted consultation, and how it relates to the extensive pre-application consultation already undertaken.

Approach to pre-application consultation

Photovolt Development Partners GmbH (PVDP) on behalf of SolarFive Ltd ('the Applicant') is proposing a new solar farm, situated in Oxfordshire. This solar farm is known as Botley West Solar Farm (or 'Botley West').

As described in the Botley West Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), the Applicant recognises consultation to be a vital stage in the development of proposals. Feedback received through consultation is informing the refinement of plans for Botley West, helping the proposals to be developed responsibly and in a manner that recognises local community and stakeholder interests.

The published SoCC outlines how the Applicant will consult with the local community during the 'pre-application stage' before submitting a DCO application for the project to the Planning Inspectorate.

The SoCC was published in November 2023, following consultation on a draft version of the document with West Oxfordshire District Council, Cherwell District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council, and Oxfordshire County Council.

Pre-application consultation already undertaken

The aim of the pre-application public consultation is to ensure that both the community and technical consultees have had meaningful opportunities to understand and influence the proposals for Botley West.

The Applicant is undertaking an iterative consultation process. To date, community consultation on the proposals for Botley West Solar Farm has consisted of two phases, including:

- A non-statutory Phase One community consultation, lasting seven weeks, which was held from 3 November 2022 until 22 December 2022. This phase of consultation introduced the project location and capacity, and invited comments on an early-stage concept plan. This included the vision for the project, potential mitigation and enhancement areas, and opportunities for delivering a net gain in biodiversity and recreational improvements.
- A statutory Phase Two community consultation, lasting 10 weeks, from 30 November 2023 until 8 February 2024. This phase of consultation included presenting more developed plans which had regard to the comments received during Phase One consultation and ongoing assessment work. This statutory consultation was undertaken



in compliance with requirements of the Planning Act 2008 (the “**2008 Act**”), associated regulations including the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (the “**APFP Regs 2009**”) and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the “**EIA Regs 2017**”), plus associated guidance.

Both of these phases of consultation were coordinated to provide information and invite feedback on the project in its entirety. The second phase of consultation was aligned with the publication of a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), and feedback was invited from communities, landowners, and technical and prescribed organisations in parallel.

Objective of further pre-application consultation

Following the close of the statutory Phase Two consultation, the project team has continued to refine the proposals for Botley West, in preparation for submitting a Development Consent Order application to the Planning Inspectorate.

This progression has been informed by further design work and due diligence, consideration of consultee feedback, and responding to results and data from environmental assessments.

This has resulted in a series of specific amendments to the proposed red line boundary for the project – both increases and decreases – compared to the project boundary presented in the PEIR and for Phase Two consultation.

Although these changes are minor in size, the Applicant is committed to ensuring communities and consultees have had an opportunity to comment on the full proposed red line boundary for the project prior to a Development Consent Order Application being submitted.

The Applicant is therefore preparing to undertake a further statutory consultation targeted on specific increases to the proposed red line boundary for the project. This is in the region of 60 changes.

These changes are considered necessary as a result of:

- **Due diligence:** for example, adjusting the project boundary to precisely align with updated data and base mapping of land ownerships and field boundaries. There are no anticipated consequences to environmental effects of these changes.
- **Engineering and feasibility:** for example, where optionality was presented for potential cable routes, updated routes can now be presented to show anticipated routes. Additional work has also been undertaken to show the routing of the necessary underground 33kv cable connections between fields.
- **Transport and access:** following a review of all site access requirements for construction vehicles, the project boundary associated with a number of proposed access points has been increased. This is primarily for safety reasons, for example allowing hedgerows to be trimmed to increase visibility.
- **Refinement:** the Applicant is eager to avoid any unnecessary land take and is therefore refining the proposed red line boundary for the project in areas, following further design development work, to remove land that is no longer required.



Through consultation materials, the Applicant will clearly present each of these changes and explain any updates to the reporting of environmental impacts.

Provision for further consultation on targeted changes such as this was described in the published SoCC (Section 4, Page 7):

This SoCC relates to the delivery of the Phase Two consultation. If there are any subsequent consultations (including any targeted consultations) following Phase Two that may be triggered by events such as a material change to the red line boundary, or as a result of feedback from the Phase Two consultation, they will be undertaken in a manner that is consistent with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC to the extent they are relevant to the subsequent consultation.

What will be consulted on

- Consultation will be held on specific changes to the proposed red line boundary for the project only.
- These changes will be identified and numbered.
- A visual of each change will be accompanied by an explanation of why the change has been introduced, and confirmation of any changes to the environmental assessments and results presented at phase two consultation.
- The Applicant is not inviting comments on the principle of the project or matters that have already been consulted on.

Who we will be consulted

The consultation is considered a full statutory consultation in terms of who will be consulted. The targeted consultation will be carried out in accordance with the 2008 Act, the APFP Regs 2009 and the EIA Regs 2017.

The Applicant will proactively notify the following consultees:

- All prescribed consultees from previous statutory consultation will be notified and invited to respond. This aligns with consultation under Section 42 of the 2008 Act.
- As part of this, all host and neighbouring local authorities will be included in the consultation. This aligns with consultation under Section 43 of the 2008 Act.
- Any new or changed land interests will be consulted. This aligns with consultation under Section 44 of the 2008 Act.
- The Core Consultation Zone of over 22,000 properties within approximately 2km of the project area will be notified. This is consistent with the zone presented in the SoCC, and therefore aligns with consultation under Section 47 of the 2008 Act.
- Any parties that have registered to be kept informed.
- Anyone interested in the proposals, and not included within the categories above, will also be able to respond to the consultation. They can participate in the consultation by accessing our project website or free-to-use communications channels.



How consultation will be undertaken

Consultation will be undertaken in proportionate manner consistent with the principles and methods set out in the published SoCC, considering the specific details being consulted on.

The consultation period will exceed the statutory minimum of 28 days, and is intended to be held between Friday 14th June and Thursday 18th July (35 days).

This will involve:

- Written notification of consultation will be provided to consultees identified above.
- Local press adverts will be placed in local newspapers listed in the published SoCC, and display posters provided to local public venues.
- All consultation materials to be made available on project website and at provided to the Community Access Points listed in the published SoCC. Consultation materials will also be provided upon request.
- The dedicated project free-to-use communications channels will remain open and staffed by members of the project team on weekdays between the hours of 9am to 5pm.
- The project team will encourage requests for information and will facilitate direct meetings and conversations with interested parties on demand.
- Feedback will be invited through a simple-to-use online form, by email, or in writing to Freepost address.



2 Section 42 Notification Letter for Targeted Consultation

12 June 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Botley West Solar Farm: Targeted Consultation

Consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”)

In November 2023, Photovolt Development Partners GmbH (“PVDP”) on behalf of SolarFive Ltd (“The Applicant”) notified you of the statutory consultation undertaken on the Botley West Solar Farm. This consultation ran from 30 November 2023 to 08 February 2024. We appreciate all feedback received during this period.

We are now writing to inform you of changes to the proposals for Botley West Solar Farm. We are contacting you, in accordance with Sections 42, 43 and 44 of the 2008 Act, to consult on these changes which have arisen as a result of the project continuing to refine its proposals and in response to feedback received as part of the second phase of statutory consultation referred to at the start of this letter.

Project Background

The Applicant intends to build a new solar energy generation station (“Botley West Solar Farm”) on three land parcels located within the administrative areas of Cherwell District Council, West Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and Oxfordshire County Council.

If approved, Botley West Solar Farm could generate renewable electricity using ground-mounted solar arrays to provide up to 840MW of reliable, low-cost electricity to the national grid.

The location of Botley West Solar Farm extends from an area of land in the north (the Northern Site), situated between the A4260 and the Dorn Valley near Tackley and Wootton, through a central section (the Central Site), situated broadly between Bladon and Cassington, and connecting to a section further south near to Farmoor Reservoir and north of Cumnor (the southern Site), where Botley West Solar Farm will connect to the National Grid transmission network.

It will consist of:

- Solar PV Modules;
- Onsite cabling;
- Power Converter Stations (i.e. project substations and control buildings) and supporting equipment;
- High Voltage transformers, including feeders, switchgear and supporting equipment;
- Fencing, security and ancillary infrastructure;



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- Accesses from the highway and tracks, including temporary and permanent accesses;
- Green infrastructure;
- Underground electricity export cables connecting the Northern, Central, and Southern Sites that will connect into the National Grid Transmission Network; and
- Associated infrastructure, mitigation, and enhancement measures, and other ancillary works, for example, fencing, security, highway works, temporary works compounds, and work sites.

Botley West Solar Farm is considered as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (“NSIP”) and, to be consented, it will require a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) from the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (“DESNZ”) under the 2008 Act. This is due to the amount of renewable energy that Botley West Solar Farm would generate exceeding 50 MW.

The DCO application will contain full details of the proposals for Botley West Solar Farm and will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement in accordance with the 2008 Act and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The Applicant intends to make this application in Autumn 2024.

Updated information

The Applicant is carrying out a further round of targeted consultation for Botley West Solar Farm, focusing on specific changes that have been made across the site. This consultation focuses on specific changes to the project site boundary (indicative Order Limits), primarily with small increases in land area, but also decreases to the land in some areas. Details of the changes can be found in the consultation materials, as referred to later in this letter.

We are holding this round of consultation from **Friday 14th June to Sunday 28th July 2024**. During this time, you have the opportunity to comment on these changes. We encourage you to submit any feedback you may have on the specific changes using the details provided at the end of this letter.

To summarise, the targeted changes set out at this phase of consultation are considered necessary as a result of:

- **Due diligence reviews:** for example, adjusting the project boundary to precisely align with updated data and Ordnance Survey (OS) base mapping of land ownerships and field boundaries. These changes are very minor and as a consequence there are no anticipated changes to previously reported environmental effects.
- **Engineering and feasibility matters:** for example, there are now updated cable corridors within which the Applicant has now identified preferred routes as the design continues to progress, and this has resulted in alterations to the project boundary as the scheme is refined. In some cases, the Applicant has removed corridors to avoid potentially significant impacts on archaeology, and in other cases the Applicant has adjusted a corridor to help minimise likely environmental effects.



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Additional work has also been undertaken to show the routing of the underground 33kV cables, often beneath a highway, to provide necessary connection between fields either side. In these cases, the Applicant has not identified a specific crossing point for the 33kV cable as such design detail is not yet known, but instead has identified a stretch of highway where the 33kV could cross at any point. This approach has been taken to allow the Applicant to assess and then select, in due course, a location which avoids or minimises adverse effects to sensitive receptors, ecology, archaeology and other environmental impacts. The crossings will go underneath the highway rather than use an open trench technique, again to minimise potential adverse effects to the highway or other rights of way. This approach allows us to select the optimum and so minimise or avoid adverse effects.

- **Transport and access:** following a review of all site access requirements for construction vehicles, the project boundary in the vicinity of a number of proposed access points has been increased. This is primarily for safety reasons i.e. to provide appropriate visibility splays at these access points to allow the safe ingress and egress of vehicles onto the adjacent public highway. It became clear to the Applicant that they needed to control more land to deliver these requirements and so the project boundary was changed to accommodate these splays. In addition, some changes arose from the need to ensure effective access for maintenance purposes, and this too has led to some adjustments to the project site boundary. Whilst these changes may require the trimming or removal of hedgerows at the required locations to facilitate the widened access points and improved safety, the Applicant will plant approximately 25.5km of new hedgerows and reinforce approximately 27km of existing hedgerow to offset this loss.
- **Refinement:** we are committed to avoiding any unnecessary land included within the proposals. Our team has refined the proposed red line boundary for the project in areas to remove land that is no longer required.

Where the Applicant has added land to the project boundary, these may result in potentially new beneficial or adverse impacts and/or effects. These changes have been reviewed by the Applicant's technical team and conclusions drawn as to whether such changes would lead to impacts not previously identified and assessed in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which was presented at the second phase of consultation, or whether the change would give rise to different effects to those previously reported.

Although the changes are relatively minor in size, we are committed to ensuring communities and consultees have had an opportunity to comment on the full proposed red line boundary for the project prior to our Development Consent Order (DCO) Application being submitted.



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We anticipate submitting our DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate in Autumn 2024. Prior to this, we will also be publishing a document that presents our updated design proposals. This will explain the changes and refinements made in response to the feedback we received during the second phase of consultation, as well as this phase of further targeted consultation.

Consultation materials

The Applicant has published an Information Change Note on the proposed changes to Botley West Solar Farm on its website for this phase of consultation. This document includes an overview of the changes, maps showing the changes and the land affected, and a detailed analysis of each individual change and any potential change in environmental effects. Further details of these changes are presented in this document which is available to download from the document library on our project website (www.botleywest.co.uk).

The Applicant has circulated a consultation postcard to the project's core consultation zone, the area outlined in Section 6 of the project's Statement of Community Consultation, notifying properties of the consultation. The Applicant has also placed adverts in local newspapers publicising the consultation, including the Oxford Times, Witney Gazette, Herald Series, Bicester Advertiser and the Banbury Guardian. Information posters publicising the consultation have been distributed to local information points to display. The consultation postcard and the information poster is available to download from the document library on our project website (www.botleywest.co.uk).

Please also find enclosed with this letter an A3 copy of the Site Location and Order Limits Overview, which presents the project site boundary that will exist as a result of the changes that are being consulted on during this phase of consultation. A downloadable version of this map, as well as a zoomable map of the specific changes are available to view on the Targeted Consultation and Document Library tabs on our website: www.botleywest.co.uk.

Should you wish to receive more copies of the map or the Information Change Note in hard copy or alternative formats free of charge, please contact us using the details provided at the end of this letter.

The Information Change Note is also available to collect at the following Community Access Points (CAPs):

- Woodstock Library, Fletchers House, Park St, Woodstock, OX20 1SN
- West Oxfordshire District Council Town Centre Shop, 3 Welch Way, Witney, OX28 6JH
- Kidlington Library, 23 Oxford Road, Kidlington, OX5 2BP
- Botley Library, 5a Church Way, Botley, Oxford, OX2 9TH
- Eynsham Library, 30 Mill Street, Eynsham, OX29 4JS



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How to respond to this consultation

We will be accepting feedback relevant to these changes from Friday 14 June to Sunday 28 July 2024.

When providing your response, please include your name and contact details (a postal or email address) and confirm the nature of your interest in Botley West Solar Farm.

You can provide written feedback in the following ways:

- By completing our online feedback form on our website: www.botleywest.co.uk. The link to the form can be found on the Home page, as well as on the Targeted Consultation page on the website.
- By emailing the project team at info@botleywest.co.uk.
- By writing to us, free of charge, to FREEPOST BWSF. You do not need a stamp.

Your feedback will be given due regard and will be reported in our Consultation Report that forms part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application. Please note that your response may therefore be public.

Further information

If you would like further information about this letter, the consultation or Botley West Solar Farm, please visit our website www.botleywest.co.uk or contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below:

- Email: info@botleywest.co.uk
- Post: FREEPOST BWSF
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During this phase of consultation, our phonelines will be open between 9am – 7pm from Monday to Wednesday, and 9am – 5pm on Thursdays and Fridays. A voicemail service will operate outside of these hours.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

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3 Targeted Consultation Information Change Note



Botley West Solar Farm

Information Change Note on Targeted Consultation

June 2024

Information Change Note

June 2024

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This consultation focuses on specific changes to the project site boundary (indicative Order Limits), primarily with small increases in land area, but also decreases to the land in some areas.

This round of consultation follows our statutory second phase of consultation, carried out between 30th November 2023 and 8th February 2024. The changes on which we are seeking feedback have come from the project continuing to refine the proposals for Botley West, which has resulted in a series of specific amendments to the proposed red line boundary for the project.

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During this time, you have the opportunity to comment on these changes. We encourage you to submit any feedback you may have on the specific changes.

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Ways to provide feedback can be viewed in the Have Your Say section on page 4 of this leaflet. You can continue to contact our team using the communication channels on the back page of this leaflet. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions about this phase of consultation and the changes being proposed.

During this phase of consultation, our phonelines will be open between **9am – 7pm from Monday to Wednesday, and 9am – 5pm on Thursdays and Fridays**. In response to feedback received from local authorities and interested parties on the Phase 2 consultation, we have extended the window that phonelines are open on Mondays to Wednesdays, to allow stakeholders an extended opportunity to speak to the project team outside of ordinary working hours. A voicemail service will operate outside of these hours.

What is being consulted on?

To summarise, the targeted changes set out at this phase of consultation are considered necessary as a result of:

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Where the Applicant has added land to the project boundary, these may result in potentially new beneficial or adverse impacts and/or effects. These changes have been reviewed by the Applicant's technical team and conclusions drawn as to whether such changes would lead to impacts not previously identified and assessed in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which was presented at the second phase of consultation, or whether the change would give rise to different effects to those previously reported. If there is a change, and that change is judged to be significant or likely to be significant, this is outlined below. If there is no change, or not a significant change, then no further comment is made. Where a particular environmental discipline is not referred to in respect of a specific change in the table of changes, this is on the basis that there is no anticipated change in environmental impact on that discipline than as already reported and consulted on as part of the Phase Two consultation.

Where the change reported involves removing land from the project boundary, this generally leads to neutral or beneficial effects.

Where we have identified new or altered changes compared to those set out in the PEIR, these are mainly in relation to 'Engineering and Feasibility' and 'Transport and Access'. Given the nature of the changes made, the Applicant has found that the environmental topics that identify new or changed effects mainly relate to Noise and Vibration; Socio-economics; Human Health; Ecology and Public Rights of Way. However, the Applicant will continue to work to identify any potential mitigation measures that may be implemented to minimise these effects where practicable. None of the changes were considered to significantly affect other disciplines.

These environmental impacts are reported alongside the specific change in the tables in this document.

Maps that outline the locations of where the targeted changes have been made across the project site area can be viewed in Appendix 1 of this documents on pages 6 to 11. All relevant changes are numbered, and the details of these individual changes can be found in the tables in Appendix 2, on pages 12 to 27.

A zoomable version of the map and a downloadable version of the Site Location and Order Limits Overview is available to view on the Targeted Consultation and Document Library tabs on our website: www.botleywest.co.uk

Have Your Say

We are keen to hear your feedback on these targeted changes. The deadline for feedback is **Sunday 28th July 2024**.

To ensure that all stakeholders are given the opportunity to engage with the Applicant on the changes set out in this document, and to ensure a robust consultation in excess of the strict requirements within the Planning Act 2008, the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended by The Infrastructure Planning (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2024) and other associated regulations, the Applicant has consulted all parties with a land interest in the proposed scheme. This includes those who have previously been consulted during the Phase Two consultation of the PEIR, plus any new interests arising from these specific changes. Whilst this extent of consultation is not strictly required as only those with land interests subject to the changes are required to be consulted, the Applicant wishes for all stakeholders to have the opportunity to engage on these specific changes.

You can provide written feedback in the following ways:

- By completing our online feedback form on our website: www.botleywest.co.uk. The link to the form can be found on the Home page, as well as in the Targeted Consultation page on the website.
- By emailing the project team at info@botleywest.co.uk.
- By writing to us, free of charge, to FREEPOST BWSF. You do not need a stamp.

Hard copies of this leaflet can be provided on request by contacting the project’s communication channels, shown at the bottom of this page. Hard copies can also be picked up at the following Community Access Points during the consultation period.

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

Next Steps

Feedback from our Phase Two Consultation, as well as the feedback received from this phase of targeted consultation, will continue to be considered alongside ongoing design and environmental work. This will shape our final design which will be part of our DCO Application submission to the Planning Inspectorate, anticipated for Autumn 2024.

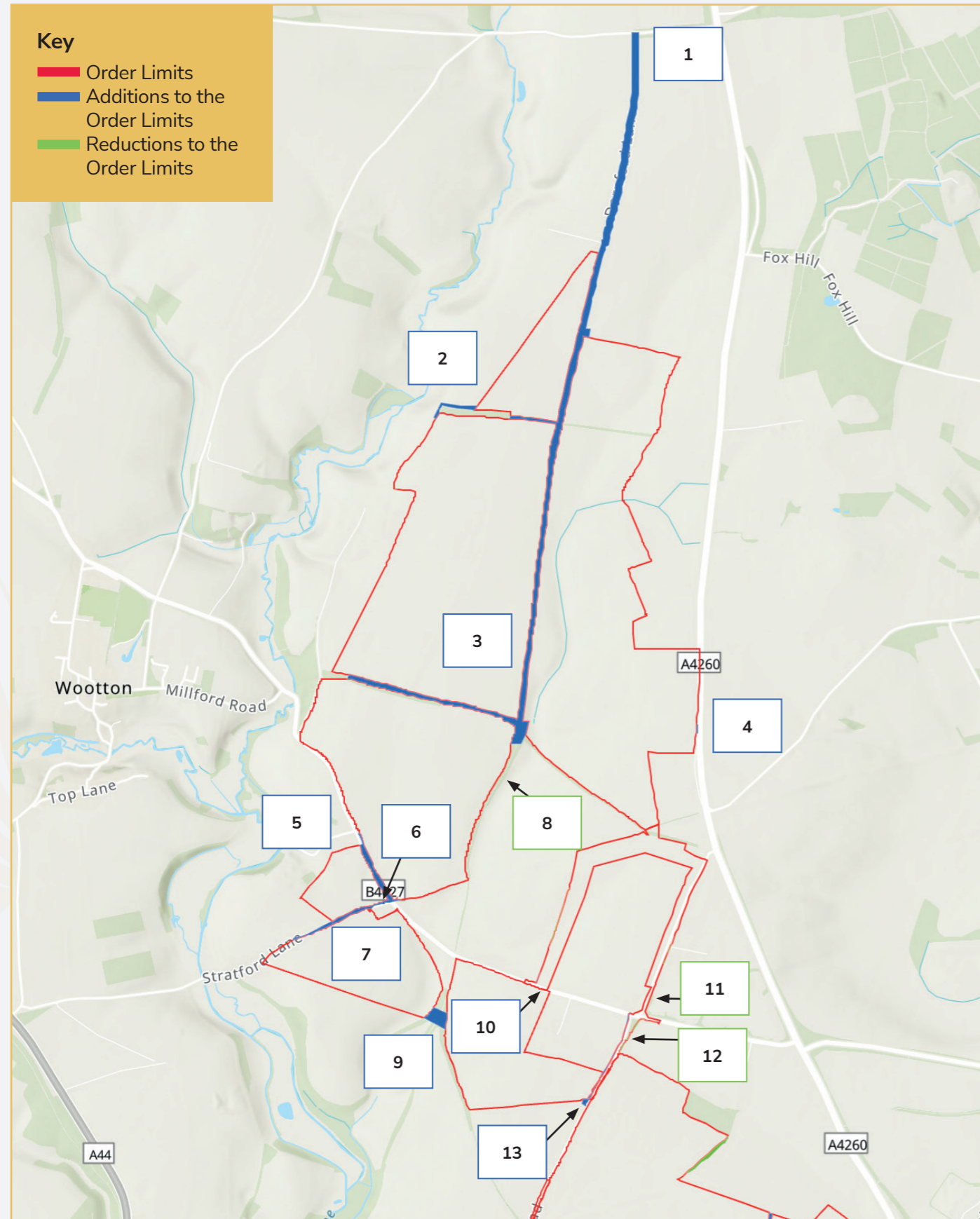
We do not anticipate that we will be undertaking any further rounds of consultation later this year. However, we will be producing a document prior to submitting our application that presents our final design, highlighting how Botley West has been refined following the hundreds of pieces of feedback that we have received during consultation.

The project boundary changes identified in this document will be subject to further detailed assessment as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and published within the Environmental Statement (ES) which will be submitted with the Development Consent Order (DCO) application. If the application is accepted by the Planning Inspectorate, then you will be invited to register your interest in Botley West. This means that you will be kept informed about the project moving forward, as well as providing you with further opportunities to comment during the examination process.

You can find more information about the application process for NSIP projects on the Planning Inspectorate website at: infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Appendix 1: Maps of Changes to Order Limits

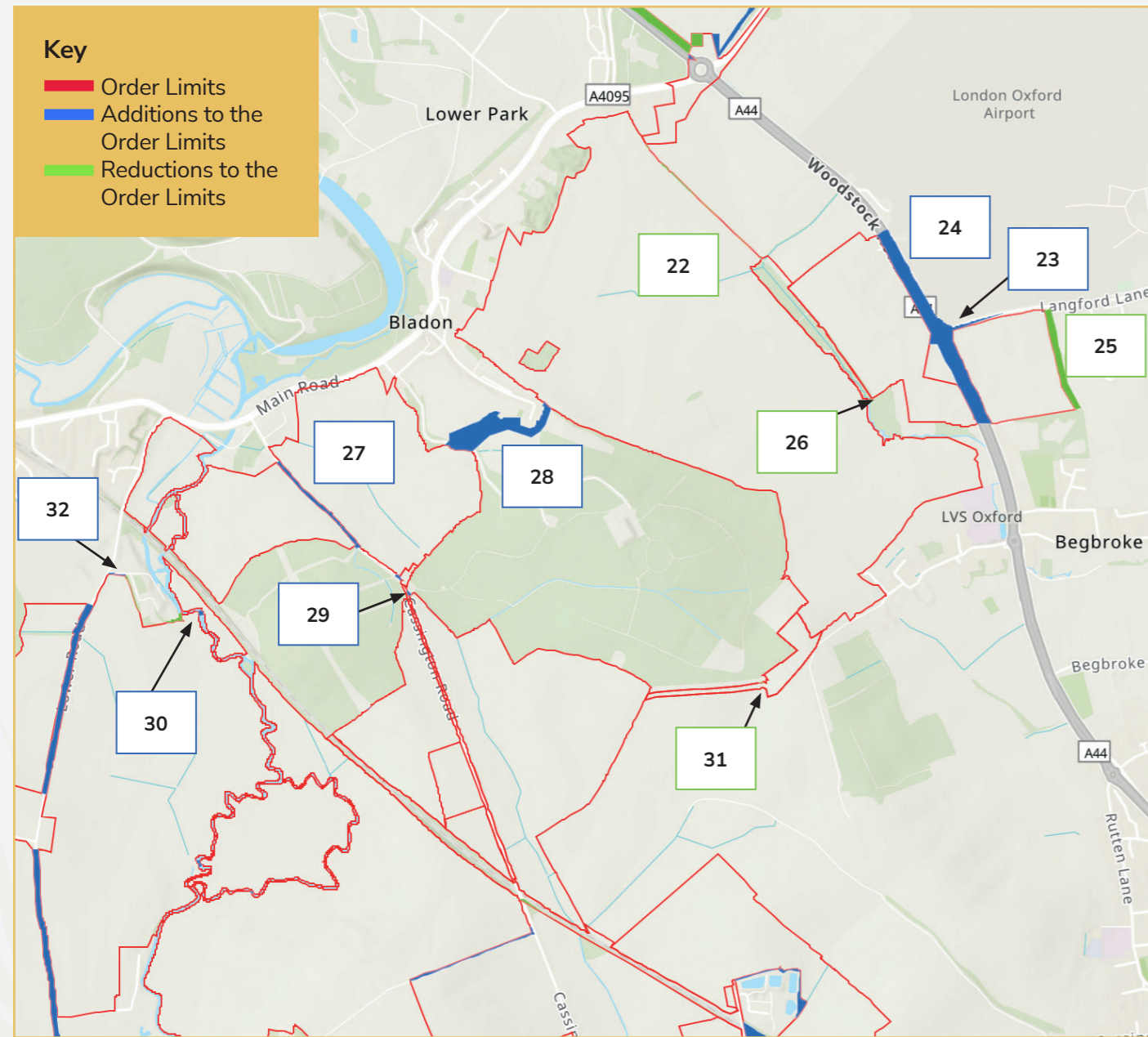
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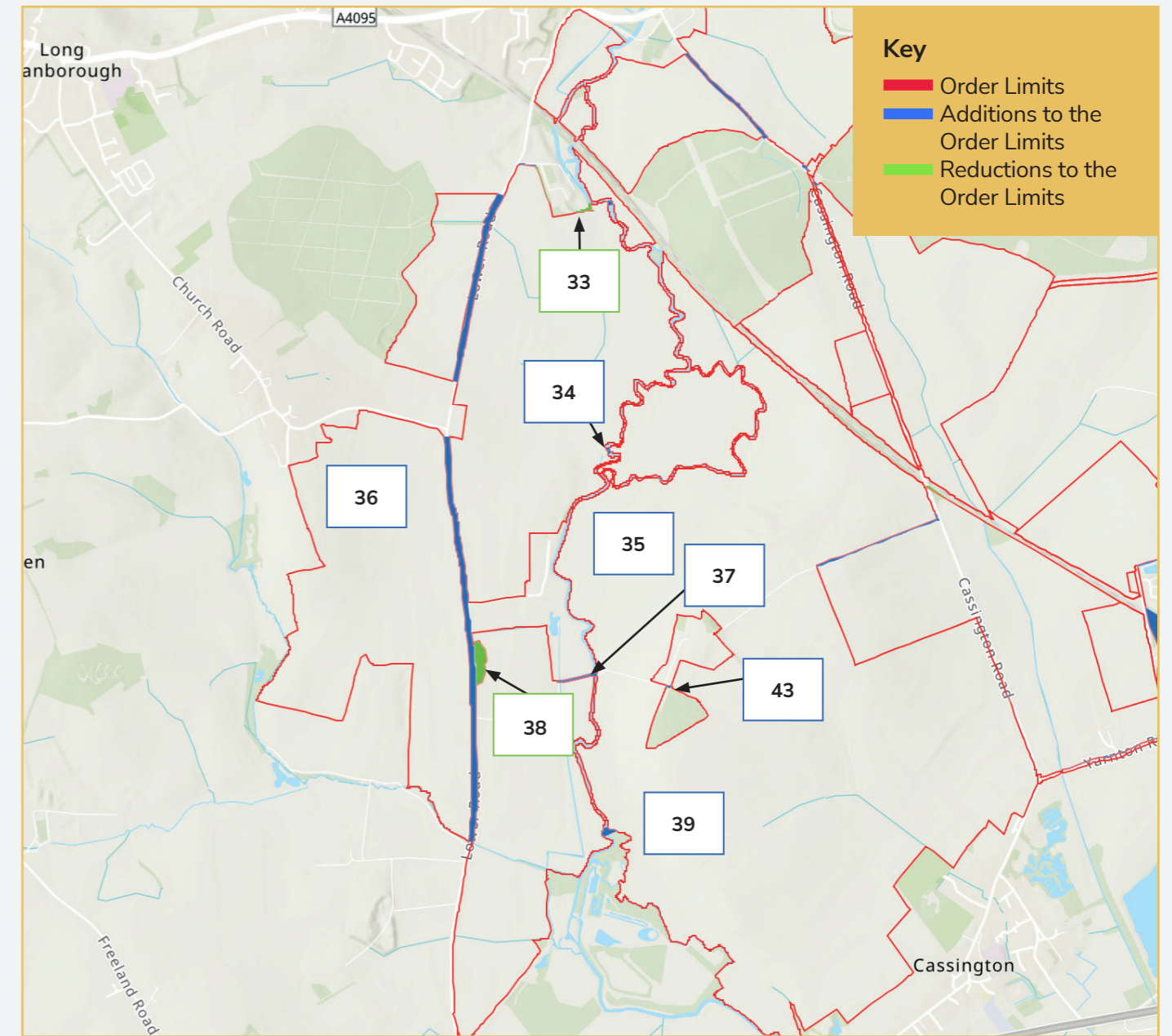
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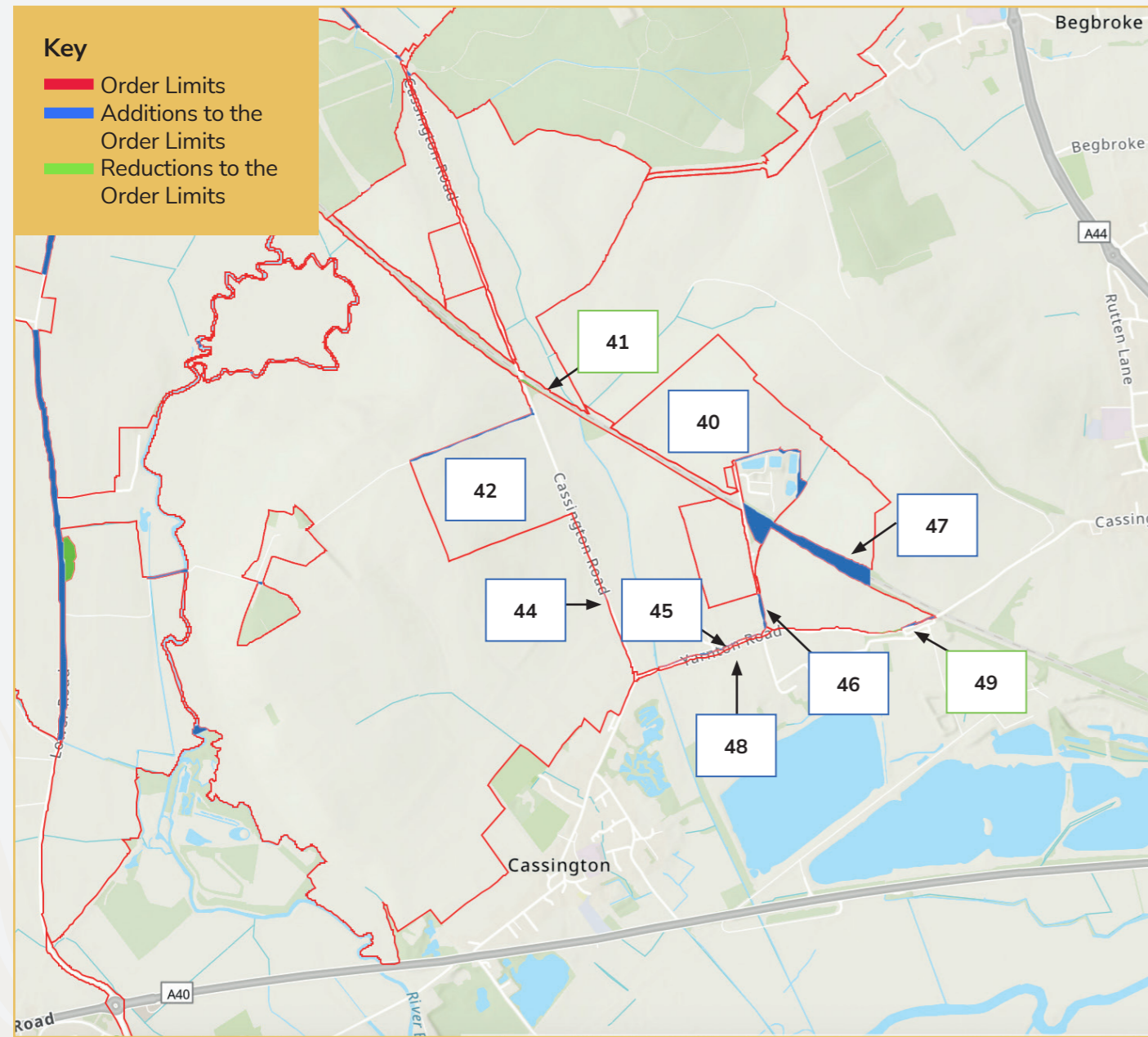
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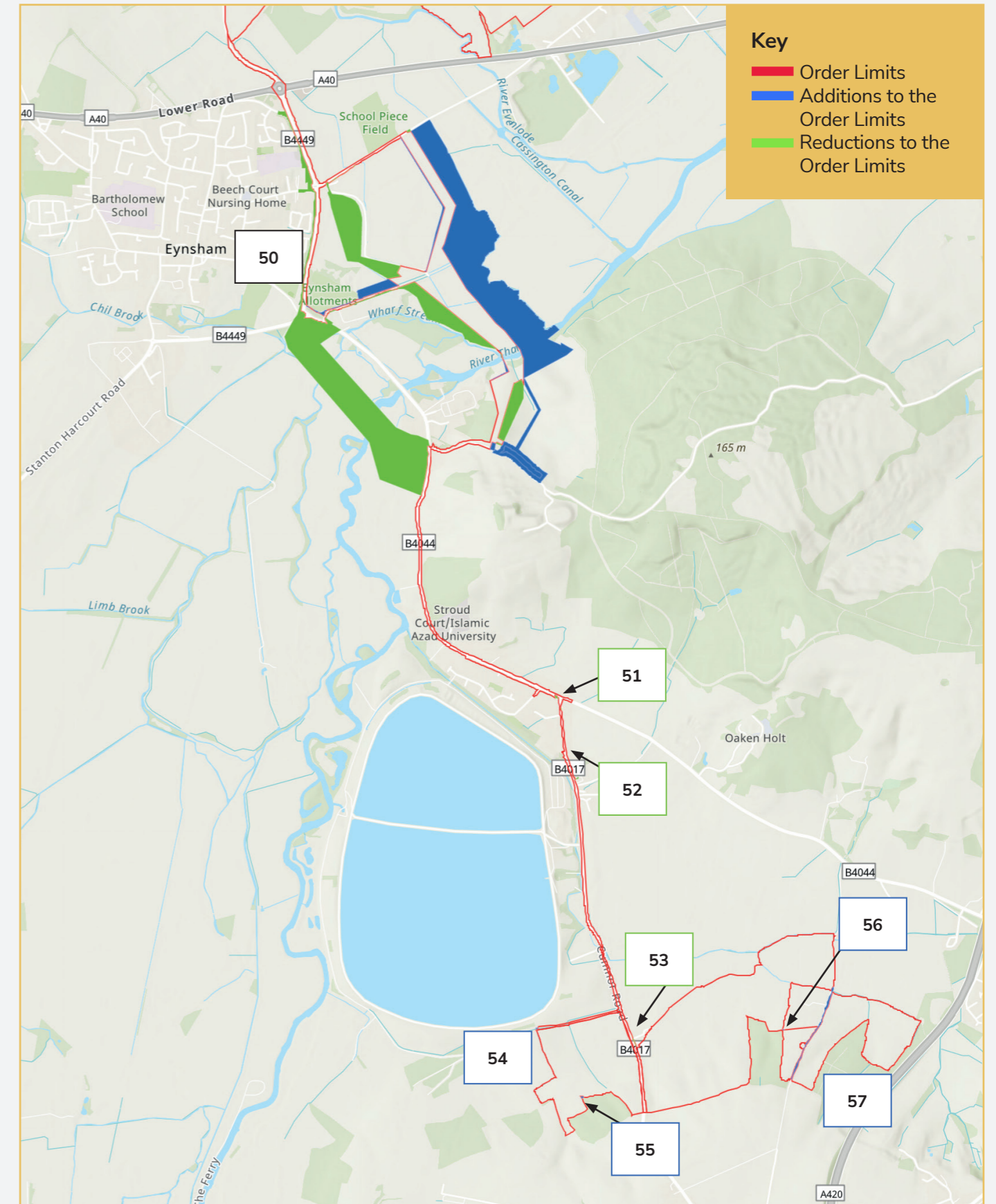
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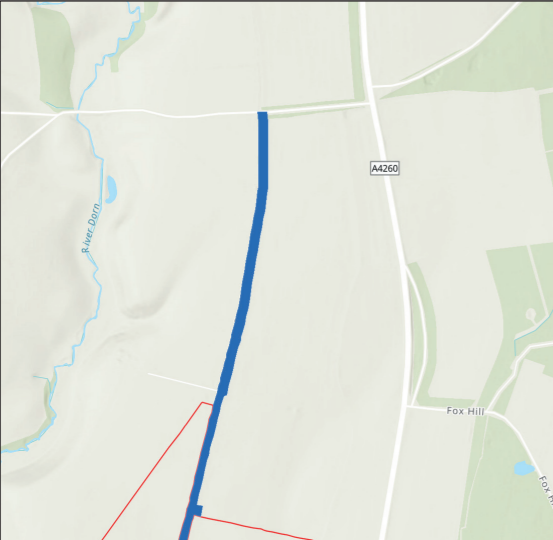
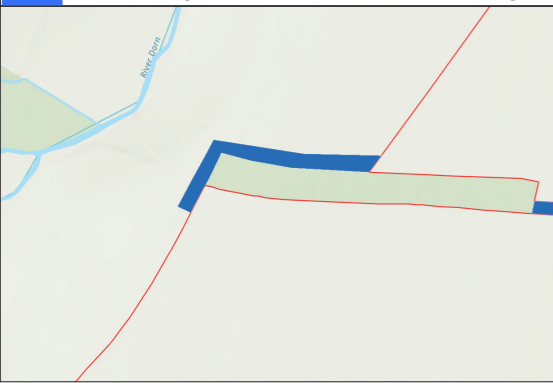
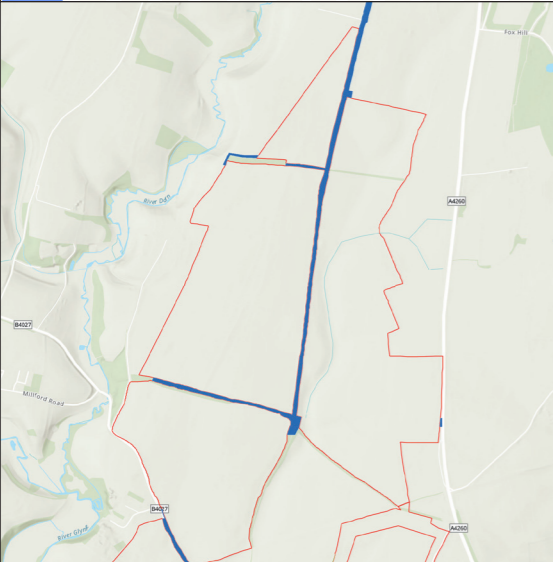
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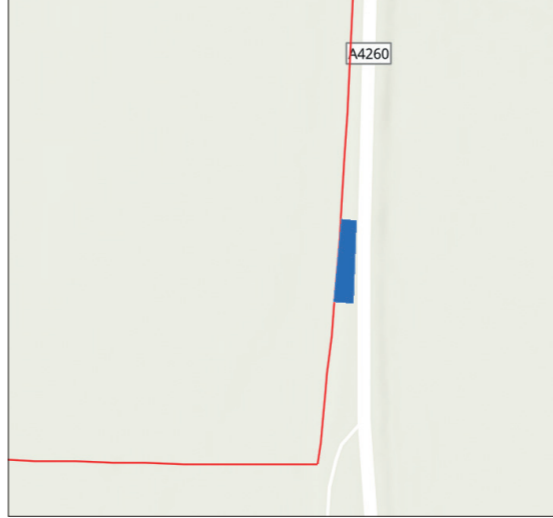
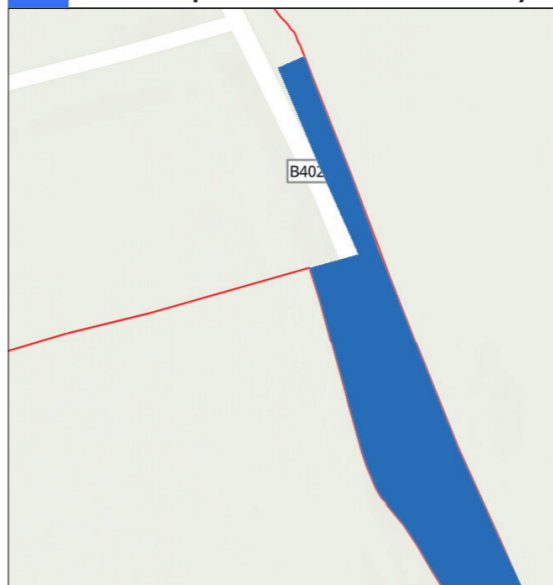
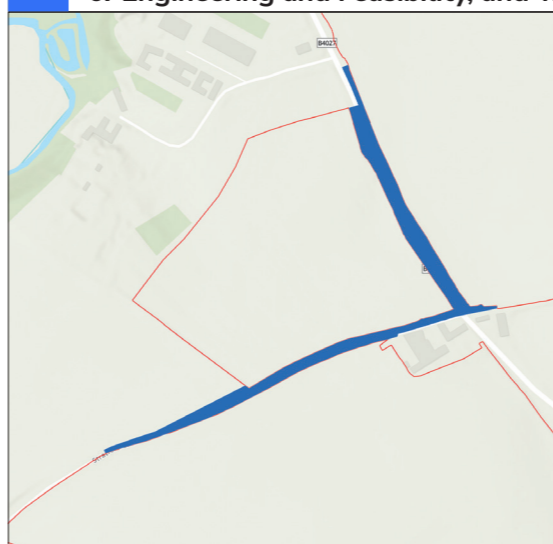


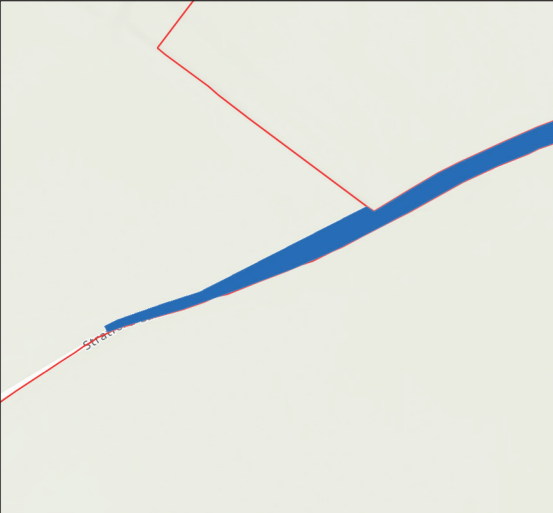
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Appendix 2: Table of Changes to Order Limits

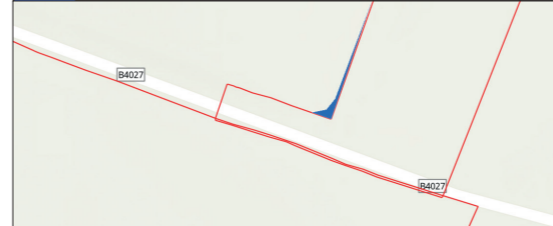
1. Transport and Access Boundary Addition	
	<p>Location of change - Northern Site</p> <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to include Dornford Lane to provide access for maintenance purposes during the operation of the solar farm. This access is not intended to be used during construction.</p> <p>Human Health and Public Rights of Way This change could lead to adverse effects on the existing public right of way as the land is within National Cycle Route 5 and Claude Duval Way promoted path route. However, this access is only to be used infrequently for maintenance purposes to the northern site area of the development. Only light goods vehicles or other small vehicles will use this, and the Code of Construction Practise can identify operating protocols to ensure conflict with existing users is minimised or avoided.</p> <p>With suitable mitigation measures in place this change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>
2. Transport and Access Boundary Addition	
	<p>Location of change - Northern Site</p> <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to incorporate a new vehicular access during construction between fields. This has been identified in order to avoid loss of important tree belts nearby.</p> <p>Human health and Socio-economics The project site boundary has been changed to incorporate a new vehicular access during construction between fields. This has been identified in order to avoid loss of important tree belts nearby.</p>
3. Engineering and Feasibility, and Transport and Access Boundary Addition	
	<p>Location of change - Northern Site</p> <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to include the Dornford Lane and Public Right of Way for maintenance access during operation. This will allow the 33kV cable connection between the fields via dynamic pipe ramming process.</p> <p>Human Health, Public Rights of Way and Socio-economics This change may give rise to adverse impacts as the land is within National Cycle Route 5 and Claude Duval Way promoted path route.</p> <p>However, given the temporary nature of the cabling work, the choice of where the crossing will actually be along this stretch of highway (thus allowing the Applicant to avoid sensitive receptors and other environmental impacts), and the ability to incorporate mitigation measures using a Code of Construction Practice to minimise or avoid conflict in the use and to maintain access, any impacts arising are unlikely to be significant.</p>


4. Transport and Access Boundary Addition	
	<p>Location of change - Northern Site</p> <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to ensure provision of access to the main construction site and secondary substation along the A4260. This will lead to some hedgerow removal to widen the access.</p> <p>Ecology This change will lead to the loss of hedgerow and as a result adversely impact the ecological and biodiversity value of the hedge. The Applicant is however planting significantly more new hedgerows, approximately 25.5km, to offset this loss.</p> <p>Overall, having regard to the significant new planting that the Applicant will undertake within the project boundary, this particular impact is unlikely to be considered significant providing any protected species within the hedgerow are safeguarded. The Applicant will seek to secure the mitigation measures required to safeguard any species, as needed.</p>
5. Transport and Access Boundary Addition	
	<p>Location of change - Northern Site</p> <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to ensure the provision of construction and maintenance access to the solar PV installation area and to allow the safe delivery of the Power Converter Stations (PCS).</p> <p>This change will lead to some limited hedgerow removal in order to widen the access to an appropriate standard.</p> <p>Ecology This change will lead to the loss of hedgerow and as a result adversely impact the ecological and biodiversity value of the hedge. The Applicant is however planting significantly more, approximately 25.5km, new hedgerows to offset this loss.</p> <p>Overall, having regard to the significant new planting that the Applicant will undertake within the project boundary, this particular impact is unlikely to be considered significant providing any protected species within the hedgerow are safeguarded. The Applicant will seek to secure the mitigation measures required to safeguard any species, as needed.</p>
6. Engineering and Feasibility, and Transport and Access Boundary Addition	
	<p>Location of change - Northern Site</p> <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to include Stratford Lane and the B4027.</p> <p>This will allow the connection between the fields and the laying of the cables via dynamic pipe ramming process.</p> <p>Human Health, Public Rights of Way and Socio-economics There are potential significant impacts on the existing public right of way. However, the work will be temporary in nature, the change retains necessary flexibility for the Applicant to later determine more precisely where the crossing will actually be along this stretch of highway (thus allowing the Applicant to avoid sensitive receptors and other environmental impacts), there will be infrequent use of the access for construction and maintenance and the Applicant will seek to incorporate mitigation measures to minimise or avoid conflict. On this basis, any impacts arising are unlikely to be significant.</p>

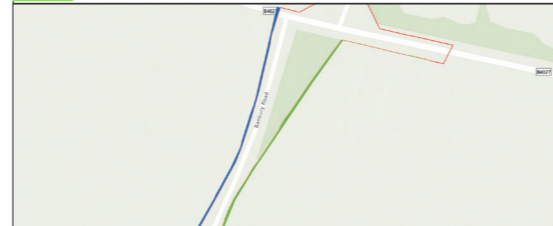
7. Transport and Access Boundary Addition	
	Location of change - Northern Site
	Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to widen the access and to provide appropriate visibility splays for safe access during construction for vehicles using the access point.
	Ecology This change may lead to the loss of hedgerow and as a result adversely impact the ecological and biodiversity value of the hedge. The Applicant is however planting significantly more, approximately 25.5km, new hedgerows to offset this loss. Overall, having regard to the significant new planting that the Applicant will undertake within the project boundary, this particular impact is unlikely to be considered significant providing any protected species within the hedgerow are safeguarded. The Applicant will seek to secure the mitigation measures required to safeguard any species, as needed.

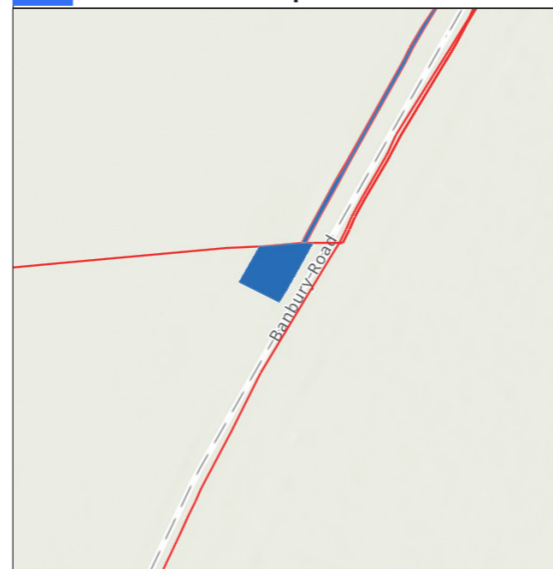
8. Due Diligence Boundary Removal	
	Location of change - Northern Site
	Description of change The project site boundary has been adjusted to align with OS base mapping.
	This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.

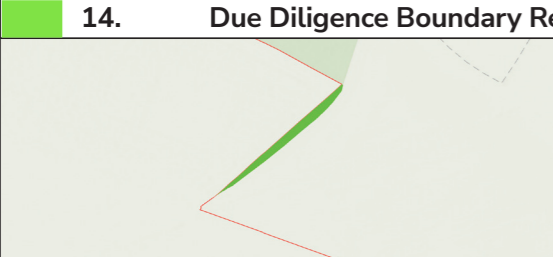
9. Engineering and Feasibility Boundary Addition	
	Location of change - Northern Site
	Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to allow a HDD or a dynamic pipe ramming process for the 33kV cables to connect the two fields and to avoid the archaeological area.
	Noise and Vibration This change may lead to a potential increase in significance of effect at Weaveley Farm if operations take place during night time.
	Human Health There are also potential significant effects as it affects National Cycle Route 5 and The Glyme Valley Way.
	Given the temporary nature of these works, and with suitable mitigation measures in place including hours of working, and management of the interface with the right of way, this change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.

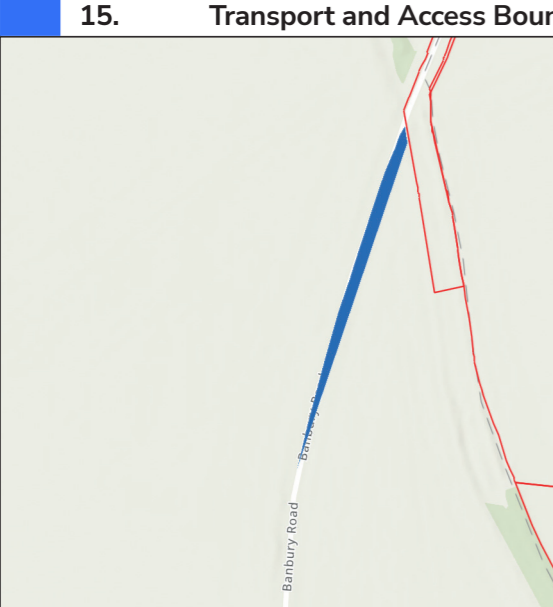
10. Transport and Access Boundary Addition	
	Location of change - Northern Site
	Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to ensure access for construction purposes.
	This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.

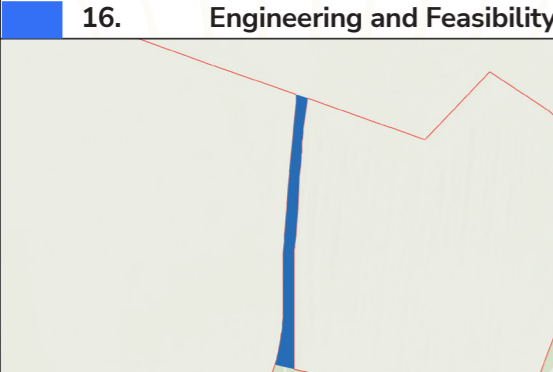
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	Description of change The project site boundary has been adjusted to align with OS base mapping.
	This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.

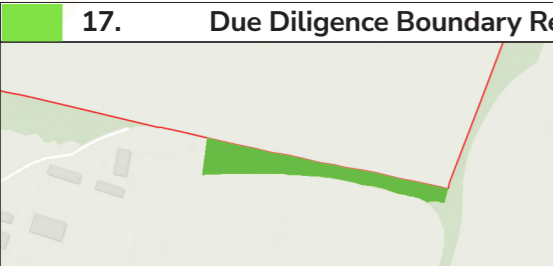
12. Due Diligence Boundary Removal	
	Location of change - Northern Site
	Description of change The project site boundary has been adjusted to align with OS base mapping.
	This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.


13. Transport and Access Boundary Addition	
	Location of change - Northern Site
	Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to ensure construction and maintenance access to the field from Banbury Road and secure appropriate visibility splays.
	This change will lead to some hedgerow loss in order to widen the access.
	Ecology This change will lead to the loss of hedgerow and as a result adversely impact the ecological and biodiversity value of the hedge. The Applicant is however planting significantly more, approximately 25.5km, new hedgerows to offset this loss.
	Overall, having regard to the significant new planting that the Applicant will undertake within the project boundary, this particular impact is unlikely to be considered significant providing any protected species within the hedgerow are safeguarded. The Applicant will seek to secure the mitigation measures required to safeguard any species, as needed.

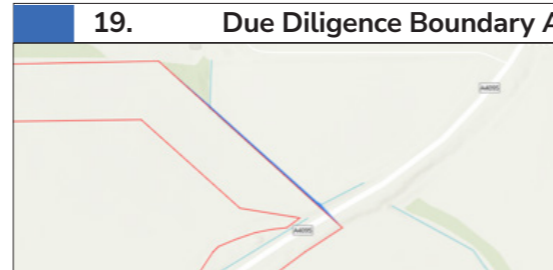
	14. Due Diligence Boundary Removal
	<p>Location of change - Northern Site</p> <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been adjusted to align with legal ownership boundaries. This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>

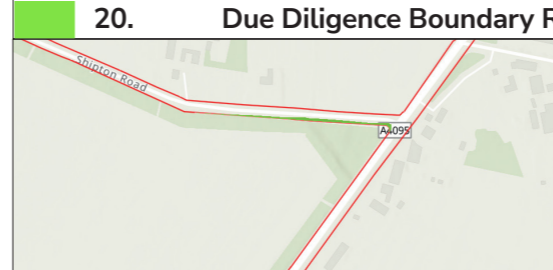
	15. Transport and Access Boundary Addition
	<p>Location of change - Northern Site</p> <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to accommodate the construction access into the field to the East from the lane running North South. This will help with visibility control to the south over third party land and will help with the safe construction access of vehicles.</p> <p>Ecology This change may lead to the loss of hedgerow and as a result adversely impact the ecological and biodiversity value of the hedge. The Applicant is however planting significantly more, approximately 25.5km, new hedgerows to offset this loss. Overall, having regard to the significant new planting that the Applicant will undertake within the project boundary, this particular impact is unlikely to be considered significant providing any protected species within the hedgerow are safeguarded. The Applicant will seek to secure the mitigation measures required to safeguard any species, as needed..</p>


	16. Engineering and Feasibility, and Transport and Access Boundary Addition
	<p>Location of change - Northern Site</p> <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to include a track (PRoW). This will allow the 33kv cable connection between the adjoining fields and the laying of cables via dynamic pipe ramming process.</p> <p>Human Health, Rights of Way and Socioeconomics This change could lead to potentially significant impacts on the public right of way. However, the Applicant will seek to ensure access is maintained, any given that any impacts are for a short duration, then the impact is unlikely to be significant.</p>

	17. Due Diligence Boundary Removal
	<p>Location of change - Northern Site</p> <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been adjusted to align with legal ownership boundaries. This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>

	18. Engineering and Feasibility and Refinement Boundary Addition and Removal
	<p>Location of change - Northern Site</p> <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to avoid a specific area of the land following continued discussions with the landowner, to widen the corridor for HDD so as to avoid the landfill and to align with the OS maps.</p> <p>Human Health This change may lead to potential construction effects as it affects the Green Belt Way, Eynsham and Thames Path Promoted Routes. The significance of this effect will depend on level of disruption to footpath users and safe crossing for construction vehicles if they need to cross the footpaths. With suitable mitigation measures in place this change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>

	19. Due Diligence Boundary Addition
	<p>Location of change - Northern Site</p> <p>Description of change Description of Change: The project site boundary has been adjusted to align with OS maps. This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>

	20. Due Diligence Boundary Removal
	<p>Location of change - Northern Site</p> <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been adjusted to align with OS base mapping. This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>

	21. Transport and Access and Refinement Boundary Addition and Removal
	<p>Location of change - Northern Site</p> <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to remove one of the alternatives cable route options (in green) and to potentially accommodate for the HDD compound (in blue).</p> <p>Cultural Heritage The decision to reduce the project site boundary by removing the corridor coloured in green is to avoid potential adverse impacts on potentially important archaeology in the area. Removal is therefore beneficial in environmental terms. The additional land coloured blue is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>

22. Due Diligence Boundary Removal
Location of change - Central Site
<p>Description of change The project site boundary has been adjusted to align with OS base mapping.</p> <p>This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>

23. Transport and Access Boundary Addition
Location of change - Central Site
<p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to accommodate a construction access into the field to the East from the lane running North South.</p> <p>This will help with visibility control to the south over third party land and will help with the safe construction access of vehicles.</p> <p>This change will lead to some hedgerow loss to secure appropriate visibility splays to this access during construction.</p> <p>Ecology This change may lead to the loss of hedgerow and as a result adversely impact the ecological and biodiversity value of the hedge. The Applicant is however planting significantly more, approximately 25.5km, new hedgerows to offset this loss.</p> <p>Overall, having regard to the significant new planting that the Applicant will undertake within the project boundary, this particular impact is unlikely to be considered significant providing any protected species within the hedgerow are safeguarded. The Applicant will seek to secure the mitigation measures required to safeguard any species, as needed.</p>


24. Engineering and Feasibility, and Transport and Access Boundary Addition
Location of change - Central Site
<p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to include the A44. This will allow the connection between the 2 fields and the laying of cables via dynamic pipe ramming process.</p> <p>Human Health, Public Rights of Way and Socio-economics There are potential significant adverse impacts on the public right of way (National Cycle Route 5).</p> <p>However, the work will be temporary in nature, the change retains necessary flexibility for the Applicant to later determine more precisely where the crossing will actually be along this stretch of highway (thus allowing the Applicant to avoid sensitive receptors and other environmental impacts), and access is able to be maintained. On this basis, any impacts arising are unlikely to be significant.</p>

25. Refinement Boundary Removal
Location of change - Central Site
<p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to a 30m wide path along the north and the east of the field to allow for a potential commercial development in the field to the south-east.</p> <p>This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>

26. Due Diligence Boundary Removal
Location of change - Central Site
<p>Description of change The project site boundary has been adjusted to align with OS base mapping.</p> <p>This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>

27. Engineering and Feasibility, and Transport and Access Boundary Addition
Location of change - Central Site
<p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to include Cassington Road. This will allow the 33kV cable connection between the two fields adjacent. A suitable crossing point will be chosen to lay the cables using dynamic pipe ramming process.</p> <p>Human Health, Public Rights of Way and Socioeconomics This change could lead to adverse effects to the existing right of way.</p> <p>However, the work will be temporary in nature, the change retains necessary flexibility for the Applicant to later determine more precisely where the crossing will actually be along this stretch of highway (thus allowing the Applicant to avoid sensitive receptors and other environmental impacts), and access is able to be maintained. On this basis, any impacts arising are unlikely to be significant.</p>

28. Engineering and Feasibility Boundary Addition



Location of change - Central Site


Description of change
The project site boundary has been changed to accommodate electrical cabling work to provide connection between installation areas. The corridor identified will allow sufficient flexibility for the precise route to be selected for the cables to minimise or avoid adverse environmental effects. For example, rights of way and important landscape features are to be safeguarded by careful selection of the route and by choice of construction methods i.e. HDD or pipe ramming or trenching.

Noise and Vibration
This change could lead to temporary adverse impacts on Heath Lane, depending upon construction technique and precise location of works.

Public Rights of Way
This change results in the boundary intersecting Bridleway 132/5/10, which may lead to adverse effects depending upon method of construction and associated working protocols to allow access to the Bridleway.

With suitable mitigation measures in place this change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.

29. Engineering and Feasibility Boundary Addition




Location of change - Central Site

Description of change
The project site boundary has been changed to allow for the HDD of the proposed electrical cabling.

Ecology
This change could lead to adverse effects of important ecology in nearby trees and hedgerows. The Applicant therefore will seek to avoid disturbance to ecology by any loss of trees and hedgerows or caused by lighting.

With suitable mitigation measures in place this change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.

30. Engineering and Feasibility, and Transport and Access Boundary Addition

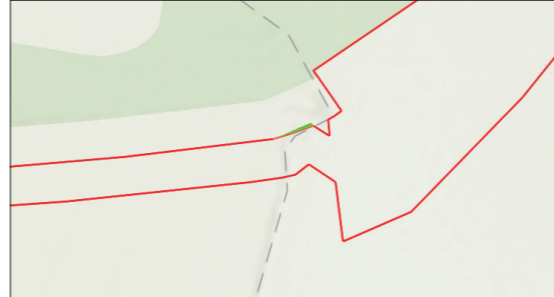


Location of change - Central Site

Description of change
The project site boundary has been changed to include an agricultural bridge to allow the connection of the two fields and the laying of cables under the River Evenlode via dynamic pipe ramming process.

This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects..

31. Due Diligence Boundary Removal

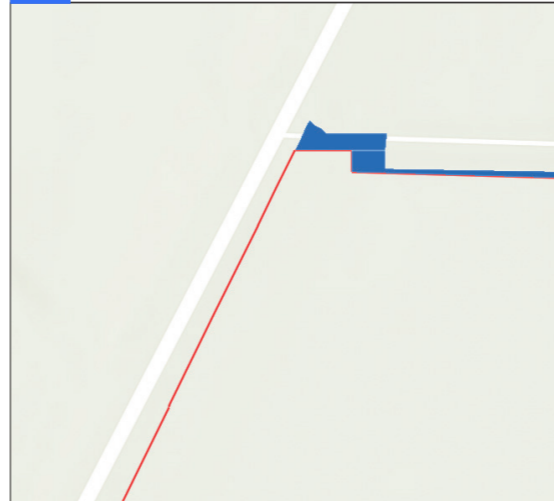


Location of change - Central Site

Description of change
The project site boundary has been adjusted to align with OS base mapping.

This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.

32. Transport and Access Boundary Addition



Location of change - Central Site

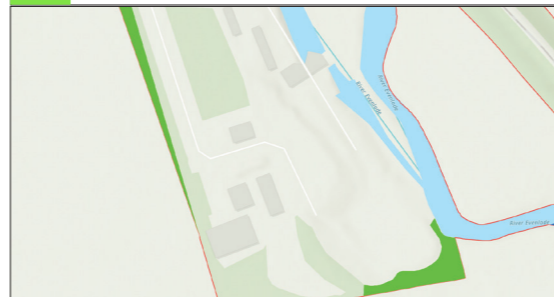
Description of change
The project site boundary has been changed to align with the legal ownership boundaries and to widen the access. This will allow the safe delivery of the PCS and for maintenance access.

This change will lead to some hedgerow loss to widen the access.

Ecology
This change will lead to the loss of hedgerow and as a result adversely impact the ecological and biodiversity value of the hedge. The Applicant is however planting significantly more new hedgerows to offset this loss.

Overall, having regard to the significant new planting that the Applicant will undertake within the project boundary, this particular impact is unlikely to be considered significant providing any protected species within the hedgerow are protected.

33. Due Diligence Boundary Removal




Location of change - Central Site

Description of change
The project site boundary has been adjusted to align with OS base mapping.

This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.

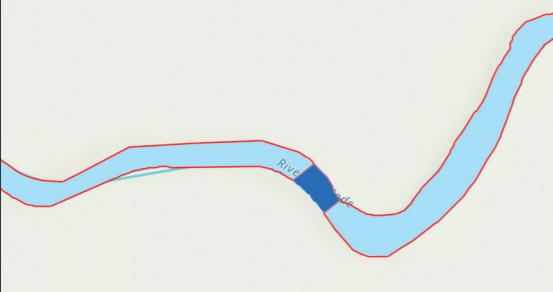
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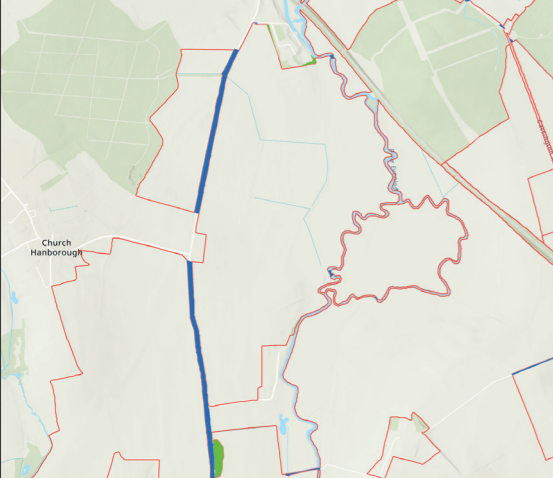



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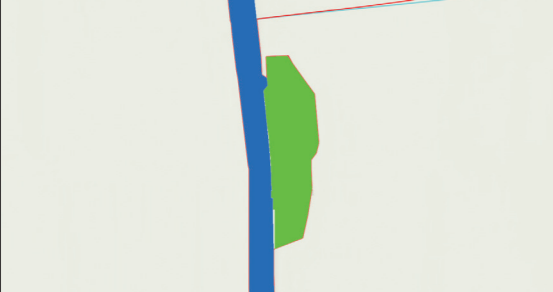
Description of change
The project site boundary has been changed to connect the two fields using a river footbridge over the river Evenlode. This will become a new PRow.


This change is likely to lead to significant beneficial impact by the creation of a new PRow.

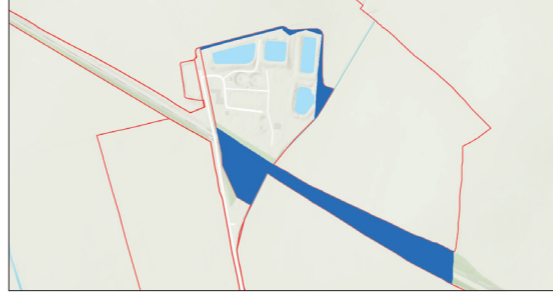
35. Transport and Access Boundary Addition
Location of change - Central Site
 <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to connect the two fields using a river footbridge over the river Evenlode. This will become a new PRoW. This change is likely to lead to significant beneficial impact by the creation of a new PRoW.</p>


36. Engineering and Feasibility, and Transport and Access Boundary Addition
Location of change - Central Site
 <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to include Lower Road. This will allow the connection between the two fields and the laying of cables via dynamic pipe ramming process. Human Health, Public Rights of Way and Socio-economics This change may lead to significant adverse impacts on the public right of way. However, the work will be temporary in nature, the change retains necessary flexibility for the Applicant to later determine more precisely where the crossing will actually be along this stretch of highway (thus allowing the Applicant to avoid sensitive receptors and other environmental impacts), and access is able to be maintained. On this basis, any impacts arising are unlikely to be significant.</p>


37. Transport and Access Boundary Addition
Location of change - Central Site
 <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed by adding an existing rural road to connect between the two fields for maintenance purposes. This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>


38. Refinement Boundary Removal
Location of change - Central Site
 <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to remove the farm complex as it is no longer considered as a potential maintenance facility. This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>

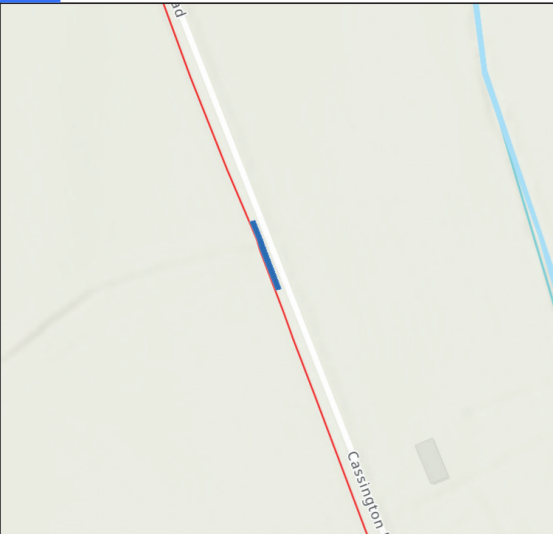
39. Engineering and Feasibility Boundary Addition
Location of change - Central Site
 <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to make the 33kv cable connection between the two fields. This will allow for the HDD and laying of cables. This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>


40. Due Diligence Boundary Addition
Location of change - Central Site
 <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been adjusted to align with legal ownership boundaries and to give the Applicant more engineering flexibility (see change number 47 for more detail). This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>

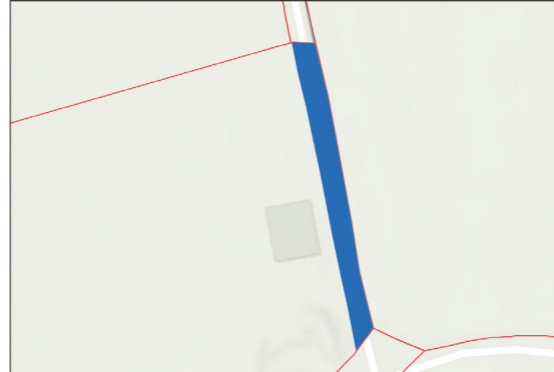
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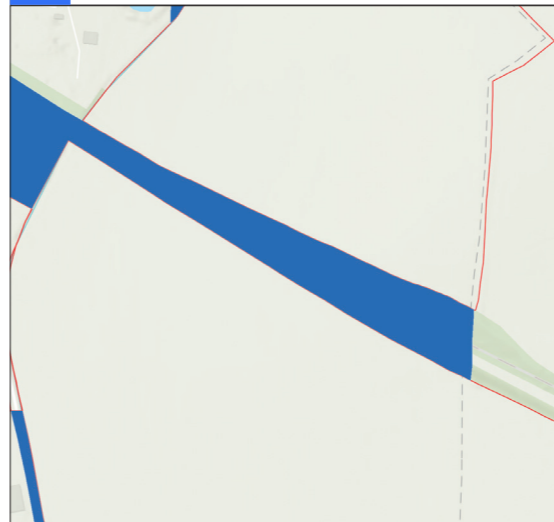
42. Transport and Access Boundary Addition
Location of change - Central Site
 <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to allow the delivery of PCS via a private track included up to field access point. This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>


43.	Engineering and Feasibility Boundary Addition
Location of change - Central Site	
	
<p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to allow the 33kV cables to connect the two fields. This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>	

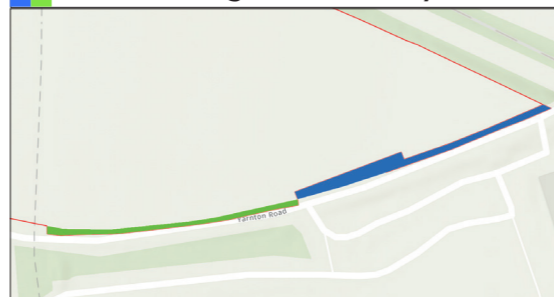
44.	Transport and Access Boundary Addition
Location of change - Central Site	
	
<p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to ensure provision of access and delivery of PCS. This change will lead to some hedgerow loss in order to widen the access.</p> <p>Ecology This change will lead to the loss of hedgerow and as a result adversely impact the ecological and biodiversity value of the hedge. The Applicant is however planting significantly more, approximately 25.5km, new hedgerows to offset this loss.</p> <p>Overall, having regard to the significant new planting that the Applicant will undertake within the project boundary, this particular impact is unlikely to be considered significant providing any protected species within the hedgerow are safeguarded. The Applicant will seek to secure the mitigation measures required to safeguard any species, as needed.</p>	


45.	Due Diligence Boundary Addition
Location of change - Central Site	
	
<p>Description of change The project site boundary has been adjusted to align with OS base mapping. This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>	


46.	Transport and Access Boundary Addition
Location of change - Central Site	
	
<p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to ensure maintenance and construction access.</p> <p>Socio-economics, Public Rights of Way and Human Health This change could give rise to adverse effects to users of the footpath: Cassington 152/8/10. With suitable mitigation measures in place and given the infrequent nature of the Applicants use of this access, this change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>	

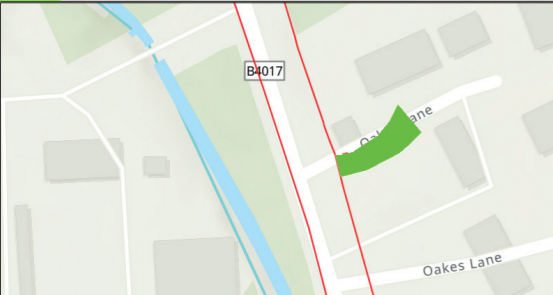
47.	Engineering and Feasibility Boundary Addition
Location of change - Central Site	
	
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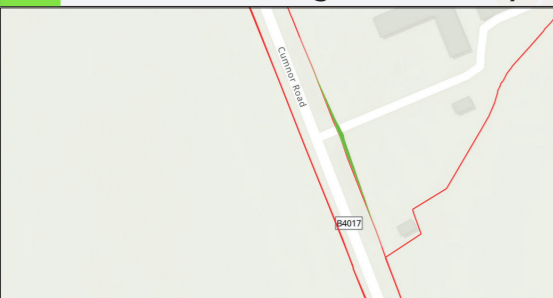
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<p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to accommodate construction access into the lane to Cassington Sewage Treatment Works. This will help with visibility control to the north over third party land and will help with the safe access of vehicles. This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>	


49.	Due Diligence Boundary Addition and Removal
Location of change - Central Site	
	
<p>Description of change The project site boundary has been adjusted to align with legal ownership boundaries. This change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>	


50. Engineering and Feasibility and Refinement Boundary Addition and Removal	
	<p>Location of change - Southern Site</p> <p>Description of change The project site boundary has been changed to reduce the number of cable route alternatives from 5 to 3 and to choose routes/corridors that are likely to avoid or minimise environmental impacts and effects. The potential impacts upon existing rights of way have not changed to those previously reported in the PEIR.</p> <p>Ecology The removal of the land coloured in green will avoid adverse impacts upon some areas of species rich grassland. This is beneficial. The new, large corridor to the east (coloured blue) is identified for cable laying but using HDD to avoid impact on surface features. However, a small additional area adjacent to the Eynsham allotments may be of some ecological interest and, depending upon construction method, may give rise to adverse effects.</p> <p>With suitable mitigation measures in place, including HDD or pipe ramming, this change is unlikely to lead to significant adverse environmental effects.</p>


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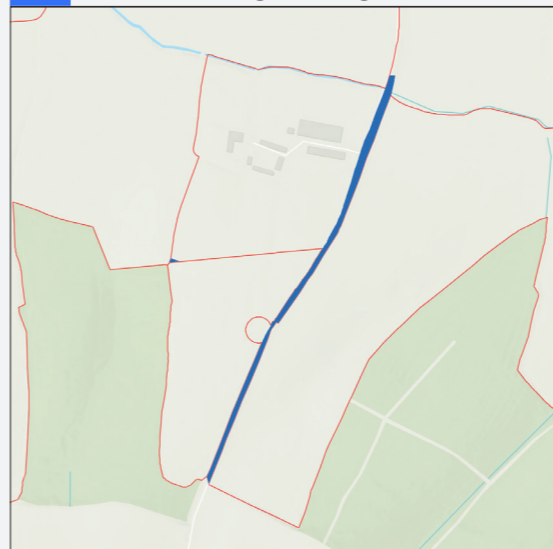
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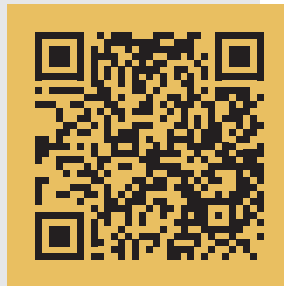
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Botley West
Solar Farm

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The Applicant undertook a statutory consultation in relation to its proposed DCO Application between 30 November 2023 and 08 February 2024. As part of the development of the Scheme and having had regard to responses received to its statutory consultation, the Applicant is now undertaking a targeted consultation in relation to specific changes made to its proposals. This targeted consultation is taking place from Friday 14 June to Sunday 28 July 2024.

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20th June 2024

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Botley West Solar Farm

Targeted Consultation

Friday 14 June – Sunday 28 July 2024



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We encourage you to submit feedback on these changes during this time by following the instructions below. Please note that the deadline for submission of feedback is Sunday 28 July 2024 (on or before this date).

To find out more about the proposals and submit your feedback, please visit our project website www.botleywest.co.uk. Here you can find a zoomable map of the changes across the site, as well as documents relating to our targeted consultation.

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7 Targeted Consultation Press Release



[PRESS RELEASE \(EMBARGOED UNTIL 14 JUNE 2024\)](#)

TARGETED CONSULTATION LAUNCHED FOR BOTLEY WEST SOLAR FARM

Photovoltaic Development Partners is carrying out a further round of consultation for Botley West Solar Farm, focusing on specific changes that have been made across the site. The consultation runs for over six weeks from Friday 14th July to Sunday 28th July.

This round of consultation follows our statutory second phase of consultation, carried out for ten weeks between November of last year and February of this year. The changes have come from the project continuing to refine the proposals for Botley West, which has resulted in a series of specific amendments to the proposed red line boundary for the project.

During this time, you have the opportunity to comment on these changes. Details on the consultation, including an Information Change Note that outlines all changes, a zoomable map of the updated project site boundary, and ways to provide written feedback can be viewed on our website: www.botleywest.co.uk.

The project communication channels remain open to provide written feedback and get in touch to ask any questions about this consultation:

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Commenting on the targeted consultation, Mark Owen-Lloyd, Project Developer, said:

“During this phase of targeted consultation, we will present our updated proposals for Botley West on specific changes, shaped by our ongoing environmental assessments.

We will ensure that Botley West is delivered in the best possible manner, considering the local surroundings, aiming to benefit local communities, enhance indigenous wildlife, and deliver a significant net increase in biodiversity.

We invite anyone in the Botley West area to contact us and actively participate in our forthcoming targeted consultation. The feedback from this consultation will be important in shaping the final design of Botley West Solar Farm before the application is submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, and we would love to hear what you have to say by Sunday 28th July.”

The Information Change Note is available for the public to view, download and print at: www.botleywest.co.uk. This document is also available to read and collect at the project's designated Community Access Points (CAP) in the local area (details of CAP sites below). Please note that CAP site opening hours vary as these are dependent on the organization itself.

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Feedback from our Phase Two Consultation, as well as the feedback received from this phase of targeted consultation, will continue to be considered alongside ongoing design and environmental work. This will shape our final design which will be part of our DCO Application submission to the Planning Inspectorate, anticipated for Autumn 2024.

We do not anticipate that we will be undertaking any further rounds of consultation later this year. However, we will be producing a document prior to submitting our application that presents our final design, highlighting how Botley West has been refined following the hundreds of pieces of feedback that we have received during consultation.

END

Notes to editors

Photovoltaic 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, which holds the connection agreement with National Grid and is licensed by Ofgem as an electricity generator.

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.

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.

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Project information

The project website link is: www.botleywest.co.uk. Any interested parties can get in touch with the project team by email, letter, or phone.

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8 Targeted Consultation Information Poster

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9 Targeted Consultation Site Location and Order Limits Plan



Legend

Site Location and Order Limits

Project		Status			
Botley West Solar Farm					
Id.	Changes	Date	Name	Date	Name
			Edit	24.05.2024	V.Guskova
			Check	24.05.2024	H.Trabelsi
			Approval		
		Project-No			
		Drawing No			
A	Created	24.05.2024	V.G.	prj-01-0390	
CAD-data name: 240524 Botley West Masterplan Overview.dwg					
Scale: 1:65000			at A3		DIM: m

Site Location and Order Limits
Overview
Figure 1.1

10 Veteran Tree Information Change Note



Botley West Solar Farm

Information Change Note on Targeted
Consultation for single Order limit change
within Central Site

August 2024

Photovolt Development Partners, on behalf of SolarFive Ltd (the Applicant), is carrying out a targeted consultation for Botley West Solar Farm, focusing on one specific change within the Central Site. The change is located on the southern edge of Bladon Heath, south of Bladon and west of Begbroke in the Central Site.

This consultation focuses on an addition to the Order limit to include land around an established veteran tree, adding necessary flexibility to the existing cable corridor. The details of this change, including the impact on environmental effects already reported, can be seen within Appendices 1 and 2 of this note.

We are holding this round of consultation from Thursday 15th August to Sunday 15th September 2024. During this time, you have the opportunity to comment on this change. We encourage you to submit any written feedback you may have on this change by:

- Emailing the project team at info@botleywest.co.uk
- Writing to us, free of charge, to FREEPOST BWSF. You do not need a stamp.

During this phase of consultation, our freephone information line will be open between 9am – 7pm from Monday to Wednesday, and 9am – 5pm on Thursdays and Fridays. You can call this line on 0808 175 3085. A voicemail service will operate outside of these hours.

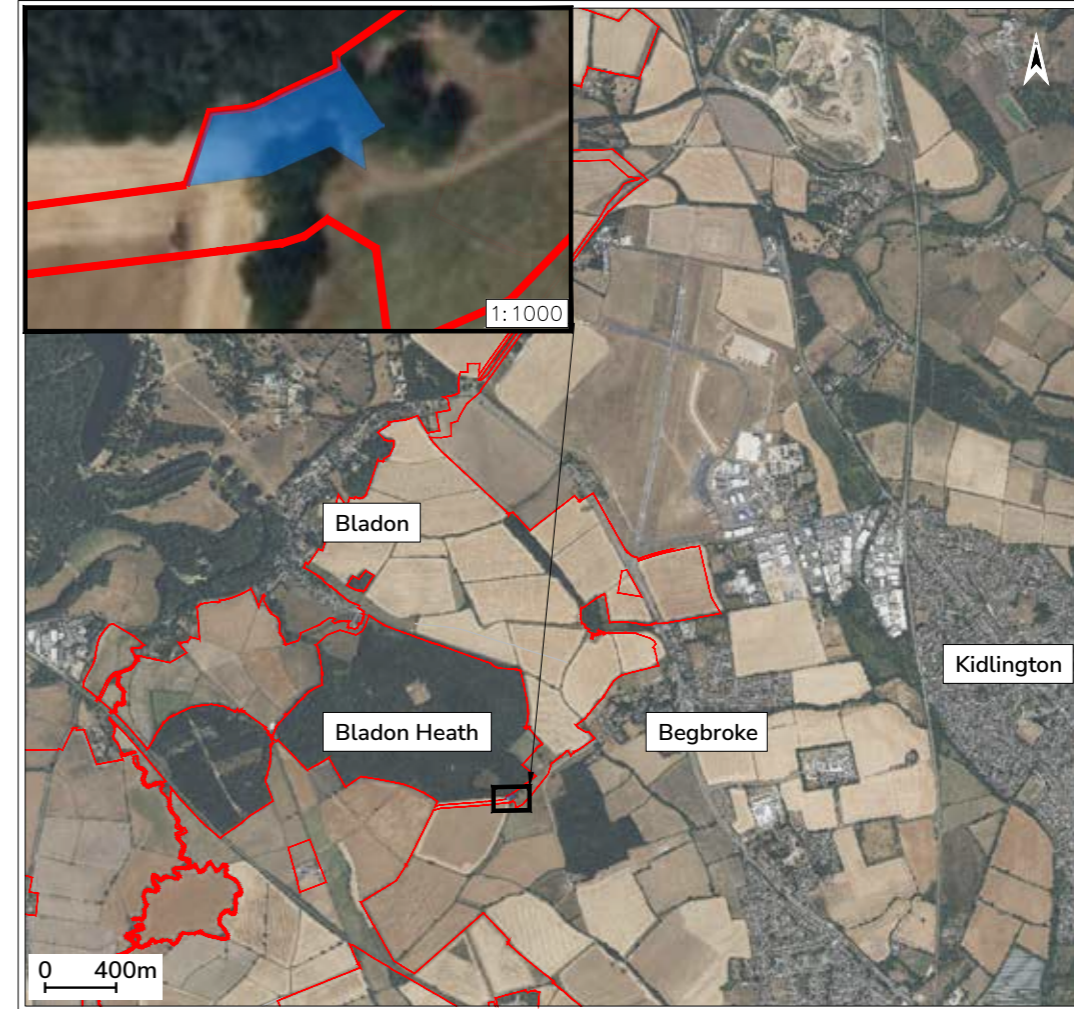
This consultation follows our statutory consultation held between November 2023 and February 2024, as well as our targeted consultation on specific changes held between June and July 2024. Like the previous two rounds of consultation, this consultation is consistent with the principles and methods set out in the project’s Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). The feedback from these three rounds of consultation will be considered as part of the final design to be included in our Development Consent Order (DCO) Application, anticipated to be submitted in Autumn 2024.

This change note can be provided on request by contacting the project’s communication channels, shown on page 4. Hard copies can also be picked up at the following Community Access Points during the consultation period.

Please see page 3 for the appendices. Appendix 1 showed the proposed Order limit change, and Appendix 2 for a description of the change and consideration of any change in the likely significant environmental effects already reported on in earlier consultations.

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Appendix 1: Map of Change to Order Limit



Appendix 2: Details of Change to Order Limit



Location of Change - Central Site

Description of Change
The change is located on the southern edge of Bladon Heath, south of Bladon and west of Begbroke in the Central Site.

The Order limit is being extended slightly in a targeted area to include additional land around an established veteran tree. The additional land area is shaded blue in the image to the left.

This proposed amendment is to add choice to the proposed cable corridor for the Applicant to avoid or minimise environmental effects upon the veteran tree.

As a result of the extended redline, the Applicant is able to consider two potential alternative cable routes as to where and how the underground electrical cables will be installed. No additional solar panels or above-ground infrastructure are proposed in this area.

The previous proposals had assumed the underground cable would be installed beneath the veteran tree using a technique called Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD). The Applicant is now proposing to include this additional land to also allow for the option for cables to be installed to the north of the tree, using cut and cover methods, should that be considered preferable in environmental and engineering terms. Further assessment work will be undertaken to inform this choice.

As the purpose of the change is to add further optionality to avoid or mitigate impacts potentially arising under the existing proposals, the Applicant can confirm that there is unlikely to be a change in environmental impacts already reported on as part of the Phase Two statutory consultation.

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



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11 Veteran Tree Section 42 Cover Letter



15 August 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

Botley West Solar Farm: Targeted Consultation

Consultation under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the 2008 Act”)

In June 2024, Photovolt Development Partners GmbH (“PVDP”) on behalf of SolarFive Ltd (“The Applicant”) notified you of a targeted consultation undertaken on the Botley West Solar Farm, which ran from 14 June to 28 July 2024. This consultation followed the project’s statutory consultation, which ran from 30 November 2023 to 08 February 2024. We appreciate all feedback received during this period.

We are now writing to inform you of a single and minor change to the proposals for Botley West Solar Farm. We are contacting you, in accordance with Section 42 of the 2008 Act and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, to consult on this change which has arisen as a result of the project continuing to refine its proposals and in response to feedback received as part of the second phase of statutory consultation referred to at the start of this letter.

Project Background

The Applicant intends to build a new solar energy generation station (“Botley West Solar Farm”) primarily on three land parcels located within the administrative areas of Cherwell District Council, West Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and Oxfordshire County Council.

If approved, Botley West Solar Farm could generate renewable electricity using ground-mounted solar arrays to provide approximately 840MW of reliable, low-cost electricity to the national grid.

The location of Botley West Solar Farm extends from an area of land in the north, situated between the A4260 and the Dorn Valley near Tackley and Wootton (the Northern Site), through a central section, situated broadly between Bladon and Cassington (the Central Site), and connecting to a section further south near to Farmoor Reservoir and north of Cumnor (the southern Site), where Botley West Solar Farm will connect to the National Grid transmission network.

It will consist of:

- Retained agricultural use of the land for conservation grazing, and with some areas given over to horticulture;
- Solar PV Modules;
- Power Converter Stations (inverters, transformers and supporting equipment);



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- High Voltage Transformers, including switchgear;
- Onsite cabling (33kV and 275kV);
- National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET) 400kV substation;
- Fencing, security cameras and lighting;
- New vehicular accesses from the public highway and internal maintenance tracks;
- New green infrastructure including trees and hedgerows and other planting measures to enhance biodiversity; and
- New footpaths and cycleways.

Botley West Solar Farm is considered as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (“NSIP”) and, to be consented, it will require a Development Consent Order (“DCO”) from the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (“DESNZ”) under the 2008 Act. This is due to the amount of renewable energy that Botley West Solar Farm would generate exceeding 50 MW, as an onshore generating station in England.

The DCO application will contain full details of the proposals for Botley West Solar Farm and will be accompanied by an Environmental Statement in accordance with the 2008 Act and the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The Applicant intends to submit this application in Autumn 2024.

Updated information

The Applicant is carrying out a further round of targeted consultation for Botley West Solar Farm, focusing on one specific change to the Central Site. This consultation focuses on one specific change to the project site boundary (indicative Order Limits), with a small increase in land area. Details of the change can be found in the Information Change Note, as referred to later in this letter.

We are holding this round of consultation from **Friday 15 August to Sunday 15 September 2024**. During this time, you have the opportunity to comment on these changes. We encourage you to submit any feedback you may have on the specific change using the details provided at the end of this letter.

The change is located on the southern edge of Bladon Heath, south of Bladon and west of Begbroke in the Central Site. This consultation focuses on an addition to the Order limit to include land around an established veteran tree, adding necessary flexibility to the existing cable corridor. Further information can be found in the Information Change Note.

This change has been reviewed by the Applicant’s technical team and conclusions drawn as to whether such changes would lead to impacts not previously identified and assessed in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), which was presented at the second phase of consultation, or whether the change would give rise to different effects to those



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previously reported. The Applicant can confirm that there is unlikely to be a change in environmental impacts already reported on as part of the Phase Two statutory consultation.

Although the change is relatively minor in size, we are committed to ensuring communities and consultees have had an opportunity to comment on the full proposed red line boundary for the project prior to our Development Consent Order (DCO) Application being submitted.

We anticipate submitting our DCO application to the Planning Inspectorate in Autumn 2024. Prior to this, we will also be publishing a document that presents our updated design proposals. This will explain the changes and refinements made in response to the feedback we received during the second phase of consultation, as well as this phase of further targeted consultation.

Consultation materials

The Applicant has published an Information Change Note on the proposed change to Botley West Solar Farm on its website for this phase of consultation. This document includes an overview of the change, a map showing the change and the land affected, and a detailed analysis of the change. This document is available to download from the document library on our project website (www.botleywest.co.uk).

The Applicant has notified all land interests in respect of a single property that is within a 500-metre distance of the change. This distance has been considered as it is consistent with the distance from cable routes that the Applicant has applied in Section 6 of the project's Statement of Community Consultation. The Applicant has also placed adverts in local newspapers publicising the consultation, including the Oxford Times, Witney Gazette, Herald Series, Bicester Advertiser and the Banbury Guardian. Information posters publicising the consultation have been distributed to local information points, such as village halls, shops and pubs, to display.

Please also find enclosed with this letter an A3 copy of the Site Location and Order Limits Overview, which presents the project site boundary that will exist as a result of the change that is being consulted on during this targeted consultation. A downloadable version of this map, as well as a zoomable map of the specific change is available to view on the Targeted Consultation and Document Library tabs on our website: www.botleywest.co.uk.

Should you wish to receive more copies of the map or the Information Change Note in hard copy or alternative formats free of charge, please contact us using the details provided at the end of this letter.

The Information Change Note is also available to collect at the following Community Access Points (CAPs):

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How to respond to this consultation

We will be accepting feedback relevant to this change from Thursday 15 August to Sunday 15 September 2024. Feedback as a result of earlier consultations is already being considered and therefore this targeted consultation is not proposed to be another opportunity for comments on the scheme more widely to be submitted.

When providing your response, please include your name and contact details (a postal or email address) and confirm the nature of your interest in Botley West Solar Farm.

You can provide written feedback in the following ways:

- By emailing the project team at info@botleywest.co.uk.
- By writing to us, free of charge, to FREEPOST BWSF. You do not need a stamp.

Your feedback will be given due regard and will be reported in our Consultation Report that forms part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application. Please note that your response may therefore be public.

Further information

If you would like further information about this letter, the consultation or Botley West Solar Farm, please visit our website www.botleywest.co.uk or contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below:

- Email: info@botleywest.co.uk
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During this phase of consultation, our phonelines will be open between 9am – 7pm from Monday to Wednesday, and 9am – 5pm on Thursdays and Fridays. A voicemail service will operate outside of these hours.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Gerstmann
Managing Director
Photovolt Development Partners



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12 Veteran Tree Section 48 Notice

TARGETED CONSULTATION – BOTLEY WEST SOLAR FARM

NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (DCO) FOR BOTLEY WEST SOLAR FARM



Photovolt Development Partners GmbH ("PVDP"), on behalf of SolarFive Ltd, of 2 West Street, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, England, RG29 2DU ("the Applicant") proposes to make an application for a Development Consent Order ("the DCO Application") under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero for the Botley West Solar Farm ("the Scheme").

The Applicant undertook a statutory consultation in relation to its proposed DCO Application between 30 November 2023 and 08 February 2024, and a targeted consultation on specific changes between Friday 14 June to Sunday 28 July 2024. As part of the development of the Scheme and having had regard to responses received to its statutory consultation, the Applicant is now undertaking a further targeted consultation in relation to a specific change made to its proposals located within the Central Site. This targeted consultation is taking place from Thursday 15 August to Sunday 15 September 2024.

The Applicant is seeking development consent to construct, operate and maintain, and subsequently decommission a solar farm and associated infrastructure. The solar farm will have an anticipated generation capacity of approximately 840 MWe (1,307 MWp), providing secure and clean energy to the equivalent of approximately 330,000 homes. The proposed Scheme lies within the administrative areas of Cherwell District Council (CDC), West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) and Vale of White Horse District Council (VWHDC) District Councils, and Oxfordshire County Council (OCC).

The Scheme comprises the following elements:

- Retained Agricultural Use of the land with areas given over to horticulture;
- Solar PV Modules;
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- Fencing, security cameras and lighting;
- New vehicular accesses from the public highway and internal maintenance tracks;
- New green infrastructure including trees and hedgerows and other planting measures to enhance biodiversity; and
- New footpaths and cycleways.

All of the targeted consultation materials, containing details of the changes being consulted on, are available to view online from Thursday 15 August 2024 on the Botley West Solar Farm website at https://botleywest.co.uk/document_library.html.

Should you wish to receive copies of the targeted consultation materials in hard copy or alternative formats free of charge, please contact us using the details provided:

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- Write to use at **FREEPOST BWSF** (you do not need a stamp)
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Copies of the targeted consultation materials including an Information Change Note will be available for inspection free of charge from Friday 14 June 2024 to Sunday 28 July 2024 at the following locations:

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The scheme is Environmental Impact Assessment development ("EIA development"), as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means an Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of the DCO Application, and a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR") formed part of the statutory consultation material.

Any person may comment on the update proposals or otherwise respond to this publicity. Responses must be received by 23:59 on Sunday 15 September 2024. A targeted consultation response form is available on our website. When providing your response, please include your name and address, or if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. Please also confirm the nature of your interest in the scheme. You can provide written feedback in the following ways:

- By emailing the project team at info@botleywest.co.uk
- By writing to us, free of charge, to **FREEPOST BWSF**. You do not need a stamp.

Responses must be received no later than 23:59 on Sunday 15 September 2024.

The Applicant will consider and have regard to all responses in developing the DCO Application once targeted consultation has closed. The responses will be summarised in a Consultation Report and published on the project website when the DCO Application is submitted. Therefore, in providing any comment, it should be borne in mind that substance of it may be communicated to others as part of the Consultation Report.

If you would like further information about this notice, the consultation or the scheme, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided above.

Peter Gerstmann

14th August 2024

Managing Director
Photovolt Development Partners



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13 Veteran Tree adverts, as placed in newspapers

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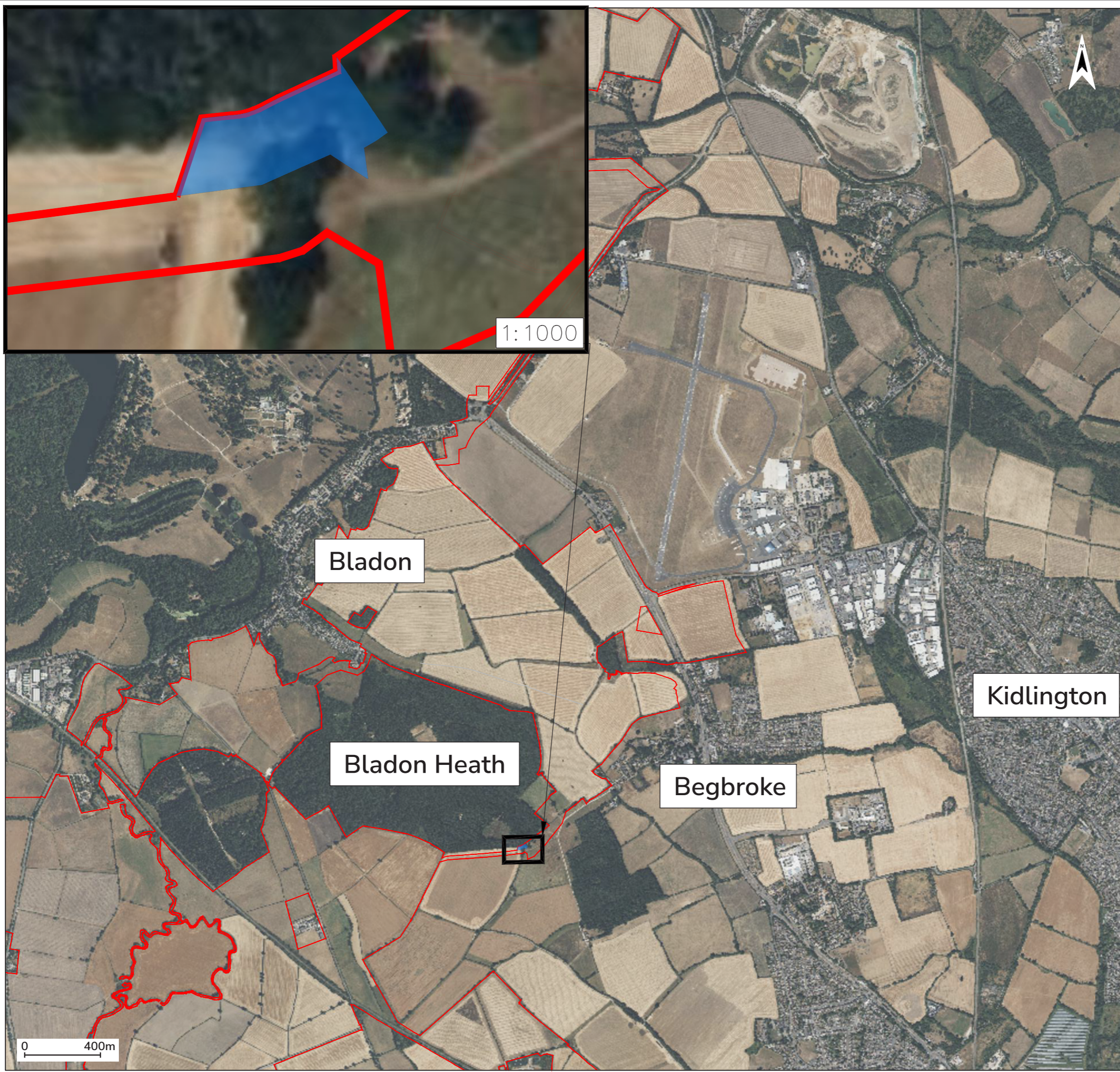


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15 Veteran Tree Site Location and Order Limits Plan



Legend

- Project Site Boundary / Order Limits
- Addition to Order Limits

Project				Status		
Botley West Solar Farm				Illustrative		
Id.	Changes	Date	Name		Date	Name
				Edit	31.07.2024	M.Guijarro
				Check	31.07.2024	H.Trabelsi
				Approval		
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				Drawing No		
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