

Botley West Solar Farm

Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008

Regulation 9 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009.

Regulation 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

1. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State has accepted an application (the "Application") by Photovolt Development Partners GmbH (PVDP), on behalf of SolarFive Ltd (Company No. 12602740) whose registered office is 2 West Street, Henley On Thames, Oxfordshire, England, RG9 2DU ("the Applicant") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under the Planning Act 2008. The Application (Reference No. EN010147) was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate on 15 November 2024 and was accepted for examination on 13 December 2024.

Summary of the Proposed Development

2. The Application is for development consent to construct, operate, maintain and decommission a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating facility with a capacity of 840 megawatts (MW) and export connection to the National Grid. The Proposed Development will accommodate ground mounted PV generating stations (incorporating solar arrays); grid connection infrastructure; cable route corridors; accesses and environmental mitigation and enhancement measures.
3. Botley West Solar Farm (the "Proposed Development") extends from an area of land in the north, situated between the A4260 and the Dorn River Valley near Tackley and Wootton (Northern Site Area), through a central section, situated broadly between Bladon and Cassington (Central Site Area), and connecting to a section further south near to Farmoor Reservoir and north of Cumnor (Southern Site Area), where the Proposed Development will connect to the National Grid transmission network. A map showing the location of the Proposed Development can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website at the following link: https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/EN010147/EN010147-000388-EN010147_APP_6.4%20ES%20-%20Figure%201.1%20-%20Site%20Location%20&%20Order%20Limits%20Overview.pdf
4. Development consent is required to the extent that development is or forms part of a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) pursuant to sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and 15(2) of the Planning Act 2008, as an onshore generating station in England with a capacity greater than 50 MW. It is for this reason that the Proposed Development falls within the remit of the Secretary of State's decision-making powers.
5. The DCO, if granted, would authorise the compulsory acquisition of land, interests in land and rights over land, and the powers to use land permanently and temporarily. The DCO would also authorise alterations to the layout of streets, the construction of accesses to the Proposed Development, the temporary stopping up

or management of the public rights of way, street works, removal of hedgerows and the application and disapplication of legislation.

Environmental Impact Assessment Development

6. Due to its nature and size, the Proposed Development is classified as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the Proposed Development constitutes development for which an EIA is required. The Application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

Application form and accompanying documents

7. The Application form and its accompanying documents (including accompanying plans, maps, the Environmental Statement, and the draft Order (the “Application Documents”)) can be viewed and downloaded free of charge online on the Botley West Solar Farm page of the Planning Inspectorate’s National Infrastructure Planning website under the Documents tab until at least the end of the Relevant Representation period on 27 February 2025: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010147>
8. This link will also be available on the Applicant’s project website: www.botleywest.co.uk/document_library.html
9. An electronic copy of the Application documents can be supplied free of charge on a USB memory stick. To request a USB, please email **info@botleywest.co.uk**, write to **FREEPOST BWSF** (free of charge; you do not need a stamp) or telephone **0808 175 3085** (free of charge).
10. Application documents can be made available in hard copy format on request to the Applicant. Document requests can be made using the contact details at the bottom of this notice. Please note that reasonable printing costs may apply. Requests may be made for documents in bespoke or alternative formats (for example in large print, audio or braille formats) or specific individual documents. Given the size and format of the Application documents, a full suite of documents to publication specifications may cost up to £5,000.

Making Representations

11. Becoming an Interested Party gives you the right to make representations about the Application to the Planning Inspectorate. Any person may register as an Interested Party by submitting a Relevant Representation on the Application during the representation period, which must be made directly to the Planning Inspectorate. Any representations (giving notice of any interest in, or objection to, the Application) must be made on the Planning Inspectorate’s Registration and Relevant Representation Form. The Registration and Relevant Representation Form can be accessed and completed online on the Planning Inspectorate’s website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010147>. Please note that this form must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 11:59pm on 27 February 2025.
12. If you require guidance, or other methods to obtain and complete a hard copy of the Planning Inspectorate’s Registration and Relevant

Representation Form, please telephone 0303 444 5000. Completed forms should be sent to The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Directorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. The Application reference (EN010147) should be quoted in any correspondence.

13. The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Page: How to register to have your say and make a relevant representation, provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation and can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-how-to-register-to-have-your-say-and-make-a-relevant-representation>
14. Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 11:59pm on 27 February 2025.
15. It should be noted that personal data, such as the name of persons over 18, will be published alongside a representation. If you do not wish personal data to be made publicly available, you should state why when submitting the representation. If necessary, the Planning Inspectorate will publish the representations with your name and personal data redacted. Please note that all representations submitted will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website and will be subject to their privacy policy, found online here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notice/customer-privacy-notice>

Contacting the Applicant

16. Further information about the Application may be obtained from the Applicant, through the contact details provided below.

Email: **info@botleywest.co.uk**

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