

From: Botley West Solar Farm
Sent: 14 August 2023 11:48
To: Nigel Pearce
Cc: Botley West Solar Farm
Subject: RE: Decommissioning

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Dear Mr Pearce,

Many thanks for your email below in respect of the proposed Botley West Solar Farm Project.

The Proposed Development is currently at the Pre-application stage of the Planning Act 2008 process. Further information about the process can be accessed by following the link below to the National Infrastructure Planning website:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/application-process/the-process/>.

The Scoping Report referred to in your below email has a specific function within the process set out under Regulation 10 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, whereby a person who proposes to make an application for an order granting development consent may ask the Secretary of State for its opinion as to the scope and level of detail of the information to be provided in the Environmental Statement. Please refer to section 5 of the Planning Inspectorate's ['Advice Note 7: Seven: Environmental Impact Assessment: Process, Preliminary Environmental Information and Environmental Statements'](#) for further details, including what information developers are required to include in their request under Regulation 10(1) (which is often in the form of a 'Scoping Report'). Please note that comments are made on the approach to assessing decommissioning throughout the Scoping Opinion.

Moreover, the comments set out in your email below relate broadly to the merits of the Proposed Development. The Planning Inspectorate is unable to consider representations about the merits of any application until the application has been submitted and accepted for Examination. As the application has not yet been formally submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, your first point of contact should be the developer, Photovolt Development Partners (PVDP) on behalf of SolarFive Ltd, and we would encourage you to continue to raise any concerns with PVDP directly.

Should the application be accepted for Examination by the Planning Inspectorate, you will be able to register as an Interested Party by submitting a Relevant Representation. This must be submitted on the electronic form which will be made available on the project webpage of the National Infrastructure Planning website at the appropriate time. Further information about registering as an Interested Party can be found in the Inspectorate's ['Advice Note 8.2: How to register to participate in an Examination'](#).

In the meantime, you may find it helpful to subscribe to receive email notifications for key events that occur after an application has been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. To do this, please visit the [project webpage](#) and sign up using the *'Email updates'* box.

I hope you find this information helpful, however if you have any further queries regarding the proposed Botley West Solar Farm application, please email the project mailbox: BotleyWestSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

Kind regards,



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From: Nigel Pearce [REDACTED]

Sent: 26 July 2023 10:44

To: Botley West Solar Farm <BotleyWestSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Subject: Decommissioning

Dear PINS,

I have just sent the following query to botleywest.co.uk:

"Please could you let me know what experience PVDP has had of decommissioning solar installations, both large and small?"

I feel this is a question PINS needs to ask PDVP/SolarFive as well. The Scoping Report is distinctly vague on the subject of decommissioning. It seems to me that nobody has much experience of decommissioning solar farms as yet, and therefore more attention needs to be paid to it before any more large-scale solar farms are given planning approval.

Yours faithfully,

Nigel Pearce
[REDACTED]

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