

Thank you for your email dated 12 December 2023 in relation to the Botley West Solar Farm Project, the contents of which are noted.

I also note your view that the Planning Inspectorate has shown a “*continued refusal to investigate serious allegations about SolarFive Ltd*”. However, I wish to inform you that the Planning Act 2008 does not set out eligibility criteria that an applicant must meet in order to be able to make an application for an order granting development consent. Furthermore, if an applicant seeks powers for compulsory acquisition in a draft Development Consent Order (DCO) submitted with such an application, the [Planning Act 2008: guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land](#) sets out the requirements in respect of funding. The availability of funding is a matter which is explored by Examining Authorities during examinations, if an application is accepted for examination.

You may wish to contact the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI) with your concerns of possible breaches of sanctions. Government guidance relating to such matters and how to contact OFSI can be found at the following link <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/suspected-breach-of-financial-sanctions-what-to-do>.

However, you will appreciate that the Planning Inspectorate cannot advise you on this and I would urge you to obtain independent legal advice to investigate your options in this regard.