

**From:** Botley West Solar Farm

**To:** Giles Lewis; Botley West Solar Farm

**Subject:** RE: Botley West

**Date:** 21 May 2024 09:27:57

Good morning Giles,

Thank you for your query.

The Planning Act 2008 does not require an Applicant to publish individual consultation responses. Section 4.2 of Advice Note 14 sets out that applicants should provide a summary of consultation responses along with the demonstration of the regard given to individual responses within the consultation report:

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fnationallysignificant->

[infrastructure-projects-advice-note-fourteen-compiling-the-consultationreport&](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fnationallysignificant-infrastructure-projects-advice-note-fourteen-compiling-the-consultationreport&data=05%7C02%7CBotleyWestSolar%40planninginspectorate.gov.uk%7C63a1600ebaa2474aa2df08dc79784af1%7C5878df986f8848ab9322998ce557088d%7C0%7C0%7C638518804771052915%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xnA9L2RnfpYlGEfCToYtiEH%2BRpD1FfomOH7ss8N%2B3UE%3D&reserved=0)

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There is also statutory guidance on the pre-application process which you may find useful:

[https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fguidance%2Fplanning-act-2008-pre-application-stage-for-nationally-significant-infrastructureprojects&](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fguidance%2Fplanning-act-2008-pre-application-stage-for-nationally-significant-infrastructureprojects&data=05%7C02%7CBotleyWestSolar%40planninginspectorate.gov.uk%7C63a1600ebaa2474aa2df08dc79784af1%7C5878df986f8848ab9322998ce557088d%7C0%7C0%7C638518804771061823%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljoIMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=K4D5ApROr6NPU%2FM06ifpJNp88ZQQPrkWPWCWnwkPbfs%3D&reserved=0)

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This includes information about the consultation process and the requirements to prepare a consultation report showing:

- how the applicant has met the consultation requirements of sections 42, 47 and 48 of the Planning Act; and
- how the proposed application has been amended to take account of the relevant responses.

However, please note that this guidance also states that applicants should “set out any relevant responses to consultation (but not a complete list of responses)”.

You may wish to direct your query and any concerns you may have about the developer’s pre-application consultation to the developer - Photovolt Development Partners (PVDP) on behalf of SolarFive Ltd - to enable them to address them: Email: [info@botleywest.co.uk](mailto:info@botleywest.co.uk) Telephone: 0808 175 3085.

If you have contacted the developer but you are not satisfied that they have, or will, take account of your comments, you can make your comments to the relevant local authority.

I note that one of the consultation responses you refer to is that of West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC). According to the Applicant's Scoping Report the proposed project falls within the administrative area of WODC, therefore we will be requesting the views of WODC on the adequacy of the developer's consultation when the application is submitted (<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wpcontent/>

[ipc/uploads/projects/EN010147/EN010147-000009-EN010145%20-%20Scoping%20Report.pdf](https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wpcontent/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010147/EN010147-000009-EN010145%20-%20Scoping%20Report.pdf))

The application is expected to be submitted by the end of September 2024.

Should the application be accepted for Examination, Begbroke and Yarnton Green Belt Campaign will be able to register as an Interested Party by submitting a relevant representation, within which you will be able to raise any concerns with the Application. This must be submitted on the 'Registration and Relevant Representation 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 Planning Inspectorate's 'Advice Note 8.2: How to register to participate in an Examination' which can be found here: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-andadvice/advice-notes/>

In the meantime, we would suggest registering for email updates on the project page:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010147/get-updates/start>

The Planning Inspectorate has a duty to publish all advice given on the project webpage under s51 of the Planning Act 2008. Therefore, we will publish this advice, alongside your enquiry, on the Botley West webpage in due course

Kind regards

Caroline

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Caroline Hopewell | NSIP Case Manager (please note I work part time, my working days are Tuesday – Friday)

The Planning Inspectorate

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-----Original Message-----

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Subject: Botley West

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Dear Ms Hopewell,

I understand that you are now Case Manager for the Botley West Solar Farm project.

I represent the Begbroke and Yarnton Green Belt Campaign. We have recently received copies as attached of four of the responses from statutory consultees to the Botley West Phase II consultation; these four consultees being Historic England, West Oxford District Council, CPRE and the Gardens Trust.

It is my understanding that an applicant is given discretion as to how the contents of consultation responses are included in their Consultation Statement. It is often the case that the responses are merely summarised. Given the scale of the project being considered, the importance of the Blenheim WHS, and the potential loss of huge swathes of Green Belt and prime agricultural land would it be possible for the Planning Inspectorate to require

the applicant to ensure that all consultation responses are published in full?

The examples attached provide ample evidence of the significance of the issues being raised and the importance, therefore, of making these responses in particular available in full both to those considering this application and to members of the public.

I look forward to your response.

With best wishes,

Giles Lewis

Chair, Begbroke & Yarnton Green Belt Campaign.

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