

Botley West Solar Farm



Notice publicising a Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”) in accordance with section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008.

Notice is hereby given that Photovolt Development Partners GmbH (PVDP) on behalf of SolarFive Ltd (Company Number 12602740), whose registered office is 2 West Street, Henley On Thames, Oxfordshire, England, RG9 2DU (“the Applicant”) has produced a Statement of Community Consultation (“SoCC”) in accordance with Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008.

The project

1. The Applicant is proposing to make an application under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero for a Development Consent Order to authorise a new solar energy generation station (“Botley West Solar Farm”) on three land parcels located within parts of the administrative areas of Cherwell, West Oxfordshire and The Vale of White Horse Districts. The project includes the associated infrastructure for connection to the National Grid at a new substation to utilise the renewable energy generated by Botley West Solar Farm for homes and businesses across the country.

2. Botley West Solar Farm would allow for the generation and export of over 50 megawatts (MW) of electricity. In doing so, Botley West Solar Farm will support the urgent need to decarbonise our electricity system by delivering sustainable, homegrown and low-cost energy to the region.

3. The Applicant is committed to working closely with stakeholders and the local community to develop the project by having regard to the feedback received through public consultation.

4. The Applicant is represented by PVDP, specialising in the development and asset management of renewable energy projects, ranging from site acquisition, engineering and construction management through to commissioning.

Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

5. The Applicant has a duty to consult the local community under Section 47 of the Planning Act 2008. The Applicant has, therefore, prepared a SoCC that explains how people living in the vicinity of the proposed project boundary will be consulted throughout the pre-application process. Additionally, Botley West Solar Farm is an Environmental Impact Assessment development as it falls within Schedule 2 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) has therefore been produced, alongside other consultation documents. The SoCC sets out how the Applicant intends to consult on the PEIR and other consultation documents.

6. The consultation process is designed to provide information about Botley West Solar Farm and give the opportunity for local communities and other stakeholders to have their say and help develop the final design for the project.

7. The Applicant has consulted relevant Local Planning Authorities on the contents of the SoCC and duly considered the comments made regarding the proposed approach to consultation.

8. This notice provides formal notification of the publication of the SoCC which can be viewed on the project website (www.botleywest.co.uk) and is also available to view free-of-charge from the Community Access Points (CAPs) listed in this notice from Thursday 16 November 2023. Requests for hard copies of the SoCC can be made using the contact details below.

The consultation process

9. The Applicant will carry out a second phase of community consultation on their proposals between **30 November 2023** and **8 February 2024**.

10. Consultation will include a series of activities, which will be available and accessible to all interested members of the local community. Consultation materials will be available to access at information events, CAPs (listed below), on the project website (www.botleywest.co.uk) and by request (contact details below).

11. Consultation materials can also be made available by request in alternative formats, such as large print, translated language, audio or braille, by contacting the Applicant using the details below. Please note that there will be a reasonable charge for hard copies of the PEIR.

12. Feedback can be submitted online via the project website, in writing using the contact details below (via email or freepost) or at an information event. Response deadlines for each phase of consultation will be publicised. The deadline for feedback at this second phase of community consultation is **8 February 2024**.

Community Access Points

Venue	Opening hours
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

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