

BOTLEY WEST SOLAR FARM

Application for a Development Consent Order for the proposed Botley West Solar Farm project.

Planning Inspectorate Reference Number: EN010147.

Notification of Hearings under Rule 13(6) Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010



1. Notice is hereby given that, at the dates, times and locations set out below, the following Hearings will be held by the Examining Authority (on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (the "Secretary of State")) for the examination of the application made by **Photovolt Development Partners GmbH (PVDP) on behalf of SolarFive Ltd** (Company No. 12602740) of 16 Great Queen Street, Covent Garden, London, United Kingdom, WC2B 5AH ("the Applicant") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under Sections 14, 15 and 37 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the Application").

2. The Application was submitted to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate on 15 November 2024 and accepted for examination on 13 December 2024. The reference number applied to the Application by the Planning Inspectorate is **EN010147**. The Examining Authority was appointed on 28 January 2025 to examine the Application.

Hearing	Date	Time	Venue
Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1)	Tuesday 13 May 2025	Registration and seating available at venue from: 14:00pm Virtual Registration Process from: 14:30pm Hearing starts: 15:00pm	The King's Centre, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0ES and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
Open Floor Hearing 2 (OFH2)	Wednesday 14 May 2025	Registration and seating available at venue from: 09:00am Virtual Registration Process from: 09:30am Hearing starts: 10:00am	The King's Centre, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0ES and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered
Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) into the Development Consent order and Strategic Matters	Thursday 15 May 2025	Registration and seating available at venue from: 09:00am Virtual Registration Process from: 09:30am Hearing starts: 10:00am	The King's Centre, Osney Mead, Oxford, OX2 0ES and By virtual means using Microsoft Teams Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered

3. Interested Parties wishing to speak at the Hearing(s) listed above should notify the Planning Inspectorate in writing by 16 April 2025 via the Botley West Solar Farm page of the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010147>

4. If you require assistance with registering your attendance, please contact the Case Team at BotleyWestSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or by calling 0303 444 5000. The Planning Inspectorate reference for the Application (EN010147) should be quoted in any correspondence.

5. The Hearings will also be held as virtual events, and it will be possible to join them via any standard internet browser or alternatively by telephone dial-in. Full instructions on how to join online or by telephone will be provided in advance to those who have pre-registered to speak. Live streams will also be provided for each Hearing for those who wish to watch but not speak, the link for this will be available on the day at: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010147>

6. Further information regarding the Hearings, the examination of the Application, the full timetable (and amendments), how and when to register to speak at the Hearings, and how and when to make written submissions will also be available on the project page of the Planning Inspectorate's website (link above), or by contacting the Planning Inspectorate (details above).

7. Please note that Hearings will be recorded, and the recordings will be published on the Botley West Solar Farm page of the Planning Inspectorate's website as soon as practicable after each Hearing has taken place.

8. Any further Hearings (if required) will be publicised as required by the Planning Inspectorate and by the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010.

Summary of the Proposed Development

9. 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.

10. 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/ipc/uploads/projects/EN010147/EN010147-000636-EN010147_APP_8.2%20-%20Location%20Plan.pdf

11. 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.

12. 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.

Application form and accompanying documents

13. The Application form and its accompanying documents (including maps and plans, the Environmental Statement, Non-Technical Summary and the draft Order (the "Application Documents")), can be viewed and downloaded free of charge in the Documents section on the Botley West Solar Farm page of the Planning Inspectorate's website: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010147/documents>.

14. 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; no need for a stamp) or telephone **0808 175 3085** (free of charge).

15. The full suite of Application Documents can be made available in hard copy format on a request. Given the size and format of the Application documents, a full suite of documents may cost up to £5,000. For any bespoke document requests, please contact the Applicant using the contact details at the bottom of the notice, who will provide the cost. Copies of individual documents are also available on request and a reasonable copying charge may apply.

16. If you require alternative methods for inspection of the Application Documents (for example in large print, audio or braille formats), please contact the Applicant by telephone **0808 175 3085** or email info@botleywest.co.uk.

Contact us

17. Further information can be obtained from the Applicant using the contact details provided.



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