

# Botley West Solar Farm



## Phase Two Consultation Feedback Form

Community consultation: Thursday 30th November 2023 to Thursday 8th February 2024

**We want to hear your thoughts on our proposals.**

You can provide your feedback using this form, through our consultation website, by contacting us by email, freephone or freepost:

 Email: [info@botleywest.co.uk](mailto:info@botleywest.co.uk)

 Freephone information line: 0808 175 3085

 Freepost: FREEPOST BWSF

Please note that the deadline for the submission of feedback is **Thursday 8th February 2024** (on or before this date).

**Please feel free to include additional sheets of paper alongside this form, if you require more space to fully complete your answers. All feedback received will be considered.**

**You do not have to supply personal details; however, it will help us work towards meeting the needs of the public during the consultation period and enable us to contact you regarding Botley West Solar Farm, if appropriate. Your personal details will be stored in compliance with the GDPR by Counter Context, acting on behalf of the Botley West project team, and will not be shared with any third parties.**

## About you

Name:

Postcode:

Organisation: (if applicable)

## What is your age?

Under 18

18-24

25-34

34-44

45-54

55-64

65-74

75 and over

Prefer not to say

## Would you like us to keep you updated?

Please let us know if you agree for us to contact you with any future updates regarding the project. This may include sharing with the results of this phase of consultation with you and notifying you of any future consultation opportunities. If you agree to being contacted, please provide your preferred contact method and your postal and/or email address below.

Address:

E-mail address:

## General

### 1) How would you describe your interest in Botley West Solar Farm?

Local resident	Local representative	Landowner	Local business owner
Regular visitor	Local interest group member (if so, please name)	Statutory organisation (if so, please name)	
Other (please specify):			

### 2) As a principle do you agree there is a need to install solar infrastructure?

I agree there is a need to install solar infrastructure

I do not feel I understand enough about the need to install solar infrastructure

I do not agree there is a need to install solar infrastructure

### 3) Based on our updated Stage Two proposals and the information presented in our Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), what are your views on Botley West Solar Farm?

I support the proposals

I would like changes to be made to support the proposals

I do not support the proposals

I have no opinion

## Project specific feedback

### 4) Which aspects of the project are most important to you?

Since Phase One we have updated our proposals, the design, and the layout of site. This is based on the feedback we received and ongoing technical assessments.

In the following table, please tick the topic areas you consider to be the most important issues that you would like us to consider. You can refer to these topic areas when responding to Question 4.

Tick box	Topic area
	<b>Local ecology</b> For example, please suggest opportunities to improve ecology and biodiversity across the site, and / or provide us with details of existing flora and fauna you would like us to consider.
	<b>Landscape and visual</b> For example, please indicate any local public viewpoints particularly important to you or opportunities for improved public access you would like us to consider.
	<b>Archaeology</b> For example, our proposed mitigations to reduce the impact to areas of archaeological interest and our initial studies.
	<b>Cultural Heritage</b> For example, our mitigation measures in relation to the project site area's proximity to the Blenheim Estate as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
	<b>Traffic, access and construction</b> For example, please indicate local routes or areas you think we need to consider when planning our construction works.
	<b>Land use and agriculture</b> For example, please provide any suggestions for how you think we can best use and manage the land during the operation of the solar farm.
	<b>Hydrology and flood risk</b> For example, please let us know of any specific flood issues to consider in the area.
	<b>Recreation and amenity</b> For example, please let us know of any areas of the site that are currently well used for recreation, and / or any further opportunities to improve public access across the site area. This could include new footpaths or cycle routes – please see our concept plans for details.
	<b>Climate change and energy need</b> For example, the carbon footprint of the project and the need for large-scale solar projects.
	<b>Socioeconomics</b> For example, employment, supply chain, and education opportunities.
	<b>Glint and Glare</b> For example, our proposed screening and mitigation plans and the ongoing dialogue with Oxford Airport.
	<b>Other (please detail)</b> Please list any other key topics that you would like our team to consider: .....

**5) Please provide comments on our updated proposals for Botley West Solar Farm.**

You may choose to expand upon your answers to Question 3 (your overall view of Botley West Solar Farm) and Question 4 (the topic areas you think are most important for our team to consider). In your response you may choose to refer to address specific chapters or environmental topics of interest from the PEIR.

## Technical questions

**6) Do you have any comments on the information presented in our PEIR?**

As part of our Phase Two Statutory Consultation, we have produced our Preliminary Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), alongside a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the information in the PEIR in less technical language. This document comprises the preliminary results of our Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process, containing the findings of the environmental studies and surveys that we have undertaken to date. This work is across a range of environmental topic areas, and also sets out any suitable mitigation measures identified for our proposals. We used this environmental work, in addition to Phase One feedback, to inform and shape our updated proposals for Botley West Solar Farm.

In your response you may choose to refer to address specific chapters or environmental topics of interest from the PEIR.

**7) Do you have any specific comments on our cable routes for the project?**

Since Phase One we have explored potential cable route corridors between the three sites. This includes the two options east of Eynsham at the point where it crosses the Thames near the Swinford Toll Bridge, as well as the cable route options east of Woodstock. We have now presented you with the various cable route options between the sites.

**9) Please provide any feedback on our approach to delivering opportunities beyond solar.**

Botley West is committed to establishing an environmental and longstanding legacy across the area. We are committed to working with the community to inform what a package of community benefits could look like.

We are seeking to take a considered approach built on three key forms of community benefit: community funding, on-site benefits and helping to reduce energy bills. Please see pages 14 & 15 of our Phase Two Community Consultation Leaflet for more details.

Your response could include suggestions for the type of projects or initiatives you think could benefit from this package, including from a community benefit fund that will be similar in size to Blenheim's bursary fund of £50,000 per annum.

## Working with the community

**8) Please provide any preferences for where you would like areas for community food growing to be placed.**

Botley West Solar Farm is proposing areas for the community to grow food on site. We are seeking feedback on where members of the community would prefer these areas to be. This could include areas being located near to a particular residential area, or further into the site area.

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## What happens next?

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this form and provide us with your feedback.**

Following the close of phase two community consultation, on Thursday 8th February 2024, we will consider the feedback that we have received during this period.

All feedback we receive will form part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the project to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. In the DCO, we must produce a Consultation Report that, among other elements, details the feedback and consultation responses we have received, and provides responses to this feedback, explaining how we have considered it and the way in which it has influenced our proposals for the Botley West Solar Farm.

Together with the results of ongoing environmental and technical studies, this will help further refine our proposals for Botley West, and allow us to finalise the details of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application for the project.

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## Get in touch

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Alternatively, you can answer the same questions via our website:  
[www.botleywest.co.uk](http://www.botleywest.co.uk).

You can contact our team by:



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