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8 January 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Notice of Acceptance of an application for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) under Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008.

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Regulation 8 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 ("APFP Regulations").
Regulation 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

Botley West Solar Farm

Photovolt Development Partners, acting on behalf of SolarFive Ltd ("The Applicant") seeks development consent, under the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008), to construct, operate and maintain, and decommission a solar farm and associated infrastructure. The project is called Botley West Solar Farm (the "Project"), with the name derived from the location of the grid connection point.

The Project will have an anticipated generation capacity of approximately 840 Mwe, providing secure and clean energy to the equivalent of approximately 330,000 homes.

The Project 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 Project will connect to the National Grid transmission network. The Project is located in parts of the administrative areas of West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC), Cherwell District Council (CDC) and Vale of White Horse District Council (VWHDC) and is within the county of Oxfordshire.

A map showing the location of the Project is enclosed with this letter.

Application acceptance and representations

We write, pursuant to section 56 of the Planning Act 2008 (the "Act"), to notify you that our application for a Development Consent order has been accepted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). You have been identified as a prescribed body and/or a Person with an Interest in Land (PIL) for the purposes of section 56 of the Act and/or Regulation 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

As required in accordance with Section 56(2) of the Planning Act 2008, please find attached a copy of the section 56 notification for the Project. This includes a description of the Project and details of how to register as an Interested Party with PINS and submit a Relevant Representation. All Interested Parties must register and submit a Relevant Representation on or before **11.59pm on Thursday 27 February 2025**.

Interested Parties have the right to make representations about the Application and will be informed of the progress of its Examination. Interested Parties also have the opportunity to attend and speak at the Preliminary Meeting or hearings that take place during the Examination.

The Examining Authority will be appointed soon and will use the views put forward in the Relevant Representations to carry out an initial assessment of the principal issues. Therefore, even if you are automatically an Interested Party because you have an interest in land affected by the application or your organisation is on a list of prescribed bodies, you should still complete a Relevant Representation form so that your views can be made available to the Examining Authority at an early stage. Interested Parties are invited to consider the Application and the information provided in the Environmental Statement.

After the close of the registration period, all representations will be published on the project webpage on the PINS website. Please refer to the privacy information contained in the enclosed notice.

Further information

The enclosed notice also includes information on how to view the Application form and accompanying documents, which are available to inspect on the PINS' website as well as the dedicated project website.

The Application documents are available to view via the Documents Tab on the PINS' website here: https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010147/documents

A link to these documents is also provided on the Applicant's project website: www.botleywest.co.uk/document_library.html.

Also enclosed with this letter is a location plan of the Project.

If you would like further information about this letter, or for any other general enquiries regarding the Project, please contact the project team by using one of the contact methods provided below.

Emailing: info@botleywest.co.uk

Writing to us at: FREEPOST BWSF

Calling our Freephone: 0808 175 3085

Visiting our website at: www.botleywest.co.uk

Please note that all representations on the application documents should be made directly to the Planning Inspectorate using the details on the enclosed notice and by the deadline of 27 February 2025.

Yours faithfully,

Peter Gerstmann
Managing Director
On behalf of Botley West Solar Farm

Botley West Solar Farm

Section 56 of the Planning Act 2008
Regulation 9 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009.
Regulation 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

1. Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State has accepted an application (the "Application") by Photovolt Development Partners GmbH (PVDP), on behalf of SolarFive Ltd (Company No. 12602740) whose registered office is 2 West Street, Henley On Thames, Oxfordshire, England, RG9 2DU ("the Applicant") for a Development Consent Order ("DCO") under the Planning Act 2008. The Application (Reference No. EN010147) was submitted by the Applicant to the Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate on 15 November 2024 and was accepted for examination on 13 December 2024.

Summary of the Proposed Development

2. 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.
3. 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/EN010147-000388-EN010147_APP_6.4%20ES%20-%20Figure%201.1%20-%20Site%20Location%20&%20Order%20Limits%20Overview.pdf
4. 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.
5. 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.

Environmental Impact Assessment Development

6. Due to its nature and size, the Proposed Development is classified as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. This means that the Proposed Development constitutes development for which an EIA is required. The Application is therefore accompanied by an Environmental Statement.

Application form and accompanying documents

7. The Application form and its accompanying documents (including accompanying plans, maps, the Environmental Statement, and the draft Order (the "Application Documents")) can be viewed and downloaded free of charge online on the Botley West Solar Farm page of the Planning Inspectorate's National Infrastructure Planning website under the Documents tab until at least the end of the Relevant Representation period on 27 February 2025: https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010147
8. This link will also be available on the Applicant's project website: www.botleywest.co.uk/document_library.html
9. 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; you do not need a stamp) or telephone **0808 175 3085** (free of charge).
10. Application documents can be made available in hard copy format on request to the Applicant. Document requests can be made using the contact details at the bottom of this notice. Please note that reasonable printing costs may apply. Requests may be made for documents in bespoke or alternative formats (for example in large print, audio or braille formats) or specific individual documents. Given the size and format of the Application documents, a full suite of documents to publication specifications may cost up to £5,000.

Making Representations

11. Becoming an Interested Party gives you the right to make representations about the Application to the Planning Inspectorate. Any person may register as an Interested Party by submitting a Relevant Representation on the Application during the representation period, which must be made directly to the Planning Inspectorate. Any representations (giving notice of any interest in, or objection to, the Application) must be made on the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant Representation Form. The Registration and Relevant Representation Form can be accessed and completed online on the Planning Inspectorate's website: https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010147. Please note that this form must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 11:59pm on 27 February 2025.
12. If you require guidance, or other methods to obtain and complete a hard copy of the Planning Inspectorate's Registration and Relevant

Representation Form, please telephone 0303 444 5000. Completed forms should be sent to The Planning Inspectorate, National Infrastructure Directorate, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN. The Application reference (EN010147) should be quoted in any correspondence.

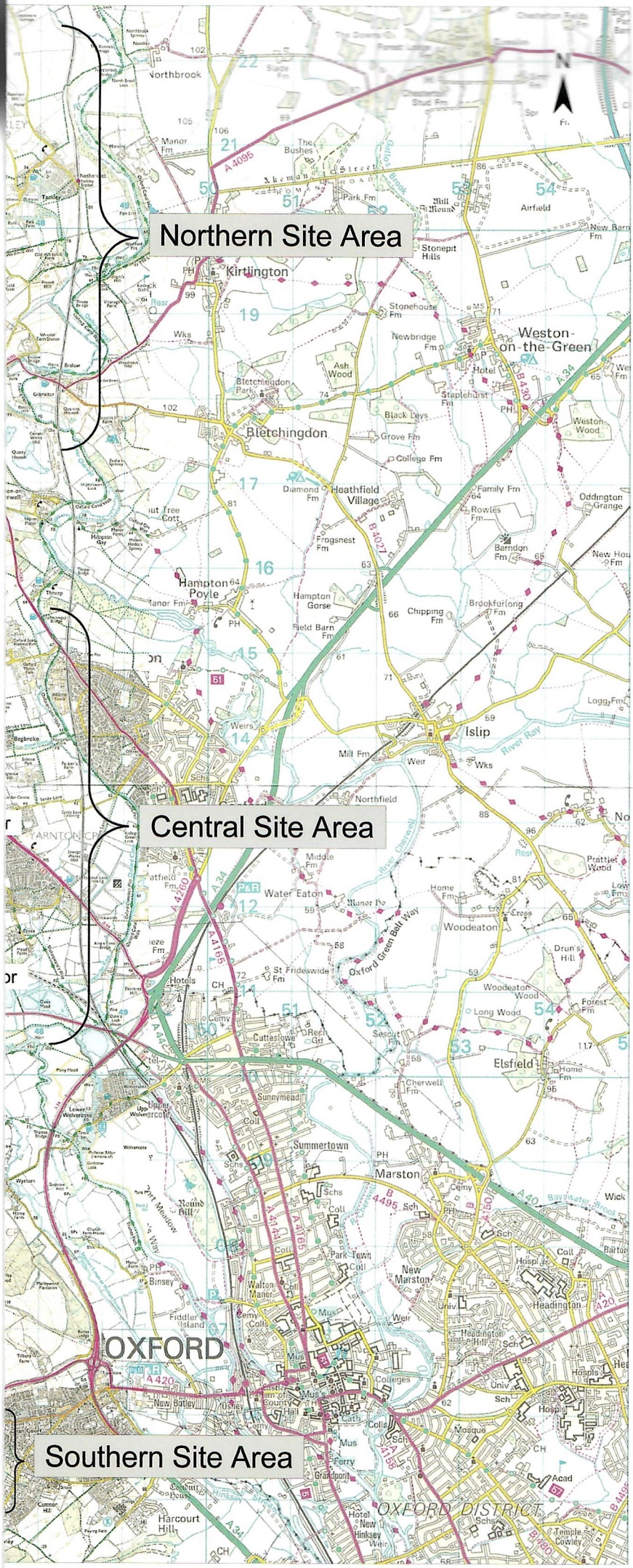
13. The Planning Inspectorate's Advice Page: How to register to have your say and make a relevant representation, provides further guidance on how to register and make a relevant representation and can be accessed via the following link: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-how-to-register-to-have-your-say-and-make-a-relevant-representation
14. Please note that representations must be received by the Planning Inspectorate by 11:59pm on 27 February 2025.
15. It should be noted that personal data, such as the name of persons over 18, will be published alongside a representation. If you do not wish personal data to be made publicly available, you should state why when submitting the representation. If necessary, the Planning Inspectorate will publish the representations with your name and personal data redacted. Please note that all representations submitted will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website and will be subject to their privacy policy, found online here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-inspectorate-privacy-notices/customer-privacy-notice

Contacting the Applicant

16. Further information about the Application may be obtained from the Applicant, through the contact details provided below.

    Email: **info@botleywest.co.uk**
    Freephone Information Line: **0808 175 3085**
    Freepost: **FREEPOST BWSF**


Northern Site Area
Central Site Area
Cable corridor
Cable corridor
Cable corridor
Cable corridor
Cable corridor
Cable corridor
CHARLBURY
Stonesfield
Finstock
Combe
North Leigh
New Yatt
WITNEY
Shores Green
South Leigh
Eynsham Hall Park
Barnard Gate
Whitehouse
Solar Farm
Cogges Wood
Church End
Warners
College Fm
Tar Wood
Rushy Common
Gravel Pit
Gill Mill
Blue Barn
Kirtlington
Bletchingdon
Weston-on-the-Green
Heathfield Village
Hampton Poyle
Islip
Woodeaton
Marston
New Marston
Summertown
Elsfield
Water Eaton
Oxford Green Belt Way
WOODSTOCK
KIDLINGTON CP
BLENHEIM CP
FREELAND CP
WYTHAM CP
A4260
A4095
A4165
A34
A40
B4027
B4022
B4437
B4495
A420



Legend

Site Location and Order Limits

Project		Status			
Botley West Solar Farm					
Id.	Changes	Date	Name		Date	Name
				Edit	31.10.2024	V.Guskova
				Check	31.10.2024	H. Trabelsi
				Drawing No	EN010145/APP/6.4	
A	Created	31.10.2024	VG			

Scale: 1:65000 at A3

Title

Site Location and Order Limits Overview
Figure 1.1

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