



## **Planning Act 2008 – section 61 and section 65**

**Application by Photovolt Development Partners (PVDP) on behalf of SolarFive Ltd for an order granting development consent for the Botley West Solar Farm project (EN010147)**

### **Appointment of the Examining Authority**

The above application was accepted for examination on 13 December 2024. This document provides confirmation of the Examining Authority that on **28 January 2025** has been appointed by the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers, to examine the application.

### **Initial choice of Panel or single appointed person**

The Planning Inspectorate has considered the government Guidance<sup>1</sup> which identifies criteria relevant to appointing an Examining Authority and has decided, on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers, that the application should be examined by a Panel of 4 appointable persons.

### **Appointment of members and lead member of the Panel**

The Planning Inspectorate has considered the skill sets required for the Panel members and suitability for leading the Panel and has decided, on behalf of the Secretary of State under delegated powers, to appoint David Wallis as Lead Member of the Examining Authority and Helen Cassini, Katharine Metcalfe and Mukhtar Shaikh as members of the Examining Authority.

These appointments are made in accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's Conflict of Interest Policy.

The Planning Inspectorate

**This decision was made by officials on behalf of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government under delegated powers**

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<sup>1</sup> [Planning Act 2008: Pre-examination stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects](#) (April 2024)