

**Application by Photovolt Development Partners (PVDP) on behalf of SolarFive Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Botley West Solar Farm**

## **Agenda for Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1):**

<b>Hearing</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1) into the Development Consent Order and Strategic Matters</b>	<b>Thursday 15 May 2025</b> <b>Hearing Starts at 10:00am</b> Registration and seating available at venue from <b>9:00am</b> and virtual Registration Process from <b>9:30am</b>	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

- 1. Welcome, introductions, arrangements for the Hearing**
- 2. Purpose of the Issue Specific Hearings**
- 3. Examining Authority's Questions**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Scope of Questions</b>
<b>3a</b>	<b>The Rochdale Envelope, flexibility and the environmental statement</b>
<b>3b</b>	<b>Strategic alternatives and project choices</b>
<b>3c</b>	<b>Cultural heritage</b>
<b>3d</b>	<b>Green Belt</b>
<b>3e</b>	<b>Aviation safety</b>
<b>3f</b>	<b>Development Consent Order</b>
<b>3g</b>	<b>Landscape and Visual Matters</b>
<b>3h</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>
<b>3i</b>	<b>Noise and Vibration</b>
<b>3j</b>	<b>Traffic and Transport</b>

- 4. Next Steps and Hearing Actions**
- 5. Closing**

## Purpose of ISH

At ISH1, we are looking for clarity on the Applicant's strategic approach on the matters listed here and Interested Parties' views on that approach. Further questions on these subjects may appear when the Examining Authority publishes its set of first written questions, after Deadline 1 in the Examination Timetable.

## Attendees

The Examining Authority (ExA) would find it helpful if the following parties could attend this Hearing:

- Applicant
- All local authorities
- Defence Infrastructure Organisation
- Historic England
- National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc
- Oxford Aviation Services Limited
- RAF Brize Norton

However, this does not indicate that other parties will not be able to contribute. All Interested Parties (IP) are invited to attend and make oral representations on the matters set out in the agenda, subject to the ExA's ability to control the Hearing.

The ExA has sought to provide sufficient detail to assist the parties to prepare for the ISH. The details set out above are indicative and the ExA may find it necessary to include additional agenda items or to amend the order in which the items are dealt with.

Anyone wishing to attend the Hearing in person, who has not already advised the Case Team of this, should do so as soon as possible.

The event will be livestreamed and a link for watching the livestream will be posted on the [project webpage](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website closer to the Hearing date. The link is also available here at: <https://cvslivestream.co.uk/botley-west/>. IPs and members of the public who wish to observe the Hearing can therefore view and listen to the Hearing using the livestream, or view and listen to the recording, after it has concluded.

## Registration Process

Parties who have registered to speak (both in person and virtually) will receive a Joining Instruction email shortly before the Hearing which will include a link to the virtual event on Microsoft Teams, and a telephone number should they need to participate by telephone. To enable the Hearing to start on time at **10:00am** those attending virtually should join promptly at **9:30am**. This will ensure that all virtual attendees can complete the registration process in good time.

## **Procedure at ISH**

Guidance under the Planning Act 2008 and the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 provides that it is for the ExA to probe, test and assess the evidence through direct questions of persons making oral representations at Hearings. Questioning at the Hearing will be led by the ExA. Cross questioning of a person giving evidence by another person will only be permitted if the ExA decides it is necessary to ensure representations are adequately tested or that an IP has had a fair chance to put its case.