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Planning Act 2008: Applicant's response to Procedural Deadline B

Application ref: EN010147/APP/10.1

Application by Photovolt Development Partners (PVDP) on behalf of SolarFive Ltd (the Applicant) for a Development Consent Order for Botley West Solar Farm

Dear Mr Raywood,

In the Rule letter [PD-006], the Examining Authority (ExA) requested certain clarifications in respect of the Applicant's Environmental Statement (ES). The letter requested that these clarifications are to be submitted on or before 2 May 2025 at Procedural Deadline B.

This cover letter, the ES Clarifications Report and other updated documents submitted by the Applicant at Procedural Deadline B provides the clarifications requested by the ExA. Those clarifications and the justification for the updates to the existing application documents is explained primarily in the ES Clarifications Report. A suite of documents has also been provided by the Applicant to give additional clarity on how the environmental assessment that has been carried out for the Project is robust. This is to give confidence that the Examination of the application can be conducted and completed within the statutory timeframe, and that there would not be delays during the process.

Enclosed for the purposes of the Applicant's Procedural Deadline B submission is:

1. ES Clarifications Report – *new deliverable*;
2. Updated Guide to the Application (Clean and Tracked);
3. Updated Statement in Respect of Statutory Nuisance (Clean and Tracked);
4. Updated Chapter 8, Landscape and Visual Effects (Clean and Tracked);
5. Updated Chapter 9, Nature Conservation and Ecology (Clean and Tracked);
6. Updated Chapter 13, Noise and Vibration (Clean and Tracked);

7. Updated Outline Layout and Design Principles document (Clean and Tracked).

In addition, as set out in the ExA's s51 Advice [**PD-003**], the ExA stated that *"it would be useful for all parties if the Applicant could submit a 'Statement of Need' as a stand-alone document"*. The Applicant's response to the ExA's s51 Advice [**AS-001**] stated:

*"...The Applicant notes the suggestion from PINS to submit a standalone 'Statement of Need' document. As PINS has acknowledged, this is not a statutory requirement. The Applicant took the view at the time of submission that a further standalone document was not necessary due to the unequivocal need case established in the latest National Policy Statements (November 2023). The Applicant's need case is therefore set out in the Applicant's Statement of Reasons [**APP-021**] and Planning Supporting Statement [**APP-225**].*

However, in recognition of PINS' advice, the Applicant will prepare a standalone document to address the specific matters raised by PINS in its s51 Advice letter, to supplement the need case in the existing application documents. That new document will be submitted in due course...."

Further to that, the Applicant now encloses a standalone document titled 'Supplementary Statement of Need' (EN010147/APP/8.5) dealing with the points suggested by the ExA .

Finally, now that the hearing agendas ([**EV3-001**] and [**EV4-001**]) have been published for week commencing 12 May 2025, the Applicant thought it would be helpful to provide to the ExA with a list of proposed attendees on behalf of the Applicant:

- Pinsent Masons (in-person): Toby Yeates, Gareth Phillips, Jacob Burton, William Kershaw;
- PVDP (in-person): Christopher LeCointe, Mark Owen-Lloyd, Hichem Trabelsi, Raya Khabthani;
- RPS (via Teams): Mick Rawlings, Nick Betson, George Lilley, Richard Calvert, David Archibald, Andrew Tasker;
- Counter Context (in-person): Tom Mothersole, Edward Brown, Isaac Howarth; and
- Pager Power (via Teams): James Plumb

On the basis that there will be virtual attendees, the Applicant team would be grateful if a Teams link can be shared with [REDACTED] (email address: [REDACTED]) to share amongst the wider team as appropriate.

We trust this letter and the accompanying documents represent a clear clarification of the Applicant's application and assessment, in response to the information requested by the ExA. If we can be of any assistance, please contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely,

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(On behalf of the Applicant)

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