



**Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (The 2017 EIA Regulations)**

<b>Project name:</b>	Botley West Solar Farm
<b>Address/Location:</b>	Land in West Oxfordshire, Cherwell and Vale of White Horse Districts
<b>Planning Inspectorate Ref:</b>	EN010147
<b>Date(s) screening undertaken:</b>	First screening – 24 July 2023 Second screening – 8 May 2025

**TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING**

The Inspectorate undertook transboundary screening of the proposed development in the Scoping Opinion, which was adopted on 24 July 2023. The Inspectorate concluded that the proposed development **is unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State**. The Scoping Opinion is available from:

[EN010147-000012-EN010145 - Scoping Opinion.pdf](#)

**TRANSBOUNDARY RE-SCREENING**

<b>Document(s) used for transboundary screening:</b>	Environmental Statement Non-Technical Summary (document reference 6.2) Environmental Statement Chapter 9: Ecology and Nature Conservation (document reference 6.3) Environmental Statement Figure 9.1: Statutory Designated Sites (document reference 6.4) Environmental Statement Appendix 9.14: Habitat Regulations Assessment Report (document reference 6.5)
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The Inspectorate has re-considered the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the proposed development, taking into account any changes that have been made to the proposed development since the previous transboundary screening process was undertaken.

The Inspectorate considers that the proposed development is **unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area**

**State.** This position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

**Action:** No further action required at this stage.

**Date:** 8 May 2025

**Note:** The SoS' duty under regulation 32 of The 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

**Note:**

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the annex to its Advice Page, Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on Transboundary Impacts and Process, available on the Advice page collection at gov.uk: ['Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on Transboundary Impacts and Process'](#).