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Sent: 04 June 2025 11:37
To: Botley West Solar Farm
Subject: Misrepresentations of photomontages ES 64, Figure 8.248 to 8.371, EN010147 – APP-072- APP080

Dear [REDACTED]

My reference:20055016

I would like to bring to the attention of the Inspectorate for the assessment of the Botley West Solar Farm application what appear to be further instances of misrepresentation in the photomontages, the visual representation supplied by Photovolt Development Partners (PVDP) on behalf of SolarFive Ltd, for the recognition of the impact of the solar panels by anyone being near them, or even seeing them from afar. (This was not covered in my letter of 1 June 2025.)

The project proposes between 1.8 million and 2.2 million panels, each 1.1-1.4m w x 2.1-2.4m l x 0.03 x 0.04m d., dark blue, dark grey, or black in colour, and in height from 0.8m to 2.20m-2.30m above ground. (BWSF Environmental Statement, Table 6.3, Project Component)

ES 64, Figure 8.248 to 8.371, EN010147 – APP-072- APP080

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Images 3, 7, 9, and 11: Panels shown as dark areas whereas would show some light reflection, lake-like
Image 5: Panels presented as low 'dinky' installations, in contradiction to actual dimensions, given above. The panels made to too low against the hedging.

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Image 1: Panels do not show accurate relative height against height of a telegraph pole (8-10m high)
Image 4: Exaggerated height of hedging reduces impression of height of solar panels
Images 5, 9, and 13: Areas of panels shown as dark but should show some light reflection, lake-like.

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Image 6: Panels not shown at full height or likely light reflection
Images 9, 11,13: Distant panels shown as dark and not reflecting some light reflection

App- 075

Images 3 and 5: Do not accurately indicate the height of the panels
Images 7 and 9: Distant panels shown as dark and not some light reflection, as if a lake.
Image 11: Misleading image of height next to a telegraph pole
Image 13: Query whether wild hedge would reach 5 m after 15 years, and its height given in relation to 10m+ telegraph pole

App-076

Image 3: Distant panels would not be seen as dark but reflective, lake-like
Image 5: Misleading image of height of panels adjacent to telegraph pole. Pole serves to reduce the appearance of the height of the panels
Image 9: Does not represent the impression of the height of the panels
Image 11: Height of hedging serves to reduce impression of height of panels
Images 14, 15, 17: Dark area of distant panels instead of lake-like reflection.

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Image 2: Dark area instead of lake-like reflection

Image 7: Misleading image of height

Image 9: Hedging shown as massive, so diminishing height of panels

Images 12 and 14: Distant panels shown as dark instead of reflecting some light.

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Images 1,3,7,10, and 11: Distant panelling shown as dark, instead of reflecting some light

Image 4: Show what panels will look like against dead hedging.

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Image 1: Juxtaposition of panels to derestriction sign serving to reduce impression of height of panels

Images 3, 7, 9: Dark panels where should be reflecting some light

Image 11: Misrepresentation of height of panels next to low hedging

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Image 3: Dark panels not reflecting some light

Image 7: Misleading juxtaposition of height of panels against height of telegraph poles.

I'd be grateful if you would bring these matters to the attention of the Inspectorate.

Yours sincerely,

 