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BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Sir/ Madam

WRITTEN SUMMARY OF ORAL REPRESENTATION FOR OPEN FLOOR HEARING 1 13.05.2025

Project: Botley West Solar Farm
Applicant's Name: Photovolt Development Partners and SolarFive Ltd
Proposal: Solar Farm NSIP
Registration ID number: 20055053
Our ref: 22/03407/DCO

Please find below Cherwell District Council's Written Summary of Oral Submission for the Open Floor Hearing 1 (13.05.2025).

Yours faithfully

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Written Summary of Oral Submission- Open Floor Hearing 1 (13.05.2025)

██████████ – Principal Planning Officer speaking on behalf of Cherwell District Council

Good afternoon and thank you for this opportunity to speak today. The details of Cherwell District Council's views on this project are contained in our previous Relevant Representation and further details will also be set out in the Local Impact Report which is yet to be agreed by the Planning Committee.

Cherwell have declared a Climate Emergency and would normally assess solar farms under Policy ESD5 of the adopted CLP 2011-2031. This states that renewable energy developments will be supported provided they do not have a significantly adverse impact, including cumulatively, on:

- Biodiversity;
- Landscape and Visual;
- The historic environment including designated and non-designated assets and their settings;
- The Green Belt, particularly visual impacts on openness;
- Aviation activities;
- Highways and access issues, and
- Residential amenity.

Based on that list there are currently a number of outstanding concerns which have and will be set out in writing.

Thank you.