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**Planning Act 2008: Applicant's Deadline 1 Submission**

**Application ref: EN010147/APP/11.1**

**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,

This letter accompanies the submission of a suite of documents by the Applicant for the Examination of the Development Consent Order Application for the Botley West Solar Farm (the Project). The suite of documents has been submitted at Deadline 1 on 4 June 2025.

This information has been provided to respond to requests for information set out in the Rule 6 letter [PD-006] and Rule 8 Letter [PD-007] issued by the Examination Authority (ExA) and following the Preliminary Meeting and the Open Floor Hearing 1 (OFH1) on 13 May 2025, the Open Floor Hearing 2 (OFH2) on 14 May 2025, and the first Issue Specific Hearing (on the Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) and Strategic Matters) on 15 May 2025.

Enclosed for the purposes of the Applicant's Deadline 1 submission are:

**New Deliverables**

1. Applicant's Written Summary of Oral Submissions at OFH1 & OFH2;
2. Applicant's Written Summary of Oral Submissions at ISH1<sup>1</sup>;
3. Applicant's Response to the Relevant Representations;

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<sup>1</sup> Where standalone documents have been submitted in response to Action Points arising from the Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1), this is stated in the Written Summary of Oral Submissions at ISH1. Those standalone documents are also captured in the updated Guide to the Application.

4. Applicant's Compulsory Acquisition Schedule and Land Rights Tracker;
5. Applicant's Statement of Commonality; and
6. Statements of Common Ground (SoCG).

### **Updated Application Documents**

1. Guide to the Application (Clean and Tracked);
2. Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) (Clean and Tracked)
3. Explanatory Memorandum (Clean and Tracked)
4. Schedule of Changes to the dDCO (Clean);
5. Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker (Clean and Tracked);
6. Book of Reference (Clean and Tracked);
7. Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference (Clean);
8. Outline Layout and Design Principles document (Clean and Tracked); and
9. Planning Support Statement (Clean and Tracked).

### **FURTHER DETAIL ON DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED**

#### **Applicant's Summaries of Oral Submissions at OFH1, OFH2 and ISH1**

The written summary for OFH1 and OFH2 presents a summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at both open floor hearings and provides post hearing notes in response to requests made for further clarification at those hearings and other matters. There were no express actions for the Applicant in the ExA's action list [EV3-006].

The written summary for ISH1 presents a summary of the Applicant's Oral Submissions at ISH1 and provides post hearing notes in response to requests made for further clarification at this hearing and other matters. This includes a response to all of the actions addressed to the Applicant from the ExA's Action List from ISH1 [EV5-010] and references to any accompanying standalone documents submitted in support of those post hearing clarifications.

#### **Applicant Responses to Relevant Representations**

This document presents the Applicant's responses to matters raised in Relevant Representations. The Applicant has responded to the relevant representations on a thematic basis due to the volume of relevant representations submitted, save for the responses to the relevant representations submitted by the four local authorities; the nine other statutory consultees; and National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc and Network Rail Infrastructure Limited<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> Whilst NGET and Network Rail are categories on the PINS page under 'members of the public / businesses', the Applicant appreciates that both entities are statutory undertakers and therefore felt a full response was justified.

## **Applicant's Compulsory Acquisition Schedule and Land Rights Tracker**

The Applicant has submitted this document in accordance with the template provided by the ExA in Appendix F of its Rule 6 Letter [PD-006] as requested.

The Applicant has also updated its existing Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker [AS-013].

The Applicant would be grateful if the intention of the ExA is for the new template to supersede that existing document, or whether the ExA would welcome both documents to continue to be submitted.

## **SoCGs and Statement of Commonality**

The Applicant acknowledges Annex F of the ExA's Rule 6 letter which sets out the SoCGs that the ExA suggested to be submitted during the Examination of this application. The Applicant has broadly submitted all of those listed at this Deadline 1, save for the following:

- **Statutory Undertakers (Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and Southern Gas Networks Plc)** – the only matters being discussed between the parties are the protective provisions and other associated documents to ensure that the apparatus of each SU is protected. These documents are being progressed through the ordinary processes, for example by including draft PPs in the draft DCO and through our responses to the relevant representations. Therefore, an SoCG would simply duplicate work that is otherwise progressing well between the parties.
- **Highways England and MoD** – the Applicant does not consider there to be any live matters between the parties that require an SoCG.
- **NGET** – the Applicant sent the draft SoCG to NGET on 13 March 2025. The solicitors for NGET have requested that the submission of the SoCG is delayed until Deadline 2 as they have been unable to obtain the required technical input and comments from NGET.

## **Guide to the Application**

The full suite of documents submitted at this Deadline 1 and earlier submissions is set out in the Guide to the Application.

## **Draft Development Consent Order and Schedule of Changes to the Draft Development Consent Order**

The draft Development Consent Order has been updated to address matters raised in consultation with key stakeholders and to update other minor drafting points that the Applicant wishes to change as it continues to refine its Application. The reasons for each change, save for typographical changes only, is set out in the Schedule of Changes to the DCO.

## **Explanatory Memorandum**

The Explanatory Memorandum has been updated to reflect changes in the Draft DCO.

## **Book of Reference and Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference**

The Book of reference has been updated following a data refresh carried out by the Applicant's land agents. To confirm, in line with the request made by the ExA in its Rule 8 Letter, where the Applicant has become aware that there has been a change in ownership, or a new interest,

in relevant land the Applicant has made the relevant person aware that they can make a request to the ExA to become an Interested Party under section 102A of the PA2008 by contacting the Case Team via the mailbox at [BotleyWestSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:BotleyWestSolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk).

### **Outline Layout and Design Principles**

This has been updated and submitted in support of the Applicant's response to PINS Action Point No. 2: "*Applicant to confirm the height of the switchgear building within the NGET substation and whether that has been assessed in the Environmental Statement.*", as set out in full in the ISH1 Written Summary.

### **Planning Supporting Statement (PSS) inc Green Belt Case**

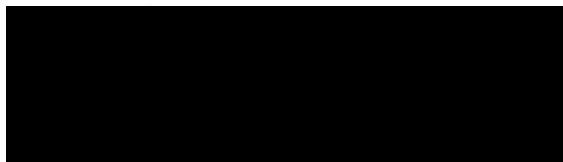
This has been updated and submitted in support of the Applicant's response to PINS Action Point No. 11: "*Applicant to provide clarity on the VSC case and what is being relied upon to constitute VSC in the Green Belt*", as set out in full in the ISH1 Written Summary.

### **Other standalone documents**

Where standalone documents have been submitted to support the Applicant's responses to Action Points (namely, Action Points 8, 12, 13 and 21) as arising from the Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1), this is stated in the Applicant's Written Summary of Oral Submissions at ISH1. Those standalone documents are also captured in the updated Guide to the Application

We trust this letter and the accompanying documents represent a clear position 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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Mr Christopher Lecointe

(On behalf of the Applicant)

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