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Interested Party Registration Number 20052948

Frances Sunderland [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Plot numbers in Book of Reference – 9-06 & 9-07

Q 1.5.8

Affected Persons

IPs (Interested Parties)

Accuracy of the Book of Reference, Land Plans and Points of Clarification

**Are any Affected Persons or IPs aware of any inaccuracies in the BoR [AS-028] (updated at DL1), Statement of Reasons (SoR) [APP-021] or Land Plans [AS-006]? If so, please set out what these are and provide the correct details.**

RESPONSE

**Re: Proposed Cable route Plot numbers 9-06 and 9-07**

I live with my husband Peter Harvey at [REDACTED] and we own the field which abuts the Yarnton Road to the south – see **plot numbers 9-06 and 9-07**. From the Land Plans attached to the Botley West Solar Farm application it now seems that PVDP/Solar Five wish to make a compulsory purchase on the boundary of our field (the historic 15' high hedge, ancient trees and ditch (which is a permanent water course) and verge) with a view to using this land for cabling.

We would like to make the following points highlighting the inaccuracies and omissions in the PVDP/Solar Five application:

1. We have not received any communication from the applicant as to the compulsory purchase or permissions that they are seeking on or adjacent to [REDACTED] /our property (**plot numbers 9-06 and 9-07**).

2. It is unclear from the plans what is the exact area of land PVDP/Solar Five require or the extent of the proposed removal of hedges and trees which currently screen our property from the road. All we know from the plan is that it is a thick coloured line on a small map without any precise detail. If PVDP/Solar Five have more precise detail in mind they have not shared this with us. PVDP/Solar Five

list the land as unregistered – this is inaccurate. The road is unregistered of course and the verge, but the hedge line is in our ownership.

3. Given the proximity of the land to [REDACTED] for which compulsory purchase is proposed, even if part of it is unregistered it is of great importance to ourselves and the other residents/neighbours here to fully understand what is proposed, what remediation of the land is proposed after the burying of cable work and what compensation will be provided. The hedge line includes many enormous mature trees – ancient oak, ash, willow etc. Any tunneling in that area will damage roots and endanger these trees. We have not been provided with any information about the nature of the works proposed. We are concerned for the special wildlife that use the trees and hedge. We have bats, barn owls and little owls here amongst many other special species.

4. In particular, we are extremely concerned that this compulsory purchase will add to the flood risk here. We are anxious to know what the implications of the works will be for drainage at [REDACTED], the surrounding land and Yarnton Road given that the ditch, which is a permanent water course, and culverts appear to be in the area of compulsory purchase. Our house and the four houses next door to us at [REDACTED] are in a specific area of historic flooding and this water course is crucial to preventing flooding here most winters. The ditch carries all water draining from the hill (Spring Hill) to the north behind our houses to the South. The water is carried along the front of our field (within the compulsory purchase zone), then underneath the Yarnton Road to a water course on the other side and eventually down under the A40 to the river. We have long since taken responsibility for the maintenance of the water course along the front of our field and hedge, clearing it and making sure that it does its crucial job. Will PVDP/Solar Five take legal responsibility for the many mature and very large trees within the hedge, will they trim the hedge as we do annually, cut the verge and clear the ditch. If this compulsory purchase goes ahead what assurance will we have that PVDP/Solar Five will look after this crucial role in perpetuity.

5. We would like to ask whether access to and from our property and those of our neighbours have been considered and if so to what effect.

We are astonished and disquieted that this application can get so far and yet no one from PVDP/Solar Five has contacted us to provide any exact details of this proposed compulsory purchase or how it would affect us and our property. This situation is extremely stressful and unprofessional and yet again highlights the inadequacy and discourtesy of the “consultation” process by the applicant.

We would be grateful if you would consider our points seriously and please do contact us should you require more details.

Yours faithfully

Frances Sunderland & Peter Harvey