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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 2 on 1 July 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), including in response to the Examining Authority's first written questions and requests for information (ExQ1) [PD-008].

Enclosed for the purposes of the Applicant's Deadline 2 submission are:

New Deliverables

1. Applicant's Response to ExA's first written questions;
2. Applicant's Responses to Local Impact Reports, submitted at Deadline 1;
3. Applicant's Responses to Written Representations, submitted at Deadline 1;
4. Applicant's Responses to other Deadline 1 submissions;

5. Additional Photomontages for Historic Environment Assessment;
6. Additional Hedgerow Removal Detailed Plans

Updated Application Documents

1. Guide to the Application (Clean and Tracked);
2. Draft Development Consent Order (Clean and Tracked);
3. Explanatory Memorandum (Clean and Tracked);
4. Schedule of Changes to the draft Development Consent Order;
5. Statement in respect of Statutory Nuisance (Clean and Tracked);
6. ES Chapter 9 – Ecology and Nature Conservation (Clean and Tracked);
7. ES Appendix 7.5 Settings Assessment (Clean and Tracked);
8. Outline Operational Management Plan (Clean and Tracked);
9. Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Clean and Tracked);
10. Outline Written Scheme of Investigation (Clean and Tracked); and
11. Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker (Clean and Tracked);
12. Compulsory Acquisition (CA) Schedule and Land Rights Tracker.

FURTHER DETAIL ON DEADLINE 2 DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED

Applicant Responses to ExA Q1, Local Impact Reports, Written Representations and other Deadline 1 submissions

The Applicant has prepared responses to the ExA Q1 [EN010147/APP/12.2], Local Impact Reports [EN010147/APP/12.3], Written Representations [EN010147/APP/12.4] and other Deadline 1 submissions [EN010147/APP/12.5].

Responses to the ExA Q1 [PDB-008] have been organised under the topics set out in that document, and the Applicant has provided some clarifications on questions that were directed at other parties, to assist the ExA.

Similarly, the Applicant's responses to the three Local Impact Reports, Written Representations and other Deadline 1 submissions are structured to follow those comments received from Interested Parties and logically grouped.

To avoid repetition, in the responses to the Local Impact Reports, Written Representations and other Deadline 1 submissions, the Applicant has focused on providing responses and comments that make points that have not been addressed previously, within the Applicant's Responses to Relevant Representations [REP1-020], or where the Applicant considers that further clarification may be useful.

Additional Photomontages for Historic Environment Assessment

The Applicant has agreed a number of additional visualisations, for heritage assessment purposes, with Historic England. The Viewpoint locations and the photomontages established for these Viewpoints are set out in the document Additional Photomontages for Historic Environment Assessment [EN010147/APP/12.7].

Night-time visualisations are not necessary as the Proposed Development does not include night-time lighting other than motion sensor activated security/emergency lighting, meaning light spill is anticipated to be minimal and infrequent. This is set out in ES Chapter 6: Project Description [APP-043].

Additional Hedgerow Removal Detailed Plans

In response to ExA Q 1.8.1, the Applicant has submitted a supplementary set of plans (Additional Hedgerow Removal Detailed Plans [EN010147/APP/12.8]), which show the proposed areas of hedgerow removal at the requested scale (1:500) and using a different background map. These new plans are more zoomed in, to clearly highlight the hedgerow to be removed and the length. These should be read alongside the Hedgerow Removal Plans [AS-007] which identify where these hedgerows are located in relation to the Order limits.

Guide to the Application

The full suite of documents submitted at this Deadline 2 and earlier submissions is set out in the Guide to the Application, as updated (Rev 5) [EN010147/APP/1.3].

Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) and Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO

The draft Development Consent Order [EN010147/APP/3.1] has been updated to address matters raised in consultation with key stakeholders, to update drafting in response to Deadline 1 submissions and in response to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions. The reasons for each change, save for typographical changes only, are set out in the Schedule of Changes).

Please note that the comparison software used to produce the tracked version of the draft DCO has corrupted the paragraph numbering in that version. However, to confirm, the numbering in the clean version of the DCO remains accurate (and the Schedule of Changes to the DCO clarifies the intention behind the changes made).

Explanatory Memorandum

The Explanatory Memorandum has been updated to reflect changes in the Draft DCO [EN010147/APP/3.3] Rev 3.

Statement in respect of Statutory Nuisance

Revision 2 of this document [EN010147/APP/3.4] has been updated to align the dimensions of the NGET Substation with those set out in the Outline Layout and Design Principles Document (Rev 2) that was updated at Deadline 1.

ES Chapter 9 – Ecology and Nature Conservation

An updated version, Revision 2, of Chapter 9 of the ES on Ecology and Nature Conservation [EN010147/APP/6.3] has been submitted to incorporate a revised Table 9.6.2, in order to address comments made by Natural England in their Relevant Representation [RR-0761] and ExA Q 1.8.13, and in relation to monitoring as per ExA Q1.8.10.

ES Appendix 7.5 Settings Assessment

An updated Settings Assessment [EN010147/APP/6.5] is provided to respond to a number of ExA Qs, comments in the LIRs and Written Representations. This provides additional detail regarding the potential impact on the heritage significance of a range of assets, including Scheduled Monuments, Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas.

Outline Operational Management Plan

An updated outline Operational Management Plan, Rev 1 [EN010147/APP/7.6.2] provides more information on the approach to replacement and maintenance activities, including panel lifespan and traffic assessment thresholds. This includes details in regard to responses to ExA Q 1.2.2 and 1.7.3.

Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan

The outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan Rev1 [EN010147/APP/7.6.3] has been updated in relation to ExA Q 1.8.9., with particular regard to hedgerow management and dormice.

Outline Written Scheme of Investigation

Revision 2 of the Outline Written Scheme of Investigation [EN010147/APP/7.6.5] has been submitted with corrected figures to now show the correct Order Limits and the archaeological protection areas that were submitted at Change Request 1, and to provide details of the further programme of archaeological work associated with the cable routes and mitigation strategies.

Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker and Compulsory Acquisition (CA) Schedule and Land Rights Tracker

The Applicant has updated these documents to capture the ongoing land discussions. As flagged in its Deadline 1 Cover Letter [REP1-001], the Applicant would be grateful if the ExA can confirm whether its intention is for the new template in the CA Schedule and Land Rights Tracker to supersede the Land and Rights Negotiations Tracker, or whether the ExA would welcome both documents to continue to be submitted. Unless the Applicant hears otherwise, it will continue to submit both.

OTHER DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED ALONGSIDE DEADLINE 2

In addition to the Deadline 2 submission documents listed above, the Applicant has submitted two other documents in parallel to that Deadline 2 submission. These are summarised below.

(1) Response to Rule 17 Request for Information

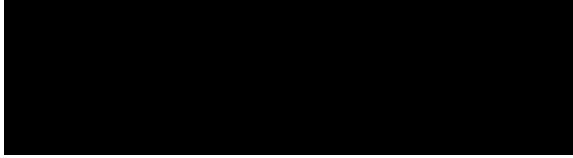
The Applicant has submitted a response to the Rule 17 'Request for further Information' [PD-009] which relates to a further review of ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment.

(2) Change Request 2 Notification

The Applicant has also submitted a change notification in accordance with PINS Guidance, 'Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Changes to an application after it has been accepted for examination'. This is to notify the ExA of the Applicant's intention to submit a formal Change Application for 11 proposed changes, which are being proposed to reduce the Order Limits and/or refine the Project layout and design as a result of ongoing engagement with stakeholders and following the iterative design process.

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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