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Planning Act 2008: Applicant's Deadline 3 Submission

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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 3 on 22 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).

Enclosed for the purposes of the Applicant's Deadline 3 submission are:

New Deliverables

1. Applicant's Responses to other Deadline 2 submissions;
2. Applicant's comments on Interested Parties' Responses to ExA's First Written Questions (ExQ1);
3. The Applicant's Response to the OHA's Response to the Rule 17 Letter re Chapter 8 LVIA [PD-009];
4. Applicant's draft Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) Itinerary;
5. Botley West Solar Farm Blenheim Estate Ownership Commentary;

6. Gazetteer Concordance Tables;
7. Water Crossing Plan; and
8. Temporary Facilities and Flood Map Plan.

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. Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker (Clean and Tracked);
6. Compulsory Acquisition (CA) Schedule and Land Rights Tracker;
7. Book of Reference (Clean and Tracked);
8. Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference;
9. ES Chapter 10 - Hydrology and Flood Risk (Clean and Tracked);
10. ES Appendix 10.1 - Flood Risk Assessment (Clean and Tracked);
11. ES Appendix 10.2 - Conceptual Drainage Strategy (Clean and Tracked);
12. ES Appendix 10.6 - Surface water and Groundwater abstractions, pollution incidents and discharge consents report (Clean and Tracked);
13. ES Appendix 10.7 - Water Framework Directive Assessment (Clean and Tracked);
14. ES Chapter 11 - Ground Conditions (Clean and Tracked);
15. ES Chapter 14 - Climate Change (Clean and Tracked);
16. ES Chapter 15 - Socio Economics (Clean and Tracked);
17. ES Appendix 15.2 - Outline Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan (Clean and Tracked);
18. Outline Code of Construction Practice (Clean and Tracked);
19. Outline Operational Management Plan (Clean and Tracked);
20. Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Clean and Tracked);
21. Outline Layout & Design Principles Document (Clean and Tracked);
22. Applicant's Statement of Commonality (Clean and Tracked); and
23. Statements of Common Ground (Clean and Tracked)

FURTHER COMMENTS ON DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AT DEADLINE 3

New Deliverables

Applicant's responses to other Deadline 2 submissions and comments on interested parties' responses to ExQ1

The Applicant has prepared responses to other Deadline 2 submissions [EN010147/APP/13.2], and commented on interested parties' responses to the ExA's First Written Questions [EN010147/APP/13.3]. To avoid repetition the Applicant has focused on comments that make points that have not been addressed previously, within the Applicant's Responses to Relevant Representations [REP1-020], or that need further clarification.

Applicant's response to the OHA's response to the Rule 17 Letter re Chapter 8 LVIA [PD-009]

This document [EN010147/APP/13.4] provides additional information and comments on points raised in the OHA's response to the ExA's Rule 17 letter [REP2-049], and in particular regard to the LVIA methodology and the significance of effects.

Applicant's draft Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) itinerary

The Applicant has prepared a draft itinerary, for an Accompanied Site Inspection, expected to take place in the week commencing 6th October [EN010147/APP/13.5]. The draft itinerary is based on the Rule 17 letter issued on the 11 July 2025 [PD-010] detailing five locations on private land that the ExA has indicated the Inspectors would particularly wish to visit; Spring Hill, Hill End Outdoor Activity Centre, College Farm, Goose Eye Farm and Purwell Farm.

Currently the draft itinerary suggests convening the ASI from Farmoor Reservoir car park. However, if the King's Centre in Botley is confirmed as the venue for the hearings the ASI could commence and finish there, and the Applicant will update the itinerary accordingly.

Other new materials

Other new materials have been created, which respond to comments and questions raised in the Deadline 2 submissions from Interested Parties, follow up on the Applicant's own Deadline 2 submissions, or respond to comments from Interested Parties in response to the ExAQ1.

These comprise;

- A report by Withers LLP on Blenheim Estate ownership and legal status of land;
- Gazetteer Concordance Tables, regarding heritage assets;
- Water Crossing Plan; and
- Temporary Facilities and Flood Map Plan.

Updated Application Documents

Guide to the Application

The full suite of documents submitted at this Deadline 3 and within earlier submissions is set out in the Guide to the Application, as updated (Rev 6) [EN010147/APP/1.3].

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

The Draft Development Consent Order (Rev 4) [EN010147/APP/3.1] has been updated to address matters raised in consultation with key stakeholders, primarily National Grid and Southern Gas Networks Plc. The reasons for each change, save for typographical changes only, are set out in the Schedule of Changes [EN010147/APP/8.3] (Rev 3).

Explanatory Memorandum

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

Other Updated Documents

Other updated documents have been created, which respond to comments and questions raised in the Deadline 2 submissions from Interested Parties, follow up on the Applicant's own Deadline 2 submissions, or respond to comments from Interested Parties in response to the ExAQ1. These comprise;

- Updated Book of Reference and Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference;
- Updated Land & Rights Negotiation Tracker;
- Updated Compulsory Acquisition (CA) Schedule and Land Rights Tracker;
- Updated ES Chapter 10 – Hydrology and Flood Risk, and associated appendices;
- Updated ES Chapter 11 – Ground Conditions;
- Updated ES Chapter 14 – Climate Change;
- Updated ES Chapter 15 – Socio Economics, and associated Appendix 15.2 - Outline Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan; and
- Updated Management Plans – including;
 - Outline Code of Construction Practice (Part 1);
 - Outline Operational Management Plan;
 - Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan;
 - Outline Layout and Design Principles Document.
- Updated Applicant's Statement of Commonality; and
- Updated Statements of Common Ground.

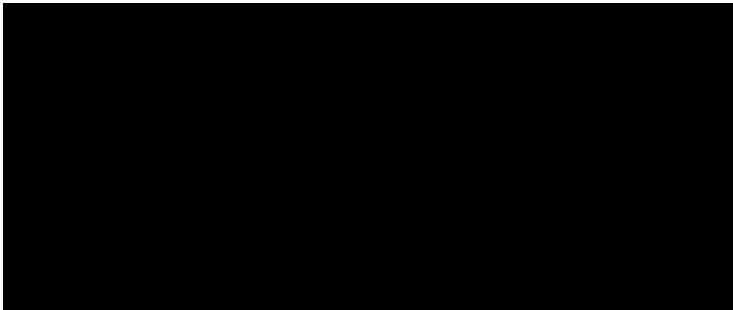
DELAYED ITEM – PROPOSED FOR SUBMISSION AT DEADLINE 4

Biodiversity Net Gain Appendix 9.13

The Applicant intended to submit an updated version of ES Appendix 9.13 Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment [**APP-162**], to include details of the watercourse element of BNG, at Deadline 3. However, the appropriate surveys to support this element of the BNG assessment (River MoRPh) are still on-going. Therefore, the intention is to submit the revised version of ES Appendix 9.13, to include the watercourse element, at Deadline 4.

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,



(On behalf of the Applicant)

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