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Glossary

| Term | Meaning |
|--------------------------|--|
| The Applicant | SolarFive Ltd |
| The Project | The Botley West Solar Farm |
| The Site or Order Limits | The area of land encompassing the Project development and shown on Location Plan [AS-024] . |

Units

| Unit | Description |
|------|---------------------|
| ha | Hectares |
| km | Kilometres |
| m | Metres |
| MWe | Megawatt electrical |

1 Draft Accompanied Site Inspection

1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 An application (the Application) has been made to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) for the proposed Botley West Solar Farm (the Scheme). The Application was submitted by Photovolt Development Partners GmbH (the Applicant) on 15 November 2024 and was accepted for examination on 13 December 2024.
- 1.1.2 On 6 May 2025, the Examination Authority (ExA) issued its Rule 6 letter **[PD-006]** which detailed in Annex D a request for Interested Parties to submit ‘*Nominations for any locations for an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI), including the information requested in Annex B, under Site Inspections*’ by Examination Deadline 2 (D2, 1 July 2025).
- 1.1.3 Annex D of the Rule 6 letter also detailed a request for a draft itinerary for the ASI to be submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 3 (D3, 22 July 2025) and that the week commencing 6 October 2025 has been reserved for Hearings and ASI, if required. It is understood, from the case officer, that the ASI would be likely to take place on **Tuesday 7 October 2025**.
- 1.1.4 Annex F of the Rule 6 letter **[PD-006]** also details that the draft itinerary for the ASI should include:
- Relevant locations referred to in the Relevant Representations received;
 - Any other locations at which the applicant has predicted likely significant environmental effects; and
 - The locations suggested by Interested Parties submitted by Deadline 2.
- 1.1.5 On 20 May 2025, the ExA issued its Rule 8 letter **[PD-007]** further confirmed the ExAs timetable previously provided in the Rule 6 letter **[PD-006]**.
- 1.1.6 On 11 July 2025, the ExA issued a Rule 17 letter **[PD-010]** detailed:
- “Further to the representation received at Deadline 2 with regards to nominations of locations for an accompanied site inspection (ASI), the ExA would request the applicant consider the following areas and provide any necessary responses when comparing the applicant’s ASI itinerary.*
- *Hill End Outdoor Recreation Centre, OX2 9NJ*
 - *College Farm, Purwell Farm and Goose Eye Farm, Lower Road, OX29 8AE*
 - *Springhill Road, Begbroke, OX5 1RX*
- The ExA also requests that the applicant consider, in relation to other nominations for an accompanied site inspection, whether there are any impediments to the ExA undertaking unaccompanied site inspections or any health and safety issues to take into account.”*
- 1.1.7 The Applicant’s interpretation of the Rule 17 letter, is that the five locations included within it are those which the ExA wishes to focus on, as other suggested locations have been or could be visited by Inspectors which are not in the form of an Accompanied Site Inspection (i.e. they could be unaccompanied).
- 1.1.8 In relation to the other nominations, the Applicant notes there are a number of individuals at private addresses that have submitted a Nomination for an ASI, as requested, at Deadline 2. However, these addresses are redacted.
- 1.1.9 The Applicant has, in any case, undertaken a cross-referencing exercise with the notes provided by the ExA following their Unaccompanied Site Inspections **[EV2-001, EV2-002, EV2-**

003, EV2-004 and EV2-005] that took place in February and May 2025. From this exercise the Applicant considers that a significant number of locations nominated at Deadline 2 have already been visited by the ExA. In addition, other Nominations for locations within the public domain can also be visited on additional Unaccompanied Site Inspections, should the ExA consider further Inspections are required, and there do not appear to be any impediments, or health and safety issues, that would prevent this.

- 1.1.10 As noted in the Rule 8 letter **[PD-007]**, *“it is the ExA that will have ultimate discretion on whether or not a location requires visiting or visiting under the procedure of an ASI.”*
- 1.1.11 The purpose of this document is to provide the draft itinerary for the ASI, for accompanied access to private land, and with the focus on the five addresses referred to in the Rule 17 letter **[PD-010]**.
- 1.1.12 Subject to the acceptability of the draft itinerary for the ASI, and the ExA’s confirmation of a proposed date for the site visits (expected to be the 7th October), the Applicant will make contact with the relevant landowners to arrange access in good time before the ASI.

2 Draft Itinerary for the ASI

2.1 General Arrangements

Route and Timings

- 2.1.1 Assuming the ASI proceeds, on 7 October, the Applicant suggests up to 20-minute stop at each location, but with 30 minutes allowed at Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, due to the walk up the hill that is required from the main activity centre area. Time taken to travel to each location has also been taken into account in the route and timings provided below.
- 2.1.2 **Table 2.1** below sets out the draft itinerary, including stopping points, associated work number in relation to the Order Limits, approximate timing at each location, the purpose and/or any comments relating to a particular stopping point and the What3Words (W3W) for each location. **Error! Reference source not found.** below includes a map of the proposed stopping points.
- 2.1.3 Timings provided in this draft itinerary are approximate and will depend on factors outside the Applicants control, such as traffic.

Attendees

- 2.1.4 The Applicant suggests that the following representatives attend each location:
1. All Inspectors that form the ExA who wish to attend;
 2. 1 person representing the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team;
 3. 1 person representing the Applicant; and
 4. The resident/s of any private residential properties and the responsible person/s for non-residential properties, to join the group at each of those respective properties.

Lunch and bathroom provisions

- 2.1.5 Due to the timeframes included in the draft itinerary, a lunch stop has not been included. The Applicant asks that attendees bring all and any provisions they may require, including water and any refreshments.
- 2.1.6 Toilets are available at Farmoor Reservoir Parking before departing on the ASI and after its conclusion.

Transport

- 2.1.7 The Applicant is providing a minibus for all attendees for the ASI. The starting point for the minibus will be Farmoor Reservoir Car Park (What3words: ///pardon.tinsel.drummers)
- 2.1.8 It is expected that attendees make their own arrangements to get to and from Farmoor Reservoir Car Park.
- 2.1.9 Farmoor Reservoir Car Park is subject to a £2 car parking fee. Crossing the Swinford toll bridge also involves a 5p toll each way.
- 2.1.10 Whilst a number of the locations on the draft itinerary are located in close proximity to each other, due to a lack of public footpath in between each property, the minibus will be used to access each property.

Clothing, Health & Safety

- 2.1.11 The inspection may include some walking on uneven ground. It is therefore advised that attendees wear sturdy footwear and suitable clothing that is appropriate for the conditions, including any weather conditions.
- 2.1.12 Depending on the farming practices that may be taking place at certain locations on the site visit, it may be necessary to wear a high visibility vest at certain times; these can be provided by the Applicant if attendees do not have their own high visibility vest.
- 2.1.13 In making the necessary arrangements with the land owners, in particular at the farms and outdoor education centre, the Applicant will clarify any matters for safety (moving machinery / livestock / electric fencing) and child safeguarding as may be relevant.
- 2.1.14 It is not anticipated that the ASI will involve going inside any residential properties.
- 2.1.15 A first aid kit will be available on the minibus.

Table 2.1: Draft Itinerary for the ASI – Planned Route and Timings

| Location | Stopping Point | Time | Purpose/Comments | What3Words |
|---|---|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| 9am - Congregate at Farmoor Reservoir Car Park, Cumnor Road, OX2 9NS for safety briefing and board minibus | | | | W3W: ///pardon.tinsel.drummers |
| 9.30am to 9.40am drive from Farmoor Reservoir Car Park to Hill End Outdoor Education Centre | | | | |
| 1 | Hill End Outdoor Recreation Centre, OX2 9NJ | 9.40am to 10.10am (30 minutes) | Requested by ExA in Rule 17 letter [PD-010] | W3W: ///such.chained.curl |
| 10.10am to 10.25am drive from Hill End Outdoor Education Centre to Purwell Farm, Lower Road, OX29 8AE | | | | |
| 2 | Purwell Farm, Lower Road, OX29 8AE | 10.25am to 10.45am (20 minutes) | Requested by ExA in Rule 17 letter [PD-010] | W3W: ///verges.hiked.regime |
| 10.45am to 10.50am drive from Purwell Farm to Goose Eye Farm, Lower Road, OX29 8AE | | | | |
| 3 | Goose Eye Farm, Lower Road, OX29 8AE | 10.50am to 11.10am (20 minutes) | Requested by ExA in Rule 17 letter [PD-010] | W3W: ///cleanser.silent.whispers |
| 11.10am to 11.20am drive from Goose Eye Farm to College Farm, Lower Road, OX29 8AE | | | | |
| 4 | College Farm, Lower Road, OX29 8AE | 11.20am to 11.40am (20 minutes) | Requested by ExA in Rule 17 letter [PD-010] | W3W: ///culminate.stages.seatbelt |
| 11.40am to 12.00pm drive from College Farm to Springhill Road, Begbroke, OX5 1RX | | | | |
| 5 | Springhill Road, Begbroke, OX5 1RX | 12.00pm to 12.20pm (20 minutes) | Requested by ExA in Rule 17 letter [PD-010] | W3W: ///birthing.tabs.founders |
| 12.20pm to 12.50pm drive from Springhill Road, Begbroke back to Farmoor Reservoir Parking to conclude | | | | |

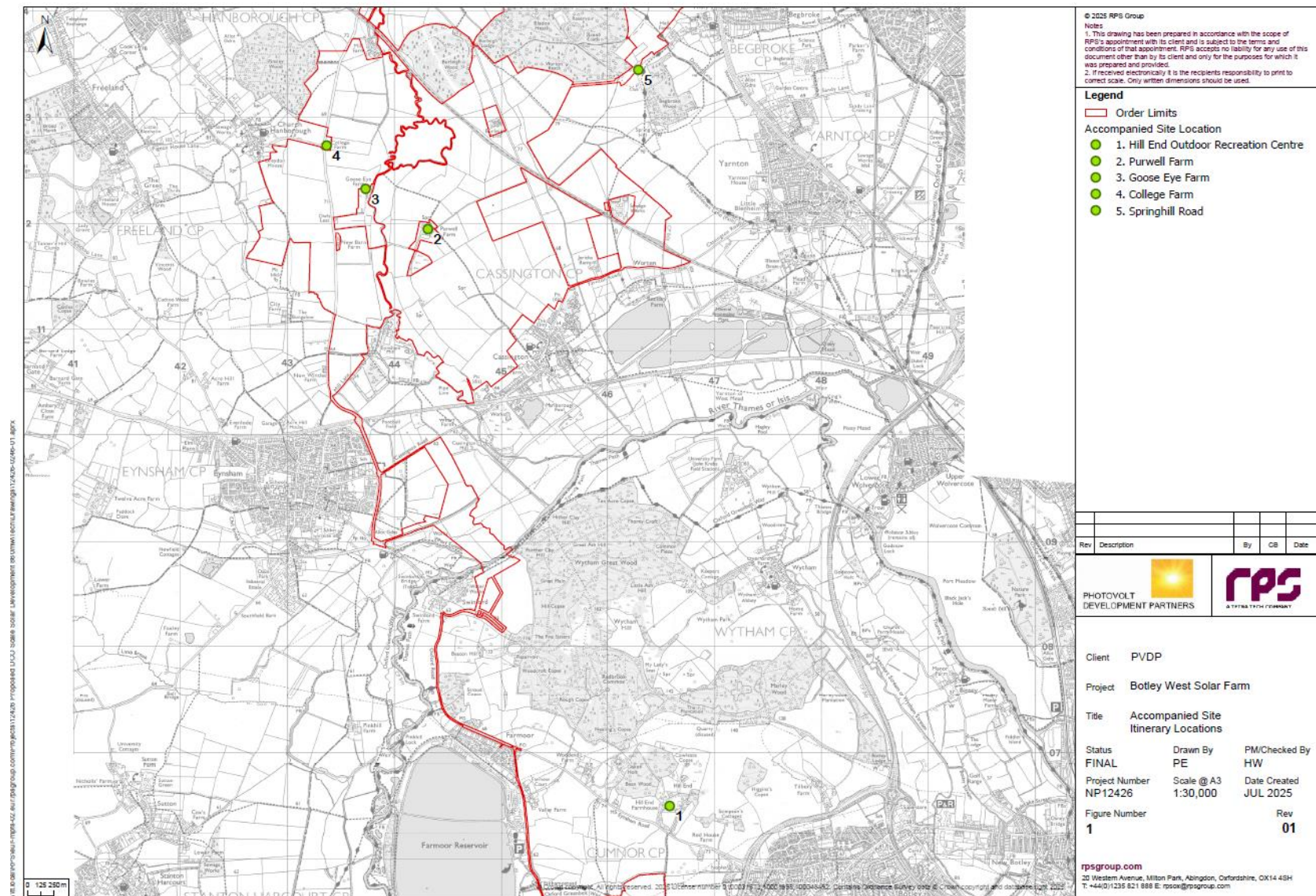


Figure 1: Proposed Stopping Points for draft Accompanied Site Inspection Itinerary