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Subject: Errors in document EN010147-001239?

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Re: Botley West Solar farm project.

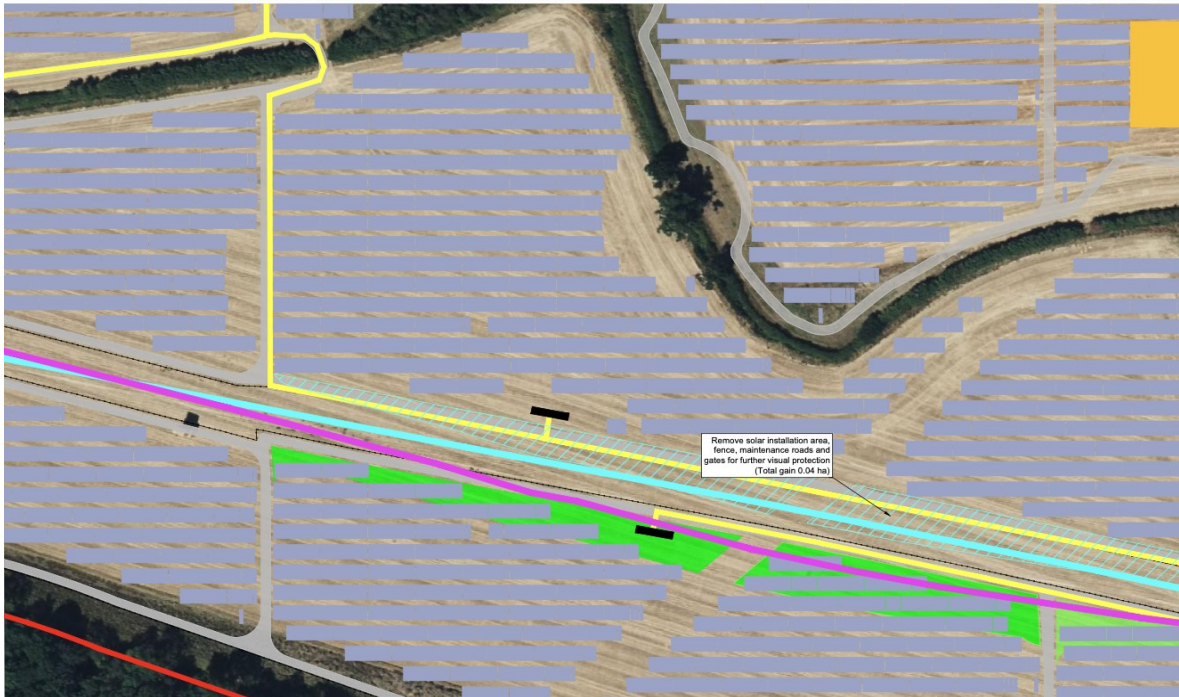
Errors in document EN010147-001239: Applicant's Change Request 2 Notification?

Dear [REDACTED],

I am an interested party in the proposed Botley West solar farm (I live at [REDACTED], which is adjacent to the proposed solar farm site). I am of course worried about the solar farm project, since this will alter the quality of life for the residents of Begbroke, particularly of Spring Hill Road and Hall Farm Paddocks. I was particularly interested in the report from the BBC on the 5th June 2025 stating that the fields around Oxford Airport were subject to a reduction in solar panel construction by a total of 10 hectares, due to safety concerns. However, so far we have been unable to determine the extent of the changes in the proposed reduction in solar panels?

I was therefore particularly interested in the document *EN010147-001239-Applicant's Change Request 2 Notification*, sent to you by Photovolt Development Partners GmbH (PVDP) on behalf of SolarFive Ltd, and dated 1st July 2025: In this report we assumed that the changes pertaining to the region around Oxford airport would be addressed. Disappointingly, the relevant part of the document pertinent to us, appears to be wrong or at best confusing. Let me explain further.

On Page 26 of EN010147-001239 (shown below), on the right hand side there is a map of the region under consideration depicted as a blue rectangle, and this blue rectangle encompasses Hall Farm Paddocks. However, the main figure bears no resemblance to the area depicted in the blue rectangle! In my opinion the map is completely incorrect or at best confusing?



I note that contained in letter EN010147-001239 is the statement '*....The Applicant trusts that this letter is useful to the ExA in setting out the intention of the Applicant to submit the Change Application and providing an overview of the scope and nature of the changes proposed....*'

In my view, this letter does not adhere to the principle of transparency, and worse, if the letter contains factual errors then how can we ascertain the validity of the proposed changes?

May I request clarification of the proposed changes to the planned solar farm around Oxford Airport, since this is very relevant to the quality of life of myself and my neighbours.

Thanks

Professor Frank Watt

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