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Planning Act 2008: Applicant's Deadline 4 Submission

Application ref: EN010147/APP/14.1

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 4 on 22 August 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 4 submission are:

New Deliverables

1. Applicant's Responses to ExA's Second Written Questions (ExQ2);
2. Applicant's Responses to other Deadline 3 Submissions;
3. Cable Optionality Document; and
4. Water Crossing Schedule.

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. ES Appendix 4.4 Glint & Glare Study (Clean and Tracked);
8. ES Appendix 6.1 – Project Mitigation Measures and Commitments Schedule (Clean and Tracked);
9. ES Appendix 6.2 – Cable Laying Methodology and Indicative HDD Schedule (Clean and Tracked);
10. ES Appendix 10.2 – Conceptual Drainage Strategy (Clean and Tracked);
11. ES Chapter 9 - Ecology and Nature Conservation (Clean and Tracked);
12. ES Appendix 15.2 - Outline Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan (Clean and Tracked);
13. Outline Code of Construction Practice – Parts 1 & 2 (Clean and Tracked);
14. Outline Operational Management Plan (Clean and Tracked);
15. Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (Clean and Tracked);
16. Outline Decommissioning Plan (Clean and Tracked); and
17. Outline Layout & Design Principles (Clean and Tracked).

FURTHER COMMENTS ON DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AT DEADLINE 4

New Deliverables

Applicant's responses to other Deadline 3 submissions

The Applicant has prepared responses to other Deadline 3 submissions [EN010147/APP/14.3]. 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], Applicant's Responses to ExQ1 [REP3-065] and other Deadline 2 submissions [REP3-064], or that need further clarification.

Other new materials

Other new materials have been created, which follow up on the Applicant's own Deadline 3 submissions, or respond to comments in the ExQ2s and other representations from Interested Parties.

These comprise;

- A Cable Optionality Document, identifying the Applicant's preferred option for the proposed cable connection route within the Project and the reasons for this, including an assessment of the environmental effects of the options; and
- Water Crossing Schedule.

Updated Application Documents

Guide to the Application

The full suite of documents submitted at this Deadline 4 and within earlier submissions is set out in the Guide to the Application, as updated (Rev 7) [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 predominantly address matters raised in the Examining Authority's second written questions and following continued engagement with interested parties, as well as other minor amendments as explained in the Schedule of Changes. The full reasons for each change, save for typographical changes only, are set out in the Schedule of Changes [EN010147/APP/8.3] (Rev 4).

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 3 submissions from Interested Parties, follow up on the Applicant's own Deadline 3 submissions, respond to ExAQ2, or comments received from Interested Parties in response to the ExAQ1. These comprise;

- Updated Land & Rights Negotiation Tracker;
- Updated Compulsory Acquisition (CA) Schedule and Land Rights Tracker;
- Updated ES Chapter 9 – Ecology and Nature Conservation;
- Updated ES Appendices 4.4, 6.1, 6.2, 10.2 and 15.2; and
- Updated Management Plans – including;
 - Outline Code of Construction Practice (Parts 1 and 2);
 - Outline Operational Management Plan;
 - Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan

- Outline Decommissioning Plan;
- Outline Layout and Design Principles Document.

DELAYED ITEM – PROPOSED FOR SUBMISSION AT DEADLINE 5

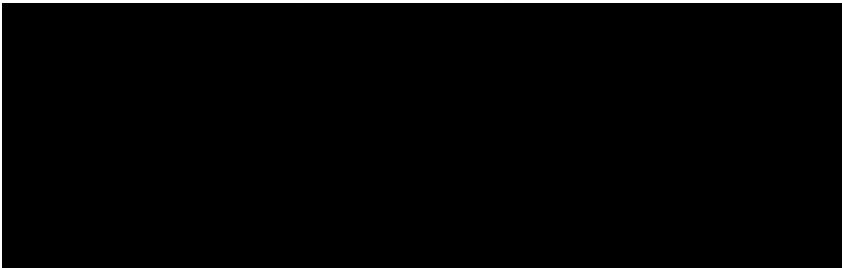
Biodiversity Net Gain Appendix 9.13

The Applicant was intending 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 4.

However, during recent consultation, the Environment Agency expressed a preference for a single BNG Assessment revision to be produced. As such, the Applicant will endeavour to submit an updated Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment (Rev 1) at Deadline 5, such that a single revision is provided that sets out both the watercourse assessment and updates the habitats/hedgerow assessment to account for Change Request 2.

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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