

CUMNOR PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Inspectorate

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BOTLEY WEST SOLAR FARM (BWSF) REF: EN010147

Cumnor Parish Council's Comments on any other information and submissions received at Deadline 4 (D4)

Introduction

1. Of the 1,418ha of land for the three solar power stations proposed by PVDP, 81ha - comprising the whole of the applicant's southern power station and the applicant's southern part of cable routes between the central and southern power stations - is located in Cumnor Parish, which in turn sits within the administrative area of the Vale of White Horse District Council (VWHDC).
2. This submission constitutes Cumnor Parish Council's (CPC) comments on any other information and submissions received at D4, including 14.3 Applicant's Responses to other Deadline 3 Submissions (**REP4-038**)

It should be read in combination with CPC's own submissions for Deadlines 1-4, a list of which can be found at the end of this document in Appendices 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively.

Cumnor Parish Council's comments

3. 14.3 Applicant's Responses to other Deadline 3 Submissions (**REP4-038**)

Having regard to the limited time and resources available to CPC, and the quantum required to construct a line-by-line rebuttal of many of the applicant's responses in **REP4-038**, Council has reluctantly concluded that it is not a responsible use of its limited resources so to do, as the applicant would likely not engage meaningfully with such a submission.

Why?

Because **REP4-038** in responding to the Host Authorities **REP3-072** and Cumnor Parish Council's **REP3-077** and **REP3-078** seems to follow a modus operandi that CPC has previously drawn attention to (**para 7 of REP4-046**); namely

- Repetition of previous answers when challenged
(e.g. in respect of the NGET substation, viewpoints, etc.)
- Inaccurate information and unrelated unevidenced assertions
(e.g. *'substantial areas of newly planted woodland'* and *'landscape within the Parish is not a [sic] preserved in aspic'*,
- 'noting' points made and questions asked but not providing answers
(e.g. movement of construction vehicles over Swinford bridge on the B4044; Cumnor Neighbourhood Plan Flood Risk Policy RNE2; impacts on school children/Hill End Outdoor Education Facility; and the response to CPC's comments on the applicant's response to ExA Q1.3.1, which doesn't answer the questions posed, but instead extolls the virtue of sheep grazing under panels with a lower lip height of 0.8m – interesting as a Google search elicits *'An average UK sheep is approximately 80 to 120 cm (31.5 to 47.2 inches) tall at the shoulder'*. Are we to witness Hobbit like sheep in Cumnor?

CPC assesses that all of the above is consistent (as raised in para 2 of **REP3-078**) with the applicant's 2nd July public position that *'it's a big change, but people will get used to it'*¹

4. End

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¹ Mr Owen-Lloyd, CEO PVDP quoted in <https://www.thisisoxfordshire.co.uk/news/25276270.oxfordshire-botley-west-boss-speaks-deadline-passes/>

Appendix 1

List of relevant documents supplied as email attachments to PINS by Deadline 1 (June 4th 2025)

1. Cumnor Parish Council Written Representation Ref EN010147 30th May 2025.pdf)
2. Cumnor Parish Council - Submission to PINS OFH Session 1 Tuesday 13th May 2025.pdf
3. Cumnor-Parish-Neighbourhood-Development-Plan-v7.0-07072021-min.pdf
4. Cumnor-Parish-Neighbourhood-Plan-Important-Views-v1.5-16022021.pdf
5. Cumnor-Parish-Neighbourhood-Plan-Flood-Risk-Assessment-September-2020.pdf
6. 2025-03-28 Response TVP Designing Out Crime Officer.pdf
7. Farmoor-Character-Assessment-Final.pdf
8. Cumnor-Village-Character-Assessments-Final-v2-Jan-2019.pdf
9. Cumnor-Parish-Character-Assessment-September-2020.pdf
10. Cumnor-Neighbourhood-Plan-Landscape-Character-Assessment-September-2020.pdf

Appendix 2

List of relevant documents supplied as email attachments to PINS by Deadline 2 (July 1st 2025)

1. EN010147-001137-Cumnor Parish Council - Nominations for any locations for an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI), including the information requested in Annex B of the Rule 6 documentation, under 'Site Inspections.pdf
2. EN010147-001136-Cumnor Parish Council - Responses to Examining Authority's First Written Questions (ExQ1).pdf

Appendix 3

List of relevant documents supplied as email attachments to PINS by Deadline 3 (July 22nd 2025)

1. EN010147-001336-Cumnor Parish Council - Comments on responses to the Examining Authority's First Written Questions (ExQ1).pdf
2. EN010147-001335-Cumnor Parish Council - Comments on any submissions received at D2.pdf
3. EN010147-001334-Cumnor Parish Council - Comments on the suggested locations to be included in any ASI.pdf

Appendix 4

List of relevant documents supplied as email attachments to PINS by Deadline 4 (August 22nd 2025)

1. EN010147-001496-Cumnor Parish Council - Comments on any other information and submissions received at D3 1.pdf
2. EN010147-001495-Cumnor Parish Council - Comments on any other information and submissions received at D3.pdf
3. EN010147-001494-Cumnor Parish Council - Comments on the Applicant's draft ASI itinerary.pdf