

BOTLEY WEST SOLAR FARM 11/09/25

COMMENTS ON THE APPLICANT'S RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS FROM ExA \_.

Q 2.1.7. This question needs to be answered as the neighbouring owners must know what lighting is proposed and motion sensitive lighting is the most effective.

Q 2.3.2. Schedule 9 of The Electricity Act sets out clearly the obligations required for new installations which include "protecting sites of historic interest". Enclosure no. 1.12 already has nine single electricity poles and two doubles in two different power lines. Any further installations will clearly breach this duty.

Also, the damaging effect on the Grade 2\* Hordley House has clearly not been considered.

Q 2.6.3. The setting of the WHS within the OUV is considerably spoiled by the inclusion of enclosures 1.11, 1.12 and 1.13 which have the effect of leading up to the WHS in an attractive corridor. All these should be taken out of the scheme. Field 1.12 in particular not only has two power lines crossing it but also a busy public footpath and a Heritage Oak Tree in the southern part.

Field 1.13 can be seen in its entirety from the B 4027 and there is no roadside hedge to screen it. The hedge on its northern boundary will take many years to have any screening impact.

Q 2.6.12. Hordley House. The Applicant claims to be considering a possible reduction of panels in the area of this Grade 2\* listed house. There is indeed a very strong and historic relationship between this property and the area to the south and south-east

(sic as the ExA's text reads "the south-west"). This is also the site of a deserted village.

The whole of field 1.12 should be taken out.