

**Wootton Parish Council requests the following information and changes to the proposed plans for Botley West Solar farm.**

We are aware of the consideration being given to the area around Hordley House and Samson's Platt and refer to this in point 4.

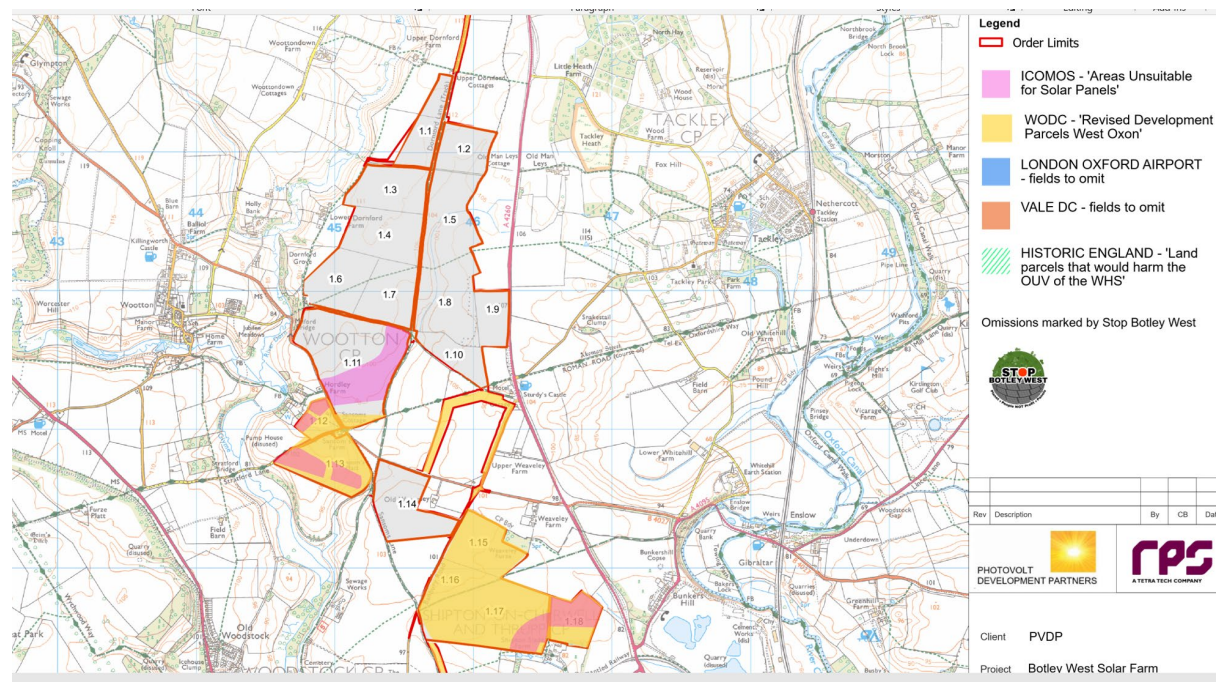
1. Wider buffer zones around residential properties close to the solar arrays. Information so far has been unclear and we would welcome plans showing the exact measurements for the North Site. Currently a minimum buffer of 25m for residential properties is proposed (which some variations) This is lower than any other NSIP proposal so far submitted and fuller information and consideration is needed.

The current plan causes considerable detrimental impact on the visual amenity to residents and visitors (including recreational walkers and riders) at the western edge of the DCO site. In particular, existing and future residents of Dornford Cottage would benefit from a guaranteed buffer of 120 metres minimum between the boundary of the property and the solar panels. This minor alteration would also greatly reduce the adverse visual intrusion for visitors and walkers along the adjacent well-used footpath. See map below at points marked in a yellow line.



2. Hedgerows and screening of PROWs. There needs to be a minimum width of 10 metres along all footpaths/cycleways with 15-20m stretches in key sections of the Oxfordshire way and Akeman street footpaths. The existing plans would be very detrimental to the aesthetic enjoyment of this paths and rights of way because they will be encased between high fences or hedges - or have views of solar arrays. We request more detailed information on the planting of screening and hedgerows. In addition, clear contractual agreements are needed to ensure maintenance of hedgerows and trees.
3. There is a need for updated, clear plans and maps from the applicant showing the most recent revisions. This has been requested by the Planning Inspectorate but has not been produced.

4. RE Hordley House and Samson’s Platt area on the North Site. We repeat our request that the panels be omitted from fields 1.12 and 1.11. We strongly support the recommendations in the attached map below.



**This proposal is a vast project with significant and lasting impact on the local community. Therefore it is important that the Planning Inspectorate has the opportunity to evaluate the concerns of Wootton Parish residents through an Accompanied Site Inspection and formally request this.**