



Planning Inspectorate

Application by Photovolt Development Partners (PVDP) on behalf of SolarFive Ltd for the Botley West Solar Farm Project

Case reference: EN010147

Examining Authority's note of unaccompanied site inspection 7 (USI7) to which the application or specified matters relates on 8 October 2025

All members of the Examining Authority (ExA) undertook an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI7) between 13:30 and 15:20 on Wednesday 8 October 2025.

The inspection was undertaken by car and on foot at various locations, which are set out below in broad detail. All inspections took place from a public highway, public footpath or public place. The weather was warm with intermittent sun, though visibility was good in all locations.

Stage 1

The ExA parked near Shipton Slade Barn and took the footpath through the farmyard buildings, noting the location of Reeves Cottage. The ExA follows the public path north until its turn to the west. From here, the ExA observed the rapeseed crop, and the views to the distant horizon where the column of victory was visible.

The ExA returned down the path to the farmyard and went through to the path alongside Amhurst Cottage, looking back up the field of rapeseed and observing the landscape structure in the wider area.

Stage 2

The ExA parked near Blenheim Woods on Cassington Road and looked back to the boundary of Burleigh House, noting views on both sides of the highway.