



# 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 6 (USI6) to which the application or specified matters relates on 6 October 2025**

Panel Members Katharine Metcalfe and Mukhtar Shaikh of the Examining Authority (ExA) undertook an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI6) between 13:00 and 16:45 on Monday 6 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 good visibility and the clouds parted later in the day.

#### **Stage 1**

The ExA parked on Tumbledown Hill, Cumnor to observe the extent of the southern area of the Order Limits following the second change request and also the proximity of the adjacent Red House Farm solar proposal. They then drove to Red House Farm to consider this adjacency from Eynsham Road.

#### **Stage 2**

The ExA parked at Cassington Village Hall and crossed over to William's Court. The ExA located the entrance to the footpath known locally as 'The Track' and walked two thirds of the distance along it towards Purwell Farm. The ExA then walked towards the recreation ground and was able to view the backs of the properties on Yarnton Road. They then walked back to Yarnton Road via Elms Road. From here, the ExA walked northeast to the town limit sign and entered a field just past Barrow Court. The views across the surrounding fields and the existing landscape structure in the area, including across the rear boundary of Barrow Court, were observed during this section of the walk. The views from the walk, the circumstances of the recreational ground and the condition of the footpath itself were noted during the course of this USI.

#### **Stage 3**

The ExA continued east towards Worton Hall, taking in the setting of Jericho Barns and the condition of local roads and ditches. The ExA parked at the entrance to Thames Water and walked north on the track to observe the topography and setting of Jericho Barns.