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Application by Photovolt Development Partners (PVDP) on behalf of SolarFive Ltd (the Applicant) for a Development Consent Order for Botley West Solar Farm

Dear [REDACTED]

This letter accompanies the submission of a suite of documents by the Applicant for the Examination of the Development Consent Order Application for the Botley West Solar Farm (the Project). The suite of documents has been submitted at Deadline 6 on 20 October 2025.

This information has been provided to respond to requests for information set out in the Rule 6 letter [PD-006] and Rule 8 Letter [PD-007] issued by the Examination Authority (ExA).

Enclosed for the purposes of the Applicant's Deadline 6 submission are:

New Deliverables

1. **Cover Letter** – EN010147/APP/17.1 – including ASI follow up note on landscape
2. **Applicant's Written Summary of oral submissions at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1** – EN010147/APP/17.2

3. **Applicant's Written Summary of oral submissions at Issue Specific Hearing 2 – EN010147/APP/17.3**
4. **Applicant's Written Summary of oral submissions at Open Floor Hearing 3 – EN010147/APP/17.4**
5. **Applicant's Responses to other D5 Submissions and comments on Interested Parties' Responses to ExA's Second Written Questions (ExQ2) Submitted at D4 - EN010147/APP/17.5**
6. **Letter of no impediment from Natural England (Badgers) – EN010147/APP/17.6**
7. **Applicant's Response to the Schedule of Changes to the dDCO – EN010147/APP/17.7**
8. **Applicant's Response to Rule 17 letter – EN010147/APP/17.8**
9. **NPPF Compliance Table with updated local policy context – EN010147/APP/17.9**
10. **Swinford HDD Crossing Technical Note – EN010147/APP/17.10**
11. **Cotswold Archaeology Trial Trenching Report – EN010147/APP/17.11**
12. **Wessex Archaeology Trial Trenching Report – EN010147/APP/17.12**
13. **Residential Visual Amenity Assessment – EN010147/APP/17.13**
14. **Thermal Impact Report – EN010147/APP/17.14**
15. **Thermal Plume and Primary Radar Refraction Report – EN010147/APP/17.15**
16. **ES Appendix 19.1 – Air Quality Impacts on Oxford Meadows SAC – EN010147/APP/6.5**

Updated Application Documents

- **Guide to the Application Rev 10 – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/1.3]**
- **Draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) Rev 8 – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/3.1]**
- **Explanatory Memorandum Rev 8 – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/3.3]**
- **Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker Rev 8 – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/3.6]**
- **Schedule of changes to the dDCO Rev 7 – [EN010147/APP/8.3]**
- **Compulsory Acquisition (CA) Schedule and Land Rights Tracker Rev 7 – [EN010147/APP/11.5]**
- **Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Rev 4 – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/6.3]**
- **ES Chapter 10: Hydrology and Flood Risk Rev 2 – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/6.3]**
- **ES Appendix 10.1: Flood Risk Assessment Rev 2 – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/6.5]**
- **ES Appendix 8.3: Strategic Arboricultural Impact Assessment Rev 1 – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/6.5]**

- **ES Appendix 9.13: Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment Rev 2** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/6.5]
- **ES Appendix 9.14: Habitats Regulations Assessment Report Rev 1** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/6.5]
- **Bat Survey Technical Note Rev 1** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/15.6]
- **ES Appendix 15.2: Outline Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan Rev 3** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/6.5]
- **Outline Code of Construction Practice Parts 1 & 2 Rev 5** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/7.6.1]
- **Outline Operational Management Plan Rev 5** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/7.6.2]
- **Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan Rev 6** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/7.6.3]
- **Outline Decommissioning Plan Rev 2** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/7.6.4]
- **Outline Layout and Design Principles Rev 5** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/7.7]
- **Statement of Common Ground with the Environment Agency Rev 2** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/11.7/3]

FURTHER COMMENTS ON DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AT DEADLINE 6

New Deliverables

In addition to the Applicant's summary of oral submissions at the Compulsory Acquisition, Issue Specific and Open Floor hearings, the Applicant has provided responses to further comments made by Interested Parties to the Deadline 5 submissions and comments on responses to the ExA's second questions submitted at Deadline 4 [**EN010147/APP/17.5**] with a focus on clarifications and any points not previously addressed.

Other new materials include;

- The Applicant's response to the schedule of changes to the draft DCO;
- The Applicant's responses to the Rule 17 letter issued by the ExA on 14 October;
- An updated NPPF Compliance Table and note on local policy, including updated Green Belt Annex;
- The archaeological fieldwork trial trenching reports from Cotswold Archaeology and Wessex Archaeology;
- Residential Visual Amenity Assessment, and which interrelates to issues and actions that arose in the ISH2 hearing session;

- A Technical note on the Swinford HDD crossing; and
- Technical notes on thermal impacts on the Airport, including radar.

Updated Application Documents

Guide to the Application

The full suite of documents submitted at this Deadline 6 and within earlier submissions is set out in the Guide to the Application, as updated (Rev 10) [EN010147/APP/1.3].

Draft Development Consent Order (DCO) and Schedule of Changes to the draft DCO

The Draft Development Consent Order (Rev 8) [EN010147/APP/3.1] has been updated to predominantly address matters raised by the ExA and Interested Parties at Deadline 5 and CR2, and following continued engagement with interested parties, as well as other minor amendments as explained in the Schedule of Changes. The full reasons for each change, save for typographical changes only, are set out in the Schedule of Changes [EN010147/APP/8.3] (Rev 7).

Explanatory Memorandum

The Explanatory Memorandum has been updated to reflect changes in the Draft DCO [EN010147/APP/3.3].

Habitats Regulations Assessment Report

As requested by the ExA, the Applicant has completed the precautionary modelling with respect to changes in air quality (including ammonia) resulting from changes in traffic flows beside the Oxford Meadows SAC during construction. This work is reported within the updated ES Appendix 9.14 Habitats Regulations Assessment Report Rev1 [EN010147/APP/6.5]. The work shows that there was no change to the overall conclusions that there would be no adverse effect on the integrity of the SAC from changes in air quality. This conclusion has been agreed with Natural England and will be reflected within the final SOCG to be submitted at Deadline 7.

Other Updated Documents

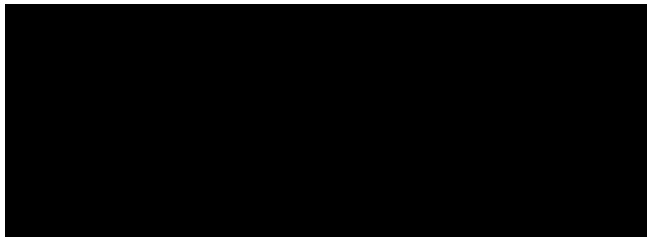
Other updated documents have been created, which respond to comments and questions raised in the Deadline 5 and CR2 submissions from Interested Parties, follow up on the Applicant's own Deadline 5 and some earlier submissions, and provide responses to points raised in the second round of hearings. These include;

- Updated Land & Rights Negotiation Tracker;
- Updated Compulsory Acquisition (CA) Schedule and Land Rights Tracker;
- Updated Bat Survey Technical Note – EN010147/APP/15.6 (Rev 1)

- Updated Management Plans – including additional details, clarifications and commitments within the;
 - Outline Code of Construction Practice Parts 1 & 2;
 - Outline Operational Management Plan;
 - Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan;
 - Outline Decommissioning Plan; and
 - Outline Layout and Design Principles.

We trust this letter and the accompanying documents represent a clear position of the Applicant's application and assessment, in response to the information requested by the ExA. If we can be of any assistance, please contact me using the details provided below.

Yours sincerely,



(On behalf of the Applicant)

Photovolt Development Partners GmbH (PVDP) on behalf of SolarFive Ltd.

Enc. Appendix 17.1.1 – ASI follow up note on landscape and Figures

Appendix 17.1.1

Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) follow up note on landscape

1 ASI – Follow up note to ExA: 20 October 2025

- 1.1.1 At the Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) held on 7th October 2025, the Examining Authority (ExA) had a number of queries in relation to the Applicant's landscaping proposals in and around the five ASI locations that were visited.
- 1.1.2 The purpose of this note is to supply the ExA with relevant landscaping proposals and photomontages to allow a fuller understanding of the approach the Applicant has taken to landscape planting in these locations, in line with the application of the mitigation hierarchy in accordance with paragraphs 5.10.26 to 5.10.28 of NPS EN-1. The ExA had not requested this information prior to the site visit, nor for any landscape or other specialists to be present at the ASI to address the specific questions raised by the ExA. It is important to note that the purpose of an ASI is to provide an opportunity for the ExA to inspect the physical features of the site in the company of interested parties. It is not an opportunity to provide oral or written representations on the project or discuss evidence. Hence, the Applicant is providing this additional information after the event.

1.2 Location 1 – Hill End Outdoor Recreation Centre

- 1.2.1 This visit involved visiting the Centre's main car park and nearby buildings as well as walking up to the highest part of the site to the north of the centre. Views to the Project site to the south were limited from the car park and nearby buildings due to intervening planting, but as more height was gained, the site became more visible, where views towards the existing 400kV lines and Farmoor reservoir came into view, albeit at some distance away.
- 1.2.2 The nearest agreed representative viewpoint near this site is Representative Viewpoint 46, located on PRoW 184/15/10 to the south of Eynsham Road. This viewpoint is looking south towards the southern section of the Project and is representative of views available along Eynsham Road, in the vicinity of the Hill End Outdoor Recreation Centre, although at a lower level. (enclosed).
- 1.2.3 The nearest photomontage is from Representative Viewpoint 46, looking south (enclosed).
- 1.2.4 An extract from the Landscape, Ecology and Amenities Layer plan is also enclosed, showing the new landscaping proposed in this location.

1.3 Location 2 – Purwell Farm

- 1.3.1 The visit was centred on the buildings at Purwell Farm, and then a short walk along the access drive to the south east, and the footpath to the north of the farm complex.
- 1.3.2 The nearest agreed representative viewpoints near this site are Representative Viewpoint 38 and 39. Representative Viewpoint 38, located on PRoW 152/6/10 is focused generally west, looking towards Church Hanborough. Representative Viewpoint 39 is located to the southeast of Purwell Farm on PRoW 152/6/10, focussed southeast towards Cassington (enclosed).
- 1.3.3 The nearest photomontage is from Representative Viewpoint 38, looking generally west (enclosed).
- 1.3.4 An extract from the Landscape, Ecology and Amenities Layer plan is also enclosed, showing the new landscaping proposed in this location.

1.4 Location 3 – Goose Eye Farm

- 1.4.1 The visit concentrated on views in all directions from the main house and nearby land.
- 1.4.2 The nearest agreed representative viewpoints, near this site, are Representative Viewpoints 37a and 37b. They have been taken from the same location, on the east bank of the Evenlode, on PRoW 152/6/10 to the northeast of Goose Eye Farm. Representative Viewpoint 37a is looking southeast up the hill towards Purwell Farm, with 37b looking northwest towards Church Hanborough (enclosed).
- 1.4.3 The nearest photomontages are from Representative Viewpoints 37a and 37b to the northeast of Goose Eye Farm (enclosed).
- 1.4.4 An extract from the Landscape, Ecology and Amenities Layer plan is also enclosed, showing the new landscaping proposed in this location.
- 1.4.5 The Applicant's representative was asked specifically about the views from the main house to the north from within the house. No clear views are available from the ground floor of the property to the north. The first floor windows at the rear of the property revealed open view across the nearby field to the north where arrays are proposed. A 25m buffer is in place from the edge of the curtilage of the property, and new planting is also proposed within this buffer. Whilst views to the north from the first floor will be evident, the ExA will note that none of the windows at first floor level are from habitable rooms (the windows are located on the first floor corridor or landing, which served the bedrooms). In planning terms this significantly reduces the sensitivity of these views and any resultant impact on amenity than would otherwise be the case if the windows were from habitable rooms.

1.5 Location 4 – College Farm

- 1.5.1 This visit looked at views from the property's eastern garden boundary in particular as well as views from the small first floor roof balcony.
- 1.5.2 The nearest agreed representative viewpoint near this site is Representative Viewpoint 23, located on PRoW 238/2/20 to the northwest of College Farm, at the edge of Pinsley Wood, looking east towards Lower Road (enclosed).
- 1.5.3 The nearest photomontage is from Representative Viewpoint 23 (enclosed).
- 1.5.4 An extract from the Landscape, Ecology and Amenities Layer plan is also enclosed, showing the new landscaping proposed in this location.
- 1.5.5 The Applicant confirmed that whilst it had considered accommodating the proposed footway/cycleway required for the Salt Cross development (and shows it on the Illustrative Masterplan), including to the rear of College Farm, the planning status of the route is reliant upon the approval, ultimately, of the Salt Cross scheme, which has been delayed significantly and the Area Action Plan (AAP) examination re-opened in 2025. The Applicant has made provision for the route within the Order Limits area, off the line of Lower Road, but the Applicant would not deliver the new active travel route – this would fall to the Salt Cross developer, when and if that scheme consented, and assuming the active travel route remains a requirement of the AAP.

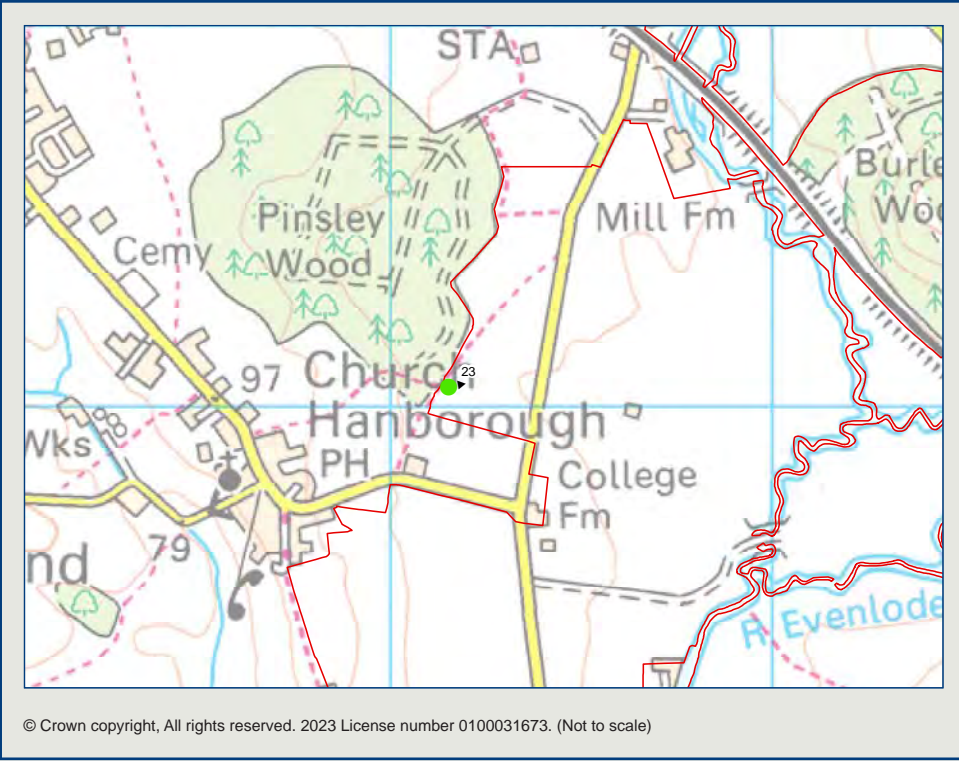
1.6 Location 5 – Spring Hill Road

- 1.6.1 This site visit started along Spring Hill Road and the property at the western most end of this location, Spring Hill Farm. From here the ASI party walked along a public right of way in a westerly direction from the farm.
- 1.6.2 Towards the end of that visit, the ASI party attended a property at the north western end of the cluster of properties off Spring Hill Road (Village End), and the view to the north and west from that property was observed from outside and from within that property.

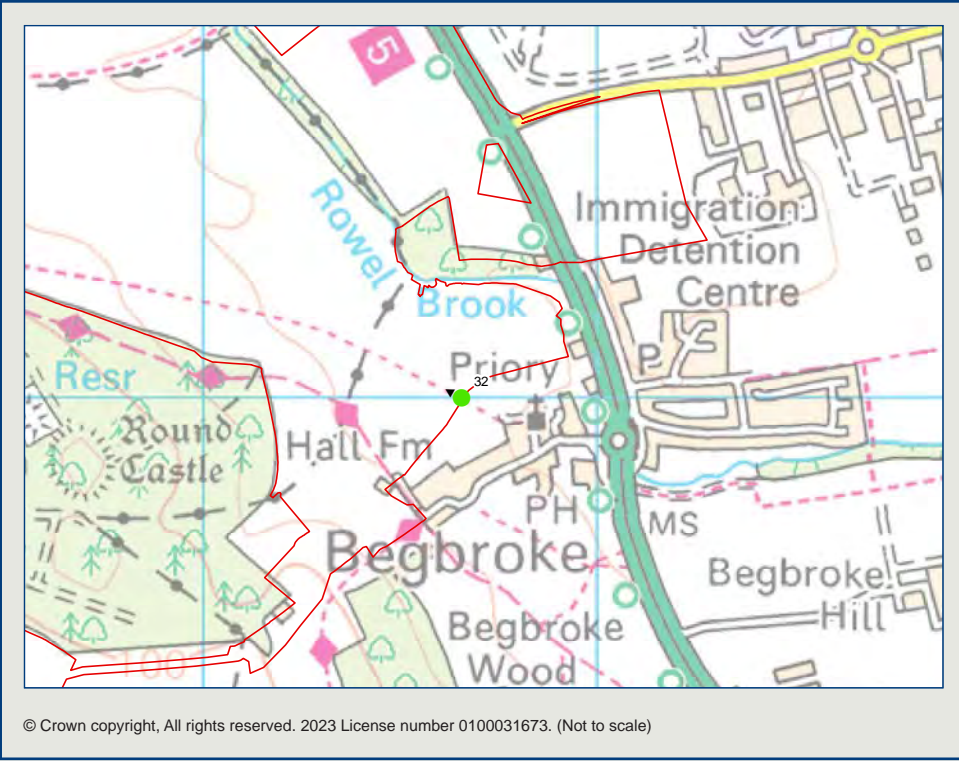
- 1.6.3 The nearest agreed representative viewpoints, near this site, are Representative Viewpoints 32, located to the northeast of this location at the edge of Begbroke, and Representative Viewpoint 34, located to the south of this location. Representative Viewpoint 32 is located on PRoW 124/5/10 at the northwestern edge of Begbroke, looming northwest along the PRoW. Representative Viewpoint 34 is located on PRoW 420/14/10 at Spring Hill, looking west (enclosed).
- 1.6.4 The nearest photomontages are from Representative Viewpoints 32 and 34 (enclosed).
- 1.6.5 An extract from the Landscape, Ecology and Amenities Layer plan is also enclosed, showing the new landscaping proposed in this view.

Location	Stopping Point	Time	Purpose/Comments	What3Words
9:00am - Congregate at Farmoor Reservoir Car Park, Cumnor Road, OX2 9NS for safety briefing and board minibus				W3W: ///pardon.tinsel.drummers
9.30am to 9.40am drive from Farmoor Reservoir Car Park to Hill End Outdoor Education Centre				
1	Hill End Outdoor Recreation Centre, OX2 9NJ	9.40am to 10.10am (30 minutes)	Requested by ExA in Rule 17 letter [PD-010]	W3W: ///such.chained.curl
10.10am to 10.25am drive from Hill End Outdoor Education Centre to Purwell Farm, Lower Road, OX29 8AE				
2	Purwell Farm, Lower Road, OX29 8AE	10.25am to 10.45am (20 minutes)	Requested by ExA in Rule 17 letter [PD-010]	W3W: ///verges.hiked.regime
10.45am to 10.50am drive from Purwell Farm to Goose Eye Farm, Lower Road, OX29 8AE				
3	Goose Eye Farm, Lower Road, OX29 8AE	10.50am to 11.10am (20 minutes)	Requested by ExA in Rule 17 letter [PD-010]	W3W: ///cleanser.silent.whispers
11.10am to 11.20am drive from Goose Eye Farm to College Farm, Lower Road, OX29 8AE				
4	College Farm, Lower Road, OX29 8AE	11.20am to 11.40am (20 minutes)	Requested by ExA in Rule 17 letter [PD-010]	W3W: ///culminate.stages.seatbelt
11.40am to 12.00pm drive from College Farm to Springhill Road, Begbroke, OX5 1RX				
5	Springhill Road, Begbroke, OX5 1RX This stop to include Village End, Springhill Farm and Springfield Road	12.00pm to 12.20pm (20 minutes)	Requested by ExA in Rule 17 letter [PD-010]	W3W: ///birthing.tabs.founders
12.20pm to 12.50pm drive from Springhill Road, Begbroke back to Farmoor Reservoir Parking to conclude				

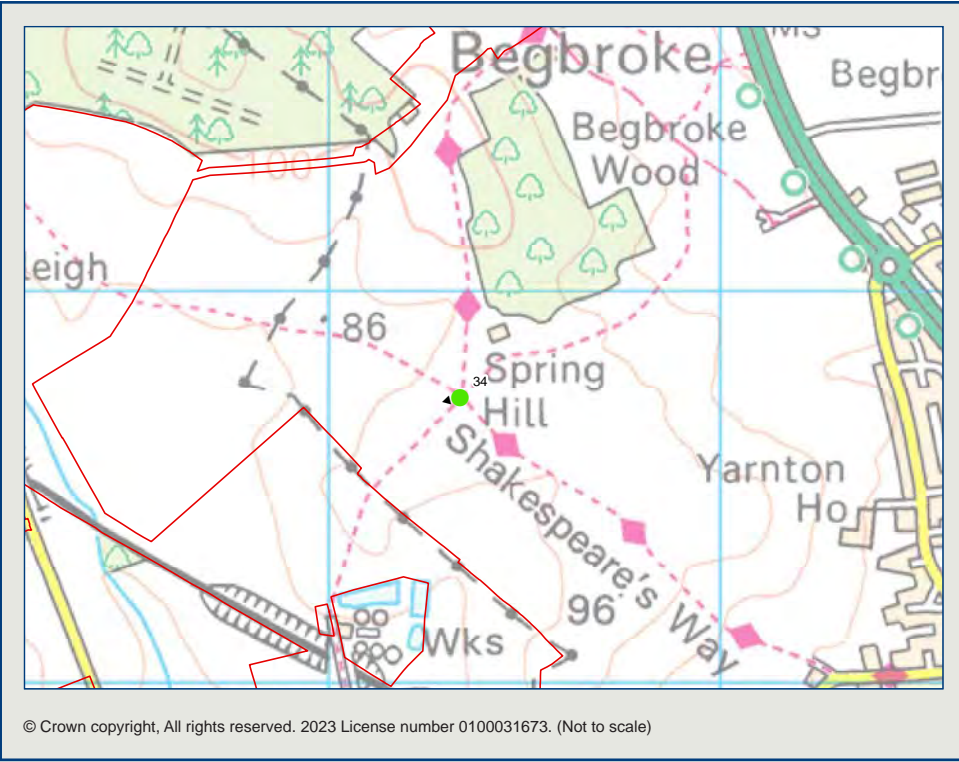




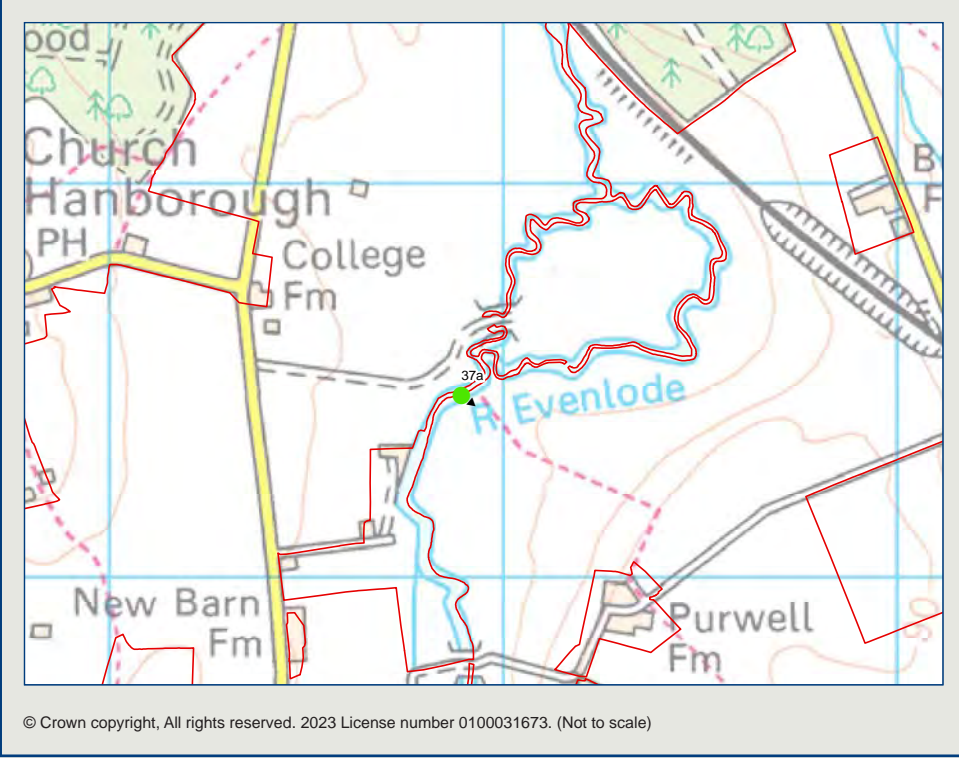




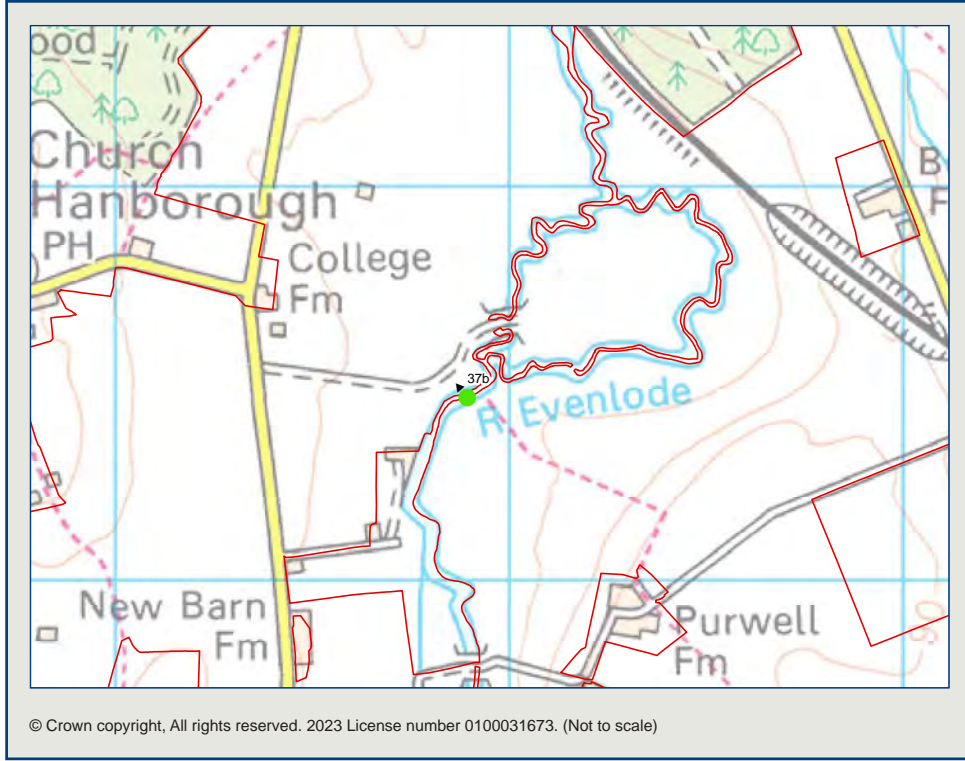




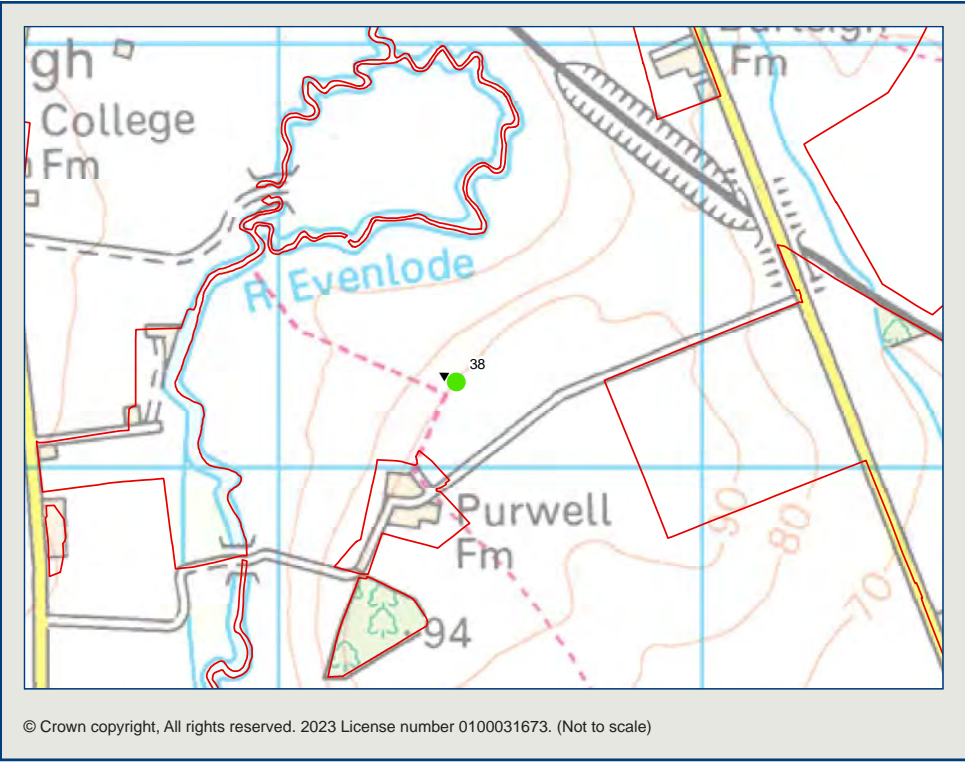




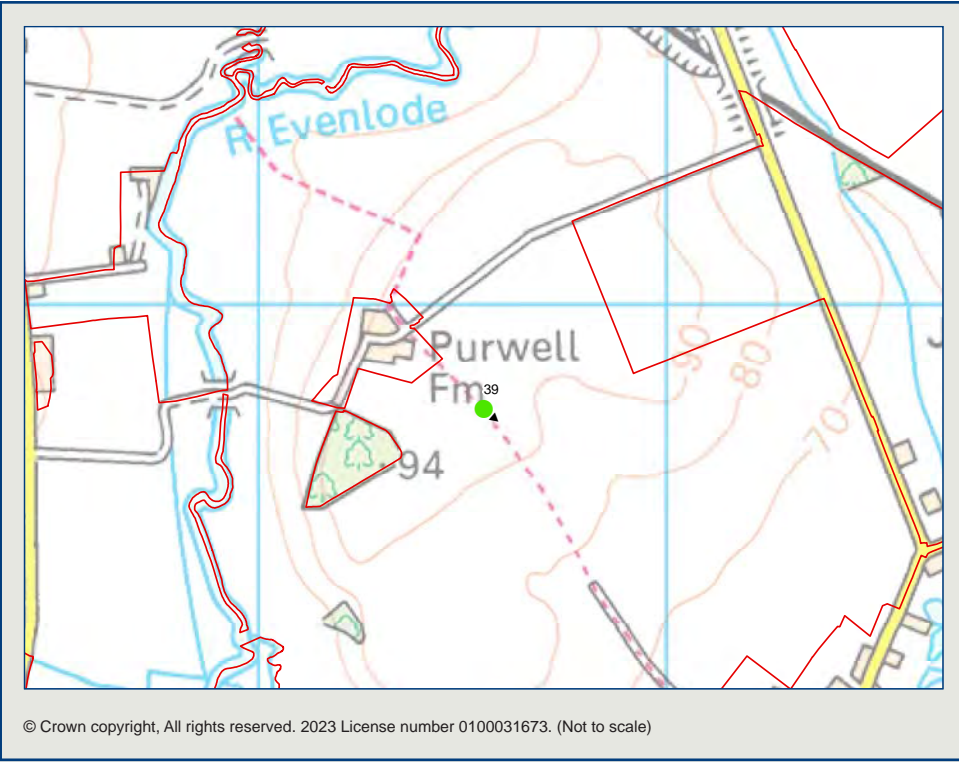




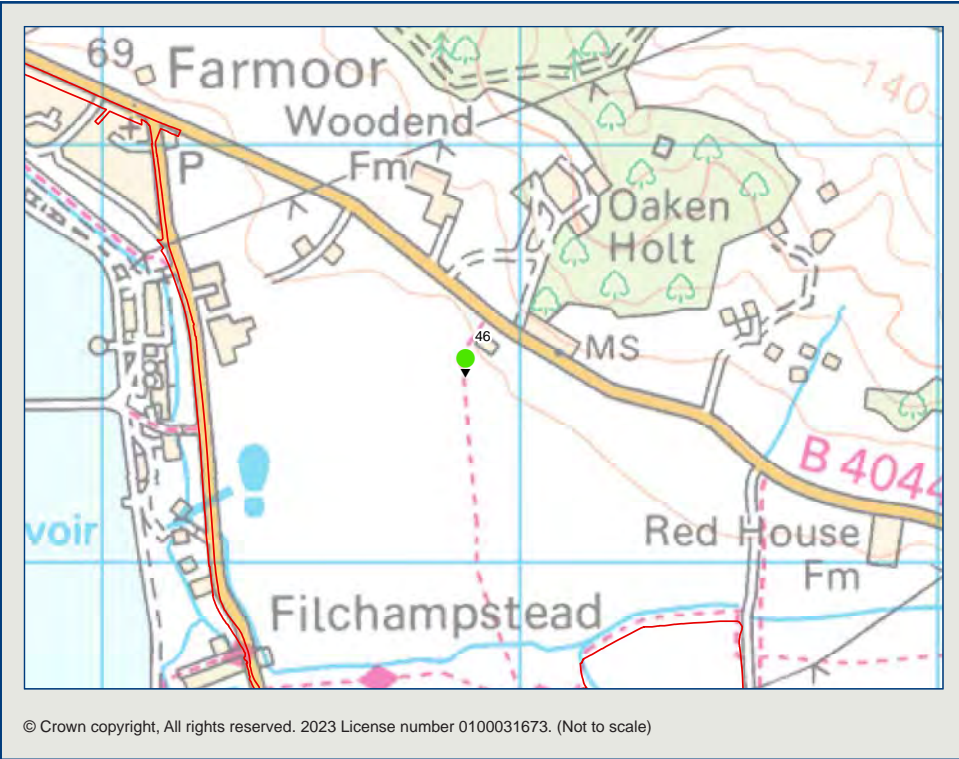














Existing Winter view



Proposed illustrative view - Winter Year 1



Proposed illustrative single frame view - Winter Year 1

Ref: 12426-0057-11



Botley West Solar Farm
EN010147/APP/6.4

Date of Photo: 20/01/2023
Lens Type: 50mm

Distance to site: 0m
OS reference: 443136, 213038

Direction to site: North east
Viewpoint height: 77m AOD

Horizontal field of view: 39.6°
Viewed at comfortable arms length

Single frame illustrative Winter Year 1: Viewpoint 23
Figure 8.305



Existing Summer view



Proposed illustrative view - Summer Year 15



Proposed illustrative single frame view - Summer Year 15

Ref: 12426-0057-11



Botley West Solar Farm
EN010147/APP/6.4

Date of Photo: 14/09/2023
Lens Type: 50mm

Distance to site: 0m
OS reference: 443136, 213038

Direction to site: North east
Viewpoint height: 77m AOD

Horizontal field of view: 39.6°
Viewed at comfortable arms length

Single frame illustrative Summer Year 15: Viewpoint 23
Figure 8.307



Existing Winter view




Proposed illustrative view - Winter Year 1



Proposed illustrative single frame view - Winter Year 1

Ref: 12426-0057-13_v2


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Existing Summer view



Proposed illustrative view - Summer Year 15

12426-0057-13_V2	 Representative Viewpoint 32: View looking north west from footpath 124/5/10, near Begbroke	Botley West Solar Farm EN010147/APP/6.4	Visualisation Type: Type 3 Projection: Cylindrical	Height of camera above ground: 1.5m Camera/Lens: Full Frame Sensor/50mm	Date of Photo: 28/09/2023 Time of Photo: 11:30	Distance to site: 0m OS reference: 446657, 214000	Direction to site: North west Viewpoint height: 73m AOD	Horizontal field of view: 90° To be viewed at comfortable arms length	Existing and illustrative Summer Year 15: Viewpoint 32 Figure 8.326
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Proposed illustrative single frame view - Summer Year 15

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Botley West Solar Farm
EN010147/APP/6.4

Height of camera above ground: 1.5m
Camera/Lens: Full Frame Sensor/50mm

Date of Photo: 28/09/2023
Time of Photo: 11:30

Distance to site: 0m
OS reference: 446657, 214000

Direction to site: North west
Viewpoint height: 0 m AOD

Horizontal field of view: 39.6°
Viewed at comfortable arms length

Single frame illustrative Summer Year 15: Viewpoint 32
Figure 8.327



Existing Winter view



Proposed illustrative view - Winter Year 1



Proposed illustrative single frame view - Winter Year 1

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Botley West Solar Farm
EN010147/APP/6.4

Date of Photo: 26/01/2023
Lens Type: 50mm

Distance to site: 307m
OS reference: 446336, 212729

Direction to site: West
Viewpoint height: 97m AOD

Horizontal field of view: 39.6°
Viewed at comfortable arms length

Single frame illustrative Winter Year 1: Viewpoint 34
Figure 8.329



Existing Summer view



Proposed illustrative view - Summer Year 15

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Proposed illustrative single frame view - Summer Year 15

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Botley West Solar Farm
EN010147/APP/6.4

Date of Photo: 28/09/2023
Lens Type: 50mm

Distance to site: 307m
OS reference: 446336, 212729

Direction to site: West
Viewpoint height: 97m AOD

Horizontal field of view: 39.6°
Viewed at comfortable arms length

Single frame illustrative Summer Year 15: Viewpoint 34
Figure 8.331



Existing Winter view



Proposed illustrative view - Winter Year 1



Proposed illustrative single frame view - Winter Year 1

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Botley West Solar Farm
EN010147/APP/6.4

Date of Photo: 18/01/2023
Lens Type: 50mm

Distance to site: 0m
OS reference: 443890, 212458

Direction to site: East
Viewpoint height: 66m AOD

Horizontal field of view: 39.6°
Viewed at comfortable arms length

Single frame illustrative Winter Year 1: Viewpoint 37
Figure 8.333



Existing Summer view



Proposed illustrative view - Summer Year 15



Proposed illustrative single frame view - Summer Year 15

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Botley West Solar Farm
EN010147/APP/6.4

Date of Photo: 27/09/2023
Lens Type: 50mm

Distance to site: 0m
OS reference: 443890, 212458

Direction to site: East
Viewpoint height: 66m AOD

Horizontal field of view: 39.6°
Viewed at comfortable arms length

Single frame illustrative Summer Year 15: Viewpoint 37
Figure 8.335



Existing Winter view



Proposed illustrative view - Winter Year 1



Proposed illustrative single frame view - Winter Year 1

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Botley West Solar Farm
EN010147/APP/6.4

Date of Photo: 18/01/2023
Lens Type: 50mm

Distance to site: 0m
OS reference: 444421, 212198

Direction to site: West
Viewpoint height: 90m AOD

Horizontal field of view: 39.6°
Viewed at comfortable arms length

Single frame illustrative Winter Year 1: Viewpoint 38
Figure 8.337



Existing Summer view



Proposed illustrative view - Summer Year 15



Proposed illustrative single frame view - Summer Year 15

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Botley West Solar Farm
EN010147/APP/6.4

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Lens Type: 50mm

Distance to site: 0m
OS reference: 444421, 212198

Direction to site: West
Viewpoint height: 90m AOD

Horizontal field of view: 39.6°
Viewed at comfortable arms length

Single frame illustrative Summer Year 15: Viewpoint 38
Figure 8.339



Existing Winter view



Proposed illustrative view - Winter Year 1



Proposed illustrative single frame view - Winter Year 1

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Botley West Solar Farm
EN010147/APP/6.4

Date of Photo: 18/01/2023
Lens Type: 50mm

Distance to site: 765m
OS reference: 445872, 206488

Direction to site: South
Viewpoint height: 70m AOD

Horizontal field of view: 39.6°
Viewed at comfortable arms length

Single frame illustrative Winter Year 1: Viewpoint 46
Figure 8.353



Existing Summer view



Proposed illustrative view - Summer Year 15



Proposed illustrative single frame view - Summer Year 15

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Botley West Solar Farm
EN010147/APP/6.4

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Horizontal field of view: 39.6°
Viewed at comfortable arms length

Single frame illustrative Summer Year 15: Viewpoint 46
Figure 8.355