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Planning Act 2008: Applicant's Deadline 6 Submission

Application ref: EN010147/APP/18

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 7 on 10 November 2025.

This information has been provided to respond to requests for information set out in the Rule 6 letter [PD-006] and Rule 8 Letters [PD-007] and [PD-013] issued by the Examination Authority (ExA) as well as the ExA's Rule 17 - Request for further Information [PD-018].

Enclosed for the purposes of the Applicant's Deadline 7 submission are:

New Deliverables

1. **Cover Letter** – EN010147/APP/18.1
2. **Applicant's Responses to other Deadline 6 Submissions** – EN010147/APP/18.2
3. **Applicant's Response to Rule 17 Letter [PD-018]** - EN010147/APP/18.3
4. **Status of Negotiations** - EN010147/APP/18.4

Updated Application Documents

- **Guide to the Application Rev 11** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/1.3]

- **Works Plans Rev 3** – [EN010147/APP/2.3]
- **Land Plans Rev 3** – [EN010147/APP/2.4]
- **Final draft Development Consent Order (DCO) Rev 9** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/3.1]
- **Final draft Development Consent Order (DCO in SI template) Rev 0** – [EN010147/APP/3.1]
- **Explanatory Memorandum Rev 9** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/3.3]
- **Land and Rights Negotiation Tracker Rev 9** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/3.6]
- **Book of Reference Rev 6** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/4.3]
- **Schedule of Changes to the dDCO Rev 8** – [EN010147/APP/8.3]
- **Schedule of Changes to the Book of Reference Rev 5** – [EN010147/APP/8.4]
- **Compulsory Acquisition (CA) Schedule and Land Rights Tracker Rev 8** – [EN010147/APP/11.5]
- **Chapter 11: Ground Conditions Rev 3** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/6.3]
- **Chapter 15: Socio Economics Rev 2** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/6.3]
- **ES Figure 1.2: Illustrative Masterplan Overview Rev 3** – [EN010147/APP/6.4]
- **ES Figures 2.1a to 2.4c: Illustrative Masterplan Rev 3** – [EN010147/APP/6.4]
- **Operational Development Areas Plan Rev 3** – [EN010147/APP/7.3.2]
- **Landscape, Ecology & Amenities Plan Rev 4** – [EN010147/APP/7.3.3]
- **Outline Code of Construction Practice Parts 1 & 2 Rev 6** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/7.6.1]
- **Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan Rev 7** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/7.6.3]
- **Statement of Commonality Rev 2** – Clean [EN010147/APP/11.6]
- **Statements of Common Ground** – Clean [EN010147/APP/11.7]
- **Residential Visual Amenity Assessment (RVAA) Updates Rev 1** – Clean and Tracked [EN010147/APP/17.13]

FURTHER COMMENTS ON DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED AT DEADLINE 7

New Deliverables

New materials submitted at Deadline 7 comprise;

- **Applicant's Responses to other DL6 Submissions** – As has been the case at each deadline, the Applicant has considered the submissions made by interested parties at the previous deadline (in this case, deadline 6) and provided a response to all substantive matters raised;
- **Applicant's Response to Rule 17 letter dated 23 October [PD-018]** – The Applicant has provided a full response to all of the queries raised by the ExA in its Rule 17 Request.

Status of Negotiations – this is provided at the request of the ExA and acknowledged in Action Point 2 of the Action Points from Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1), where it was

subsequently agreed with the ExA to be provided at Deadline 7. This has been based on REP7-063 of Portishead Branch Line DCO as suggested by the ExA.

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 11) [EN010147/APP/1.3].

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

The Final Draft Development Consent Order (Rev 9) [EN010147/APP/3.1] has been updated to predominantly address matters raised by the ExA and Interested Parties at Deadline 6 and in the ExA's Rule 17 Letter, including to finalise the bespoke protective provisions at Schedule 15. The full reasons for each change, save for typographical changes only, are set out in the Schedule of Changes (Rev 8) [EN010147/APP/8.3]. A copy of the Final Draft DCO is also provided in SI template with a supporting validation confirmation email and report.

Explanatory Memorandum

The Explanatory Memorandum (EM) has been updated to reflect changes in the Draft DCO [EN010147/APP/3.3]. The Applicant has also updated the EM to refer to more recent solar DCO precedent in support of the draft Order.

Other Updated Documents

Other updated documents have been created, which respond to comments and questions raised in the Deadline 6 submissions from Interested Parties, follow up on the Applicant's own Deadline 6 and some earlier submissions, and provide responses to points raised in the Rule 17 letter dated 23 October.

These include;

- **Updated Land Plans;**

Following a refresh of the Book of Reference and closer review of more accurate OS mapping that has become available, the Applicant has updated the Land Plans. This includes to 'grey out' Plots 9-18 and 10-05 on the basis that the land is no longer necessary for the Project. These two parcels are small sections of land that have newly been identified as falling entirely within the highway boundary and therefore outside the scope of the Project proposals. A full explanation in this respect is provided in response to question 22 of the Applicant's Response to the ExA's Rule 17 letter dated 23 October.

- **Updated Works Plans;**

The Works Plans have been updated following continued engagement with Historic England (HE) and as a result of HE's review of the trial trenching reports. HE has suggested that the archaeological protection area (Work No. 5) is expanded around Sansom's Platt, to ensure protection of the Scheduled Monument. Whilst this could be facilitated through detailed design under the existing DCO drafting – noting HE are secured as a consultee for the purposes of Work No. 5 (*sensitive archaeological site protection and management*) and Requirement 5 (Detailed design approval) – the Applicant has chosen to amend the Works Plans at this stage to give certainty to HE (and the ExA and Secretary of State) that this protection area is secured pre-consent.

The Works Plans have also been updated to 'grey out' Plots 9-18 and 10-05 for the reasons explained under the Land Plans, above.

Other updated materials include;

- Updated Illustrative Masterplan;
- Operational Development Areas Plan;
- Landscape, Ecology and Amenities Plan;
- Updated Book of Reference;
- Updated Land & Rights Negotiation Tracker;
- Updated Compulsory Acquisition (CA) Schedule and Land Rights Tracker;
- Final Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) and Statement of Commonality – the following SoCGs have been signed and submitted at Deadline 7:

(a) EN010147/APP/11.7_2 – Civil Aviation Authority

(b) EN010147/APP/11.7_3 – Environment Agency

(c) EN010147/APP/11.7_4 – Historic England

(d) EN010147/APP/11.7_5 – London Oxford Airport

(e) EN010147/APP/11.7_6 – NGET

(f) EN010147/APP/11.7_8 – Natural England

(g) EN010147/APP/11.7_18 – Thames Water

On or before Deadline 8, the Applicant will also submit the following signed SoCGs (these are substantially agreed but are outstanding at Deadline 7 because they are still going through the final review and signing processes within the host authorities; unfortunately, not all of those final sign-offs and signature formalities could be completed in time for Deadline 7):

(a) EN010147/APP/11.7_1 – Cherwell District Council

(b) EN010147/APP/11.7_10 – Oxfordshire County Council

(c) EN010147/APP/11.7_12 – Vale of White Horse District Council

(d) EN010147/APP/11.7_13 – West Oxfordshire District Council

Although an earlier version was submitted in July, no Statement of Common Ground has been produced with the Buckinghamshire, Berkshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) as the consultee did not wish to enter into one. Thames Water has also recently requested an SoCG, which has been added to the submission.

- Updated Management Plans – including additional details, clarifications and commitments are provided within the latest versions of the;
 - Outline Code of Construction Practice Parts 1 & 2; and

- Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan.

This submission is also accompanied by an updated Residential Visual Amenity Assessment (RVAA) to support the Rule 17 response.

In support of the Rule 17 letter an updated ES Chapter 15 Socioeconomics has also been prepared.

Deadline 8 (13 November)

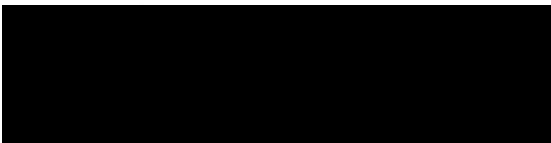
The Applicant notes that the only deliverable noted in the Rule 8 Letter [**PD-013**] for Deadline 8 is for any further information requested by the Examining Authority under Rule 17 of the Examination Procedure Rules (if required).

Please note, in addition to any such further information (if required), the Applicant intends to submit the Applicant's Closing Submissions at Deadline 8. That document will summarise in one place the Applicant's submissions on any outstanding or key matters that have been subject to submissions by Interested Parties, Affected Persons and the Applicant during the course of the Examination. It is provided to ensure that the Examining Authority, and ultimately the Secretary of State, is clear on the Applicant's final position in relation to these matters.

The Closing Submissions will also provide details of the status of the Applicant's negotiations with relevant statutory undertakers at the end of Examination, and in the very limited cases where agreement has not been finalised, provide the Applicant's case pursuant to s127 and s138 of the PA 2008.

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)

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