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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 - sections 116 and 117 and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 – Regulation 32

Application by Photovolt Development Partners (PVDP) on behalf of SolarFive Ltd for an order granting development consent for Botley West Solar Farm
Notice of the decision by the Secretary of State

The Planning Inspectorate previously consulted you on the above project, which has now been decided. This letter notifies you of the publication of the Secretary of State's decision in relation to the above application.

The Secretary of State as the decision maker under s103 and s104 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) has decided that development consent should be refused under s114(1)(b) of PA2008.

Electronic copies of the decision documentation, including the Secretary of State's decision letter and statement of reasons, can be viewed at:

https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010147

The Recommendation Report submitted to the Secretary of State by the Examining Authority is also available at the same link.

If you have any queries about the Secretary of State's decision letter please contact:

Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
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Alternatively, if you would like to find out further details about the project you can visit the applicant's website at https://botleywest.co.uk/Home-Botley-West.html or contact the applicant on +44 808 175 3085.

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High Court proceedings

There is no right of appeal under PA2008. The High Court may entertain proceedings to question a decision to refuse development consent from the day on which the decision letter is published. The procedure is to make an application for judicial review. This must be done within the statutory period of time set out in s118 of PA2008. Please contact the Administrative Court Office for further information on +44 207 947 6655 or follow this link:

http://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/rcj-rolls-building/administrative-court/applying-for-judicial-review]

Yours faithfully

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For and on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

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