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**SECTION 48 PLANNING ACT 2008 – BOTLEY WEST SOLAR FARM
REGULATION 4 THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
(APPLICATIONS: PRESCRIBED FORMS AND PROCEDURE)
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REGULATION 13 THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING
(ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017
NOTICE PUBLICISING A PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A
DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (DCO) FOR BOTLEY WEST
SOLAR FARM**

Notice is hereby given that Photovolt Development Partners GmbH (PVDP), on behalf of SolarFive Ltd (Company Number 12602740) whose registered office is 2 West Street, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, England, RG9 2DU (“the Applicant”), proposes to make an application to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) for a Development Consent Order for Botley West Solar Farm (“the Application”). The Applicant intends to make the Application in summer 2024.

The Application relates to the construction, operation (including maintenance) and decommissioning of a solar farm with ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panel arrays to generate electricity from the sun as direct current. Botley West Solar Farm will be located in the county of Oxfordshire, across an area of approximately 1,300 ha. The proposed Botley West Solar Farm location extends from an area of land in the north (the Northern Site), situated between the A4260 and the Dorn River Valley near Tackley and Wootton, through a central section (the Central Site), situated broadly between Bladon and Cassington, and connecting to a section further south near to Farmoor Reservoir and north of Cumnor (the Southern Site), where the proposed Botley West Solar Farm will connect to the National Grid transmission network.

The proposed Botley West Solar Farm lies within the administrative areas of Cherwell (CDC), West Oxfordshire (WODC) and Vale of White Horse (VWHDC) District Councils, and Oxfordshire County Council (OCC).

The proposed DCO will, amongst other things, authorise:

- construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of a solar PV electricity generating facility with a capacity of over 50 MW;
- associated and/or ancillary works including construction of a substation and cable works to connect to the National Grid substation, landscaping, biodiversity areas, access tracks, construction compounds and offices; and the creation of permissive paths;
- the permanent and/or temporary compulsory acquisition (if required) of land and/or rights;
- the overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land;
- the application and/or disapplication of legislation relating to Botley West Solar Farm; and
- such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licenses, property rights, permits and consents as are necessary and/or convenient.

The proposed Botley West Solar Farm is an Environmental Impact Assessment (“EIA”) development for the purposes of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017. The Applicant is, therefore, required to carry out an EIA and submit an Environmental Statement with the proposed Application containing information about the likely significant effects of the proposed Botley West Solar Farm on the environment. Information currently available about the likely significant environmental impacts of the proposed Botley West Solar Farm forms part of the consultation materials and is set out in a Preliminary Environmental Impact Report (“PEIR”) and is summarised in a non-technical summary.

Consultation:

The Applicant is undertaking a second phase of consultation on the proposals for the proposed Botley West Solar Farm between **Thursday 30 November 2023** and **Thursday 8 February 2024**. The Applicant is making available various ways to find out more about the proposals.

A copy of the PEIR, together with a Non-Technical Summary, the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), and other consultation documents, plans and maps explaining the consultation process and details of the proposed Botley West Solar Farm can be found on the Applicant’s website (www.botleywest.co.uk/document_library.html). These documents will be free to read, download and print between Thursday 30 November 2023 and Thursday 8 February 2024.

All consultation documents may also be inspected free of charge at the following locations between Thursday 30 November 2023 and Thursday 8 February 2024. Prior to visiting, venues should be contacted to check opening times.

WOODSTOCK LIBRARY

Fletchers House, Park St, Woodstock OX20 1SN

Opening Hours

Tues – Fri: 10am - 1pm, 2pm - 5pm
Sat: 10am - 12.30pm, 1pm - 4.30pm
Sun: 2pm - 5pm

Mon: closed

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town Centre Shop

3 Welch Way, Witney, OX28 6JH

Opening Hours

Mon – Fri: 9am - 5pm
Sat & Sun: Closed

KIDLINGTON LIBRARY

23 Oxford Rd, Kidlington, OX5 2BP

Opening Hours

Mon & Thurs: 9.30am - 5pm
Tues & Fri: 9.30am - 7pm
Weds: 9.30am - 1pm
Sat: 9am - 4.30pm
Sun: Closed

BOTLEY LIBRARY

5a Church Way, Botley, Oxford OX2 9TH

Opening Hours

Mon, Tues & Thurs:
9.30am - 5.30pm
Fri: 9.30am - 7pm
Sat: 9.30am - 1pm
Weds & Sun: Closed

EYNESHAM LIBRARY

30 Mill Street, Eynsham, OX29 4JS

Opening Hours

Mon: 9:30am-1pm and 2pm and 5pm
Wed & Thurs: 1pm-5pm
Friday: 1-7pm
Sat: 9:30-1pm

The Applicant will host public information events to provide opportunities to view the relevant documentation and speak with members of the project team. The details of the events are as follows:

Location	Date & Time
Bladon Methodist Church, 28 Park Street, Bladon, OX20 1RW	Friday 8th December 3pm – 7.30pm
Woodstock Community Centre, New Road OX20 1PB	Saturday 9th December 11am – 3pm
Begbroke Village Hall, 3 Begbroke Lane, Kidlington, OX5 1RN	Tuesday 12th December 3pm – 7.30pm
Hanborough Pavilion & Village Hall, Roosevelt Road, OX29 8JG	Wednesday 13th December 1pm – 5pm
Cassington Village Hall, The Green, OX29 4AX	Friday 12th January 3pm – 7.30pm
Woodstock Community Centre, New Road OX20 1PB	Saturday 13th January 11am – 3pm
Cumnor Village Hall, Leys Road, OX2 9QF	Wednesday 17th January 3pm – 7.30pm
Seacourt Hall, 3 Church Way, Botley, OX2 9TH	Thursday 18th January 1pm – 5pm