



Botley West Solar Farm

Information Change Note on Targeted
Consultation for single Order limit change
within Central Site

August 2024

Photovolt Development Partners, on behalf of SolarFive Ltd (the Applicant), is carrying out a targeted consultation for Botley West Solar Farm, focusing on one specific change within the Central Site. The change is located on the southern edge of Bladon Heath, south of Bladon and west of Begbroke in the Central Site.

This consultation focuses on an addition to the Order limit to include land around an established veteran tree, adding necessary flexibility to the existing cable corridor. The details of this change, including the impact on environmental effects already reported, can be seen within Appendices 1 and 2 of this note.

We are holding this round of consultation from Thursday 15th August to Sunday 15th September 2024. During this time, you have the opportunity to comment on this change. We encourage you to submit any written feedback you may have on this change by:

- Emailing the project team at info@botleywest.co.uk
- Writing to us, free of charge, to FREEPOST BWSF. You do not need a stamp.

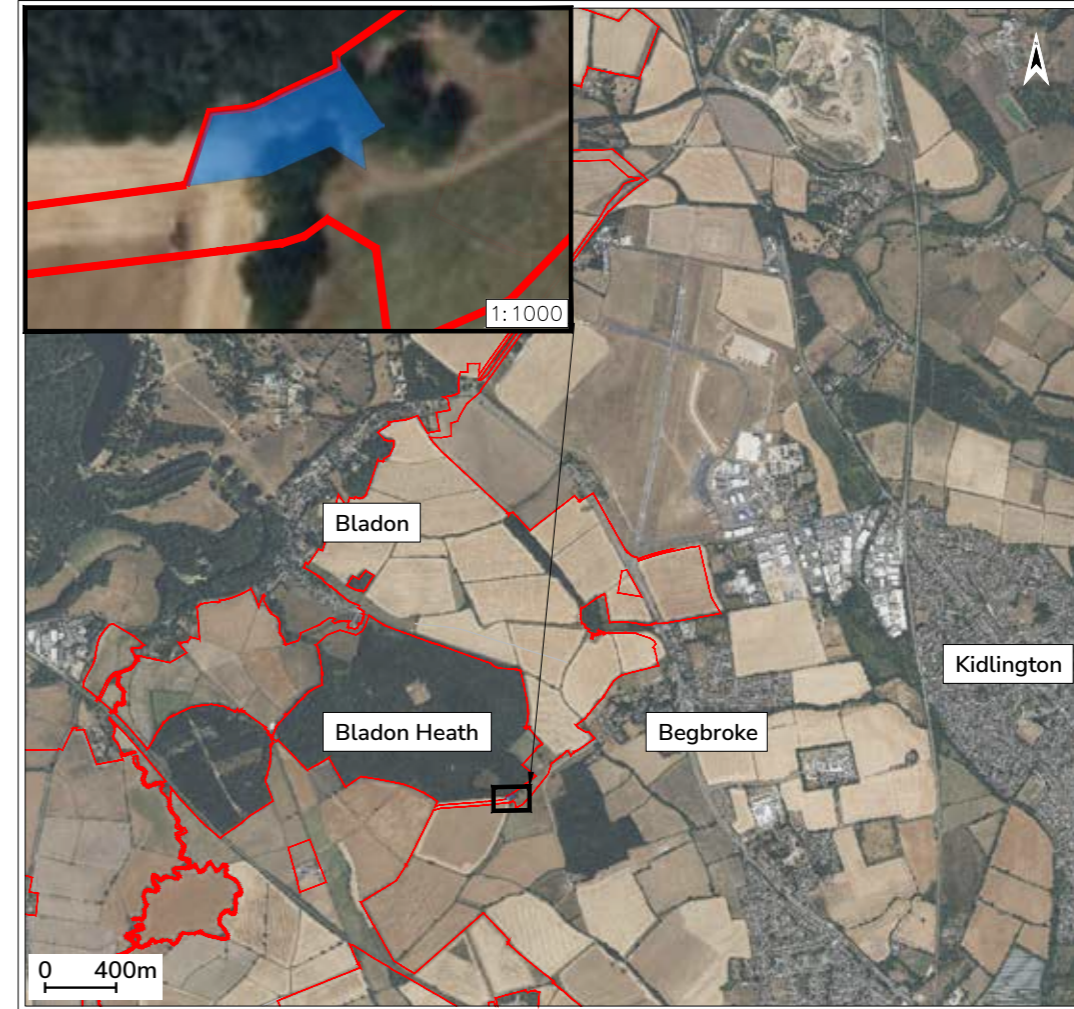
During this phase of consultation, our freephone information line will be open between 9am – 7pm from Monday to Wednesday, and 9am – 5pm on Thursdays and Fridays. You can call this line on 0808 175 3085. A voicemail service will operate outside of these hours.

This consultation follows our statutory consultation held between November 2023 and February 2024, as well as our targeted consultation on specific changes held between June and July 2024. Like the previous two rounds of consultation, this consultation is consistent with the principles and methods set out in the project’s Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). The feedback from these three rounds of consultation will be considered as part of the final design to be included in our Development Consent Order (DCO) Application, anticipated to be submitted in Autumn 2024.

This change note can be provided on request by contacting the project’s communication channels, shown on page 4. Hard copies can also be picked up at the following Community Access Points during the consultation period.

Please see page 3 for the appendices. Appendix 1 showed the proposed Order limit change, and Appendix 2 for a description of the change and consideration of any change in the likely significant environmental effects already reported on in earlier consultations.

Appendix 1: Map of Change to Order Limit



Appendix 2: Details of Change to Order Limit



Location of Change - Central Site

Description of Change
The change is located on the southern edge of Bladon Heath, south of Bladon and west of Begbroke in the Central Site.

The Order limit is being extended slightly in a targeted area to include additional land around an established veteran tree. The additional land area is shaded blue in the image to the left.

This proposed amendment is to add choice to the proposed cable corridor for the Applicant to avoid or minimise environmental effects upon the veteran tree.

As a result of the extended redline, the Applicant is able to consider two potential alternative cable routes as to where and how the underground electrical cables will be installed. No additional solar panels or above-ground infrastructure are proposed in this area.

The previous proposals had assumed the underground cable would be installed beneath the veteran tree using a technique called Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD). The Applicant is now proposing to include this additional land to also allow for the option for cables to be installed to the north of the tree, using cut and cover methods, should that be considered preferable in environmental and engineering terms. Further assessment work will be undertaken to inform this choice.

As the purpose of the change is to add further optionality to avoid or mitigate impacts potentially arising under the existing proposals, the Applicant can confirm that there is unlikely to be a change in environmental impacts already reported on as part of the Phase Two statutory consultation.

Location	Opening Times
Woodstock Library Fletchers House, Park St, Woodstock, OX20 1SN	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	Mon – Fri: 9am - 5pm Sat & Sun: Closed
Kidlington Library 23 Oxford Rd, Kidlington, OX5 2BP	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	Mon, Tues & Thurs: 9.30am - 5.30pm Fri: 9.30am - 7pm Sat: 9.30am - 1pm Weds & Sun: Closed
Eynsham Library 30 Mill Street, Eynsham, OX29 4JS	Mon: 9:30am-1pm and 2pm and 5pm Wed & Thurs: 1pm-5pm Friday: 1-7pm Sat: 9:30-1pm

If you have any questions about our community consultation, please get in touch using the communication lines below:



Email: info@botleywest.co.uk



Freephone Information Line: 0808 175 3085

Available Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm

Voicemails can be left outside of these hours



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