

DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER PROCESS – Botley West Solar Farm

DCO Stage	Key Documents and Stakeholder Involvement	Developer's Indicative Timetable	Comments
<p>1. Pre-application Stage</p> <p>We are currently here</p> <p>This stage can take as long as is necessary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide comments on applicant's draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) • Respond to developer consultation about the scheme • Discuss with developer about S106 agreements and requirements • Commence work on Local Impact Report (LIR) and Statements of Common Ground (SoCG) • Consider joint working arrangements with other authorities • Agree terms of any planning performance agreement with developer. 	<p>Winter 2022/33 - Scoping Report submitted to PINS</p> <p>Winter 2022/33 - Consultation with local authorities on draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)</p> <p>Spring 2023 - Phase Two Consultation on more detailed design proposals and Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)</p>	<p>The district council has not yet been consulted on the Scoping Report or SoCC and will have 28 days to respond to each document when invited to do so by the Planning Inspectorate.</p> <p>Delays to consultation on scoping and SoCC, suggest that Phase 2 consultation on detailed design proposals may be delayed until summer at least.</p> <p>Council may wish to reach a position on the proposals in order to respond to the developer consultation about the scheme.</p>
<p>2. Acceptance Stage</p>	<p>WODC may submit an Adequacy of Consultation representation at this stage to reflect on whether consultation has been undertaken in line with SoCC</p>	<p>Winter 2023 – DCO application submission</p>	<p>Notwithstanding delays to consultation at pre-application stage, DCO application could still be made by winter 2023,</p>

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3. Pre-Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond to the invitation to the preliminary meeting as the host authority • Consider the draft Examination timetable and provide comments if necessary • Attend preliminary meeting • Continue preparation of SoCG, LIR and written representations • Prepare for Examination including engaging legal and specialist support • Continue negotiations with developer • Submit relevant representations 	Winter 2023/24	<p>The applicant will publicise that application has been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate – They will explain how and when parties can get involved in the Examination process. An Inspector will be appointed and preliminary meetings take place.</p> <p>Stakeholders will be invited to register as interested parties at this point, so that they can get involved in the examination process. WODC will automatically be included as a host authority.</p>
4. Examination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 month Examination (Maximum) • Submit LIR and SoCG and written representation early in Examination • Attend and participate in hearings and accompanied site visits as necessary • Submit signed planning obligation by deadline • Respond to written questions and requests for further information • Comment on other interested parties representations and submissions 	2024	<p>Local Impact Report to be submitted at this stage likely to be required within a short time frame.</p> <p>Work should commence on the LIR at the earliest opportunity and should take account of local knowledge and evidence.</p> <p>There is no requirement to consult on the LIR but may wish to seek stakeholder and other specialist input during preparation.</p>

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5. Recommendation	Planning Inspectorate submit recommendation Secretary of State for final decision on whether to grant consent.	Early 2025 - Anticipated DCO decision from Secretary of State	
6. Post Decision		Summer 2025 – Start of construction	