

## Botley West DCO Timetable - November 2024

DCO Stage	Action	Developer's Indicative Timetable	Actual / Expected Timetable	Notes
Pre-Application Stage	Scoping Report submitted to PINS	Winter 2022/23	15 June 2023 (Actual)	The developer submitted their Scoping Request to PINS. WODC had until 13 July to respond to the Scoping Report, before PINS issued a Scoping Opinion to the developer.  <b>WODC responded to the Scoping Report consultation on 12 July 2023.</b> <b>PINS issued their <a href="#">Scoping Opinion</a> on 24 July 2023</b>
	Consultation with Host Authorities on draft statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)	Winter 2022/23	July / August 2023 (Actual)	WODC was consulted about the contents of the SoCC and was given 28 days to respond. The SoCC sets out how, when, where and with whom the developer will consult on their detailed proposals for the Botley West Solar Farm.  <b>WODC issued a response to the SoCC on 14 August 2023</b>
	Phase 2 consultation on Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)	Spring 2023	30 November 2023 – 8 February 2024 (Actual)	Developer undertook detailed consultation on their proposals including design, mitigation and cable routes. Consultation focussed on the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which provided details of the likely significant impacts of the development in relation to a number of themes including heritage, ecology and landscape.  <b>WODC submitted a response on 7 February 2024</b>
	Further focussed statutory consultation	June / July 2024	14 June – 9 August 2024 (Actual)	Proposals have been refined following earlier rounds of consultation. This has resulted in a series of specific amendments to the proposed red line boundary for the project – both increases and decreases – compared to the project boundary presented in the PEIR and for Phase Two consultation. The Applicant is preparing to undertake a further statutory consultation targeted on specific increases to the proposed red line boundary for the project. This is in the region of 60 changes.  <b>WODC submitted a response 9 August 2024</b>
	Further focussed statutory consultation	August – September 2024	August – September 2024 (Actual)	The Applicant undertook a further targeted consultation in relation to a specific change made to its proposals located within the Central Site.  <b>WODC submitted a response on 13 September 2024</b>
Acceptance Stage	The application is formally submitted to the Planning Inspectorate, who have 28 days to determine whether an application can proceed to Examination.	Winter 2023	15 November (Actual)	WODC have 14 days to submit an 'Adequacy of Consultation Representation'

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Pre-Examination Stage	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	2024	TBC (No fixed timetable but approximately 3 months expected)  Early 2025	WODC will be required to respond to the invitation to the preliminary meeting as the host authority WODC will consider the draft Examination timetable and provide comments if necessary Interested parties to attend preliminary meeting WODC will continue preparation of Statements of Common Ground (SoCG), Local Impact Report (LIR) and written representations Prepare for Examination including engaging legal and specialist support Continue negotiations with developer Parties will have a minimum of 28 days to submit Relevant Representations
Examination Stage		2024	Spring 2025 (Expected)	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
Recommendation	Planning Inspectorate submit recommendation to Secretary of State for final decision on whether to grant consent.	Early 2025	TBC	
Post Decision	Six weeks for legal challenge	TBC	TBC	Discharge of requirements and monitoring Enforcement Responding to notifications – non material and material change applications