



## Botley West DCO Timetable - September 2023

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.  WODC responded to the Scoping Report consultation on 12 July 2023. PINS issued their <a href="#">Scoping Opinion</a> on 24 July 2023
	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.  WODC issued a response to the SoCC on 14 August 2023.
	Phase 2 consultation on Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)	Spring 2023	October 2023 (expected)	The detailed consultation on the Botley West proposals will run for a minimum period of 8 weeks. It is unlikely to start before October 2023.
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	April 2024 (expected)	WODC will have 14 days to submit an 'Adequacy of Consultation Representation' when invited to do so.
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)	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	TBC (Commences on the first day of the Preliminary Meeting)	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

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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