

## COLESHILL SOLAR PLANS

More information

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### Decision-making Options

Planning Applications are decided by our Local Planning Authority, the Vale of the White Horse District Council. For an explanation of how this works follow the link below:

[Planning and development - Vale of White Horse District Council](#)

90% of Applications are decided by Council officers. 10% are decided by a council Committee made up of a number of Councillors. We expect the decision on the Old Hayes Solar Farm to be made by the Council's Planning Committee.

- Next Planning Committee date 21 January 2025.
- Agenda provided one week prior to meeting
- Proceedings available on line
- Individuals or representatives of groups may apply to speak, on line or in person, if they have commented on the Application
- Papers for the meeting can be downloaded from the Council's website.

### Possible Planning Permission Outcomes

<p><b>Permission granted</b> (80% of Applications)</p> <p>Development must start within 3 years (or re-application is necessary)</p>	<p><b>Permission granted with conditions</b></p> <p>Applicant can apply to 'discharge' (by-pass; overturn) condition(s). If council declines to discharge, conditions can be enforced. If Applicant believes conditions are unreasonable, Applicant can appeal:</p>	<p><b>Permission refused</b></p> <p>Council will give reasons.</p> <p>Applicant will be invited to make changes to reverse the refusal.</p> <p>Applicant has two options:</p>
	<p>Applicant appeals by contacting the Planning Inspectorate. Appeal must be within 6 months of the date of the permission decision.</p>	<p>Applicant can re-submit Application within 1 year.</p>

**The Planning Inspectorate:** In the case of an Appeal, the Planning Inspectorate, a government-lead body, will decide the outcome. All individuals and organisations who commented on the original Planning Application will be informed by the Vale of the White Horse District Council.

Further / new representations can be provided by the Applicant and by those who commented and any interested party.

The Appeal can take the form of a local public inquiry, or an informal hearing (an open discussion). The Inspector assigned to the case by the Inspectorate will decide which is most appropriate.

Appeals are time-consuming procedures and can take many months.

For details on the Planning Inspectorate and these options follow this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/planning-appeals-procedural-guide/procedural-guide-planning-appeals-england>