

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.

- Future Planning Committee dates which may be relevant to this application are currently advertised on the VOWH website calendar as 11 November, 16 December, 20 January 2027 and 24 February 2027
- 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

Permission granted (80% of Applications) Development must start within 3 years (or re-application is necessary)	Permission granted with conditions 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:	Permission refused Council will give reasons. Applicant will be invited to make changes to reverse the refusal. Applicant has two options:	
	Applicant appeals by contacting the Planning Inspectorate. Appeal must be within 6 months of the date of the permission decision.	Applicant can re-submit Application within 1 year.	

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>