

DEADLINE 7 SUBMISSION

Principal Areas of Disagreement Statement – Updated 24.04.2025

North Yorkshire Council

| North Yorkshire Council - The principal issue in question | The brief concern held by North Yorkshire Council which will be reported on in full in WR / LIR | What needs to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> change, or be included, or amended so as to overcome the disagreement | Likelihood of the concern being addressed during Examination |
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| Highway Design | The applicant has said all vehicles will enter and leave the site by two proposed junctions on A1041 county road north of Camblesforth. It would appear a practical solution but the Authority reserve judgement until the detail designs are prepared. | To be developed through ongoing detailed design | Resolved – design details are secured through the DCO |
| Highway Design | The Authority expects the applicant to manage the construction phase of the project with care resulting in the least disruption to residents and the travelling public. | To be developed through ongoing detailed design | Resolved – requested safeguards are in place in the oCTMP |
| Air quality | The assessment of air quality in the relevant chapter of the ES can be broadly agreed with. It is important that all aspects of the scheme are considered fully | Continued work to develop mitigation strategies within the oCEMP | Resolved – requested safeguards are in place in the DCO |
| Noise and Vibration | The assessment of noise and vibration in the relevant chapters of the ES can be broadly agreed with. It is important that all aspects of the project are considered fully. | Continued work with the applicant and development of the oCEMP | Resolved – requested safeguards are in place in the DCO |

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| Drainage | The assessment of drainage in the relevant chapters of the ES will be considered by the Authority. It is important that all aspects of the scheme are considered fully. | To be developed through ongoing detailed design | Resolved – requested safeguards are in place in the DCO |
| Biodiversity | The overall approach to assessment for biodiversity is supported, and ongoing consultation with the local authority and Natural England with regards to the scope of surveys is noted and welcomed. There is expectation that BNG will be delivered on site through the creation of new habitats of high ecological value, including wildflower grassland, wetland meadow creation, pond/wetland scrape creation, hedgerows, woodland belts, and scrub planting. | <p>Continued work with the applicant and development of the oEMP and oCEMP</p> <p>Outstanding matters –</p> <p>1) Monitoring of species to demonstrate the success of the measures proposed within the oLEMP – this is particularly needed for ground nesting birds such as skylark and North Yorkshire Council would recommend a breeding bird survey after 5 years and then at 5 yearly intervals following the initial survey. However, North Yorkshire Council also maintain their request for a bat activity survey – intervals could be agreed and would not need to be very frequent. This will contribute to the industry understanding of the impact of ground mounted solar PV on bats.</p> | <p><u>Species monitoring</u> Will remain an area of disagreement</p> <p><u>BNG</u> Will remain an area of disagreement</p> |

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| | | 2) How will the BNG delivery, management and monitoring will be secured through the DCO. We welcome the commitment to delivering BNG and wish to see a secure legal mechanism in place. Without such a measure, there is no guarantee that the BNG ambitions will be realised. | |
| Cultural Heritage | The assessment of cultural heritage in the relevant chapters of the ES can be broadly agreed with. A draft Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (AMS) has been produced, this strategy will set out the methodology for recording both known and unknown heritage assets of archaeological interest. | Continued work with the applicant to develop the AMS secured through the DCO | Resolved – requested safeguards are in place in the DCO |
| Landscape | The main submission documents seem broadly in-line with those previously seen but the Council wishes to review the additional new information submitted in more detail. The Council has several areas of concern: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cumulative effects • Green Infrastructure Strategy • Local Landscape and visual effects | Continued work with the applicant to develop the landscape strategy secured through the oEMP and DCO | Will remain an area of disagreement |
| Landscape | Long term maintenance and management | | Resolved – requested safeguards are in place in the DCO |

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| Public Health | <p>The Authority remains concerned that Public Health has not been adequately scoped into the assessment. Key concerns relate to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of vulnerable populations • Cumulative impacts and assessment of cumulative 'minor impacts' • A Lack of baseline data, specifically with regard to mental health and wellbeing. • Absence of consideration of the impacts upon the population in relation to both mental and physical health and wellbeing • The 100% leakage rate as it relates to the external workers being brought to site. • Additional demand on accommodation and services | Continued engagement with the applicant | Will remain as an area of disagreement |
| Public Rights of Way | <p>The assessment of impacts on users of Public Rights of Way in the relevant chapters of the ES will be considered by the Authority. Disruption to the network should be accounted for in the DCO either directly or through the use of a management plan secured by the DCO.</p> | The continued development with the applicant of the dDCO | Resolved – requested safeguards are in place in the DCO |
| Best and Most Versatile Land | <p>There has been significant concern about the use of BMV land for this project and the Council would encourage further discussion to better understand the choices for land take including options appraisals and mechanisms used.</p> | To be established through ongoing discussion with the applicant | Will remain as an area of disagreement |