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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 This outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan (oPROWMP) has been prepared for the construction, operational and decommissioning phases of the East Park Energy project ('the Scheme'). This document has been prepared on behalf of BSSL Cambsbed 1 Limited ('the Applicant') as part of the application for development consent for the Scheme.
- 1.1.2 This oPROWMP is a control document that will be certified as part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) and implemented via Requirement 11 in Schedule 2 of the **draft DCO [EN010141/DR/3.1]**. Before commencement of each relevant phase of the authorised development, a final PROWMP for that phase, in substantial accordance with this oPROWMP, will be submitted to and approved in writing by the relevant local planning authority, in consultation with the local highway authority. The relevant phase will thereafter be carried out in accordance with the approved PROWMP. References in this oPROWMP to the "final PROWMP" include any phase-specific PROWMP prepared for a part or phase of the Scheme.
- 1.1.3 This oPROWMP sets out the overall approach to managing the public rights of way (PRoW) and where relevant, permissive paths affected by the Scheme. The overarching purpose of the document is to ensure that PRoW remain safe throughout the duration of the Scheme.
- 1.1.4 For the purposes of this oPROWMP, references to the operational phase include routine maintenance, repair, renewal and replacement activities, including Routine Replacement Works, Planned Panel Replacement Campaigns and Major Replacement Campaigns as defined in the outline Operational Environmental Management Plan. The approved PROWMP applicable to the operational phase will apply to those activities where relevant. Any Major Replacement Campaign Method Statement and Environmental Review will identify any campaign-specific PRoW and

permissive path management measures required, including temporary signage, fencing, banksman or managed-crossing arrangements, any temporary closure or diversion and associated approval arrangements, advance notification, inspection and reinstatement requirements. It will supplement, and remain consistent with, the approved PROWMP.

1.2 Document Structure

1.2.1 The oPROWMP is structured as follows:

- **Section 2.0: The Scheme** provides a summary of the Scheme;
- **Section 3.0: Roles and Responsibilities** sets out the roles and responsibilities associated with the implementation of this management plan;
- **Section 4.0: Public Rights of Way** identifies the extent of the PROW network within the Order Limits;
- **Section 5.0: Approach** provides an overview of the proposed methodology for managing the impact of the Scheme on the PROW;
- **Section 6.0: Management of PROWs during the construction phase** describes the specific management measures proposed for each impacted PROW route during the construction phase; and
- **Section 7.0: Management of PROWs during the operational phase** provides a summary of the proposed alterations and enhancements to the PROW network that will be implemented and maintained during the operational phase and the interaction with new permissive paths that will be created by the Scheme.
- **Section 8.0: Management of PROW and Permissive Access during the Decommissioning Phase** provides a summary of the measures to be adopted for the decommissioning phase.
- **Section 9.0: Implementation of Management Plan** sets out minimum requirements for implementing a final PROWMP.
- **Section 10.0: Monitoring, Record Keeping and Review** sets out the procedures for monitoring and ensuring compliance with the PROWMP,

as well as requirements for record keeping and sharing with the relevant local planning authority.

1.3 Relationship with other management plans

1.3.1 This oPROWMP is part of a framework of environmental management documents that will be implemented across the lifetime of the Scheme. The final PROWMP will work alongside several other specific management plans, which provide further details on mitigation and management measures, pursuant to DCO Requirements:

- **Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP):** This plan will set out how the construction phase of the Scheme will be managed to avoid, reduce, or mitigate environmental impacts. It will cover topics like pollution prevention measures, dust and noise control, protection of wildlife, site waste management, and incident response protocols. The CEMP ensures that commitments made in the ES are translated into practical measures on-site. An **outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN010141/DR/7.3]** has been prepared and submitted with the application for development consent;
- **Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP):** This plan will set out how construction-related traffic will be managed to minimise disruption and ensure safety. It covers measures such as designated routes for construction vehicles, site access arrangements, temporary signage, traffic marshalling, and restrictions on delivery times. An **outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN010141/DR/7.4]** has been prepared and submitted with the application for development consent.
- **Operational Environmental Management Plan (OEMP):** This plan will set out how the operational phase of the Scheme will be managed to control environmental risks. An **outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN010141/DR/7.5]** has been prepared and submitted with the application for development consent;
- **Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (DEMP):** This plan will set out how the decommissioning phase of the Scheme will be

managed to control environmental risks. An **outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan [EN010141/DR/7.6]** has been prepared and submitted with the application for development consent;

- **Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP)**: This plan will set out measures for landscape planting, habitat management, and biodiversity net gain, ensuring that mitigation planting and screening vegetation are effectively maintained. An **outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN010141/DR/7.7]** has been prepared and submitted with the application for development consent;
- **Soil Management Plan (SMP)**: This plan will ensure the sustainable management of soils and materials by setting out strategies for handling, storage, and reuse of soils. An **outline Soil Management Plan [EN010141/DR/7.9]** has been prepared and submitted with the application for development consent;
- **Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP)**: This plan will detail site-wide measures for managing drainage, rainfall runoff, and groundwater interaction. An **outline Surface Water Management Plan [EN010141/DR/7.13]** has been prepared and submitted with the application for development consent;
- **Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (AMS)**: This plan sets out the management of archaeological remains, both known and currently unknown, across the lifetime of the Scheme. An **outline Archaeological Mitigation Strategy [EN010141/DR/7.15]** has been prepared and submitted with the application for development consent.

1.3.2 Each of these plans will contain specific monitoring and reporting requirements, which will be reviewed regularly by the relevant phase manager and relevant regulatory and local planning authorities. Monitoring results will be documented as part of the compliance framework for the Scheme.

2.0 THE SCHEME

2.1 Order Limits

- 2.1.1 The area of land required for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Scheme, which includes land required for all phases of the Scheme, is shown on **ES Vol 3 Figure 1-1: Site Location [EN010141/DR/6.3]**. This is referred to as the 'Order Limits' or the 'Site'.

2.2 The Site

- 2.2.1 The 'Site' is located to the north-west of the town of St Neots, and is across two administrative areas; Bedford Borough Council (BBC) (a unitary authority) and Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) (a two-tier authority with Cambridgeshire County Council). The Site location is shown on **ES Vol 3 Figure 1-1: Site Location [EN010141/DR/6.3]**. The Site area extends to approximately 773 hectares (ha).
- 2.2.2 With reference to **ES Vol 3 Figure 1-2: Site References [EN010141/DR/6.3]**, for ease of reference the Order Limits have been sub-divided into East Park Sites A to D, in which all of the above ground infrastructure proposed as part of the operational Scheme would be located (excluding works to the Eaton Socon Substation). The Order Limits also cover land outside of East Park Sites A to D which will be required for access, cabling, and the grid connection to the Eaton Socon Substation. East Park Sites A to D can be described as follows:
- **East Park Site A** – covering land west of the B660 between Pertenhall and Swineshead at the western end of the Site. East Park Site A comprises arable fields located to the north, west and east side of a small hill that lies between Pertenhall and Riseley. East Park Site A lies either side of the Pertenhall Brook, with access proposed from the B660 to the east.
 - **East Park Site B** – covering land between Pertenhall, Keysoe, and Little Staughton. East Park Site B comprises arable fields located north of an

elevated ridgeline which runs between Keysoe and Little Staughton. East Park Site B is crossed by a number of small watercourses, with access proposed from the B660, Great Staughton Road, Little Staughton Road, and an unnamed road between Little Staughton and Great Staughton Road.

- **East Park Site C** – covering land south of Great Staughton. East Park Site C comprises arable fields located south of the River Kym, with access proposed from Moor Road to its south-eastern boundary, and from Little Staughton Road to the north-west.
- **East Park Site D** – covering land around Pastures Farm between Great Staughton and Hail Weston. East Park Site D comprises arable fields with access proposed via a new access from the B645.

2.2.3 With reference to **ES Vol 3 Figure 1-2: Site References [EN010141/DR/6.3]**, there are three linear corridors proposed for underground cabling that connect the different parts of the Site and provide a grid connection to the Eaton Socon Substation. These are also shown on **Figure 1-2** and identified as:

- **Cable Corridor – Site B to Site C** – which connects Site B to Site C across an unnamed road and arable fields.
- **Cable Corridor – Site C to Site D** – which connects Site C to Site D across Moor Road and an arable field.
- **Grid Connection** – Site D to Eaton Socon Substation – which connects Site D to the Eaton Socon Substation and crosses open arable fields, the Duloe Brook, and Duloe Road and Bushmead Road.

2.3 The Scheme

Overview

2.3.1 The Scheme comprises a new ground-mounted solar photovoltaic energy generating station and an associated on-site battery energy storage system (BESS). The Scheme also includes the associated infrastructure for connection to the national grid at the Eaton Socon National Grid Substation.

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- 2.3.2 The Scheme would allow for the generation and export of 400 megawatts (MW) of renewable electricity, as well as the storage of 100 MW of electricity in the BESS.
- 2.3.3 Subject to the Scheme securing Development Consent in Winter 2026/27 it is anticipated that works would start on site in early 2028 and be completed by mid-to late 2030 (although initial energisation of the Scheme is likely to commence prior to 2030). The Scheme comprises a temporary development with an operational phase of 40 years; decommissioning activities would therefore likely commence in 2070, 40 years after commissioning.
- 2.3.4 A more detailed description of the Scheme is provided within **ES Vol 1 Chapter 2: The Scheme [EN010141/DR/6.1]**.

Site Access

- 2.3.5 The Main Site Access will be from the B645 into Site D, with all HGVs arriving into the Site from this point, and the majority of daily staff movements arriving into Site D. A small number of daily staff movements may access Sites A and B without passing through the Main Site Access.
- 2.3.6 The construction access strategy has been designed to avoid vehicles using the public highway as far as practicable. Once vehicles arrive in Site D from the Main Site Access at the B645, a temporary (construction phase) access road will connect westward across fields to Site C, avoiding the use of Moor Road. From Site C, access will be taken north-west via a new access track to an existing HGV access to Great Staughton Road where vehicles will follow the public highway to access Site B, thus avoiding large volumes of traffic passing through Great Staughton. Vehicles would be routed through Site B crossing Little Staughton Road close to Lodge Farm before continuing west towards the B660. At the B660 vehicles would follow the public highway for a short section before accessing Site A using an existing access at Manor Farm.
- 2.3.7 There are existing access tracks through the Site that will be utilised as far as practicable, as will existing agricultural access points from the public highway.

It will be necessary to upgrade or restore sections of the existing access track in order to provide safe and suitable access for vehicles. It is also likely that passing places will need to be established at intermittent positions along these tracks in order to manage vehicle movements.

2.4 Construction Hours of Work

- 2.4.1 Construction operations will generally be limited to 08.00 to 18.00hrs Monday to Friday and 08:00 to 13:00hrs Saturday, with no construction work on Sundays, public holidays or bank holidays.

3.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Site Team

3.1.1 The following are key Site roles that will have responsibility for the implementation of the PROWMP, with responsibilities for each role also set out (this list is not definitive and additional roles & responsibilities shall be added to the final PROWMP).

Construction Phase

3.1.2 The following roles will be established during the construction phase and are of relevance to the implementation of the PROWMP:

- **Principal Contractor** – This is a formal role established in the CDM Regulations (2015). The Principal Contractor will be appointed by the Applicant and will have responsibility for co-ordinating the construction phase of the Scheme.
- **Construction Project Manager** – The Principal Contractor will identify a Construction Project Manager who will have overall responsibility for implementation of the final PROWMP and all other DCO and legislative requirements.
- **Quality Manager** – The Quality Manager will have responsibility for quality assurance and compliance, document management and record keeping, inspections for quality control, management of risks, and process improvement related to quality control and assurance. For the final PROWMP, they will have responsibility for quality assurance of procedures and for management of documentation, records, and monitoring of the systems relating to the same.
- **Health and Safety Manager** – responsible for the monitoring and control of health and safety, and the rules and regulations arising from this.
- **Environmental Manager** – The Environmental Manager has responsibility for management of environmental matters related to the construction phase of the Scheme, including ensuring compliance with

legislation, ensuring that mitigation, management and monitoring measures are implemented, and that best practice is applied during works. The Environmental Manager will be a point of contact with environmental bodies and other third parties as required to perform their duties.

- **Environmental Clerk of Works** – The Environmental Clerk of Works (ECoW) will be a suitably qualified environmental manager responsible for on-site management and monitoring of environmental impacts;
- **Flood Warden** – The Flood Warden will be responsible for preparation, management, and response to flood incidents, inclusive of reacting to flood warnings and alerts.
- **Community Liaison Officer** – The Community Liaison Officer will ensure that the Community Liaison Group (CLG) is established and will be the point of contact for the CLG, ensuring that regular updates are issued during the construction of the Scheme.

3.1.3 These roles and responsibilities are indicative and will be confirmed in the final PROWMP.

Operational Phase

3.1.4 The following roles will be established during the operational phase and are of relevance to the implementation of the PROWMP:

- **Site Manager** – The Scheme Owner/Operator will identify a Site Manager who will have overall responsibility for implementation of the final PROWMP and all other DCO and legislative requirements.
- **Quality Manager** – The Quality Manager will have responsibility for quality assurance and compliance, document management and record keeping, inspections for quality control, management of risks, and process improvement related to quality control and assurance.
- **Environmental Manager** – The Environmental Manager has responsibility for management of environmental matters related to the operational phase of the Scheme, including ensuring compliance with legislation. The Environmental Manager will be a point of contact with

environmental bodies and other third parties as required to perform their duties.

- **Environmental Clerk of Works** – The Environmental Clerk of Works (ECoW) will be a suitably qualified environmental manager responsible for on-site management and monitoring of environmental impacts;
- **Community Liaison Officer** – The Community Liaison Officer will remain in place during the Operational Phase to ensure that the CLG has a regular point of contact to communicate any issues.

3.1.5 These roles and responsibilities are indicative and will be confirmed in the final PROWMP.

Decommissioning Phase

3.1.6 The following roles will be established during the decommissioning phase and are of relevance to the implementation of the PROWMP:

- **Principal Contractor** – This is a formal role established in the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (CDM Regulations 2015). The Principal Contractor will be appointed by BSSL Cambsbed 1 Ltd and will have responsibility for co-ordinating the decommissioning phase of the Scheme.
- **Decommissioning Project Manager** – The Principal Contractor will identify a Decommissioning Project Manager who will have overall responsibility for implementation of the DEMP, PROWMP and all other DCO and legislative requirements.
- **Quality Manager** – The Quality Manager will have responsibility for quality assurance and compliance, document management and record keeping, inspections for quality control, management of risks, and process improvement related to quality control and assurance.
- **Environmental Manager** – The Environmental Manager has responsibility for management of environmental matters related to the decommissioning phase of the Scheme, including ensuring compliance with legislation, ensuring that mitigation, management and monitoring

measures are implemented, and that best practice is applied during works. The Environmental Manager will be a point of contact with environmental bodies and other third parties as required to perform their duties.

- **Environmental Clerk of Works** – The Environmental Clerk of Works (ECoW) will be a suitably qualified environmental manager responsible for on-site management and monitoring of environmental impacts;
- **Community Liaison Officer** – The Community Liaison Officer will remain in place during the decommissioning phase to ensure that the CLG has a regular point of contact to communicate any issues.

3.1.7 These roles and responsibilities are indicative and will be confirmed in the final PROWMP.

3.2 Stakeholders

Community Liaison Group

3.2.1 As set out in the **outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN010141/DR/7.3]**, a CLG will be formed prior to construction and will continue through until ultimate decommissioning of the Scheme.

3.2.2 During all stages of the project lifecycle, the purpose of the CLG will be to allow interested community members and bodies to be updated on progress and activities. The CLG will allow local residents to raise issues with the Community Liaison Officer and to act as a forum to discuss relevant issues for the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Scheme. Membership will be open to the following non-exhaustive list of groups:

- Parish Councils;
- Local Businesses; and
- Local Community Groups.

4.0 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

4.1 Public Rights of Way (PRoW) within the Order limits

- 4.1.1 The PRoW that interact with the Order Limits, and therefore have the potential to be directly affected by it, have been identified using public rights of way information held by BBC and CCC.
- 4.1.2 The Scheme is likely to affect a total of 23 footpaths and 5 bridleways, as summarised in **Table 1**. This table also provides a brief summary of the anticipated impact of the Scheme during the construction phase on each of the PRoW routes. The descriptions set out within **Table 1** should be read in conjunction with the relevant sheets of the **Street Works, Rights of Way and Access Plan [EN010141/DR/2.4]**.

Table 1 – Construction Phase interactions with PRowS within the Order limits

Site Ref.	Highway Authority	PRow Reference	Type of Public Right of Way	Drawing Number(s) (Refer to Street Works, Rights of Way, and Access Plans [EN010141/DR/2.4])	Potential interaction with PRow
East Park Site A	Bedford Borough Council	Pertenhall 2 (a) Pertenhall 2 (b)	Footpath	Sheet 1 of 14 (3149-2.4-001)	A 10m section of the Pertenhall 2(a) footpath (north-west and south-east of Pertenhall Brook) will be used as a construction access road. As such it will be necessary to implement measures to avoid conflicts between users of the PRow and construction traffic (see Section 6.2). A single construction access crossing point will be required across the Pertenhall 2(b) footpath north-east of Pertenhall Brook. There will also be a need for a temporary localised diversion of the PRow to facilitate the installation of internal cabling.
East Park Site A	Bedford Borough Council	Pertenhall 10	Footpath	Sheet 1 of 14 (3149-2.4-001) Sheet 3 of 14 (3149-2.4-003)	No direct impact on PRow.
East Park Site A	Bedford Borough Council	Pertenhall 11	Footpath	Sheet 1 of 14 (3149-2.4-001) Sheet 3 of 14 (3149-2.4-003)	No direct impact on PRow.
East Park Site A	Bedford Borough Council	Pertenhall 17	Footpath	Sheet 1 of 14 (3149-2.4-001) Sheet 3 of 14 (3149-2.4-003)	No direct impact on PRow.

Site Ref.	Highway Authority	PRoW Reference	Type of Public Right of Way	Drawing Number(s) (Refer to Street Works, Rights of Way, and Access Plans [EN010141/DR/2.4])	Potential interaction with PRoW
East Park Site A	Bedford Borough Council	Pertenhall 18	Footpath	Sheet 1 of 14 (3149-2.4-001) Sheet 3 of 14 (3149-2.4-003)	A single construction access crossing point will be required across the Pertenhall 18 footpath (see Section 6.3). There will also be a need for the temporary localised diversion of the PRoW to facilitate the installation of internal cabling.
East Park Site A	Bedford Borough Council	Pertenhall 26	Bridleway	Sheet 1 of 14 (3149-2.4-001) Sheet 3 of 14 (3149-2.4-003)	A 350m section of the Pertenhall 26 bridleway will be used as a construction access road. As such it will be necessary to implement measures to avoid conflicts between users of the PRoW and construction traffic (see Section 6.4).
East Park Site A	Bedford Borough Council	Pertenhall 29	Footpath	Sheet 1 of 14 (3149-2.4-001) Sheet 3 of 14 (3149-2.4-003)	A 455m section of the Pertenhall 29 footpath will be used as a construction access road. As such it will be necessary to implement measures to avoid conflicts between users of the PRoW and construction traffic (see Section 6.5).
East Park Site A	Bedford Borough Council	Bolnhurst and Keysoe 32	Footpath	Sheet 1 of 14 (3149-2.4-001)	A 280m section of the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 32 footpath will run parallel to a construction access road. A single construction access crossing point will be required across the footpath. As such it will be necessary to implement measures to avoid conflicts between users of the PRoW and construction traffic (see Section 6.6).

Site Ref.	Highway Authority	PRoW Reference	Type of Public Right of Way	Drawing Number(s) (Refer to Street Works, Rights of Way, and Access Plans [EN010141/DR/2.4])	Potential interaction with PRoW
East Park Site A	Bedford Borough Council	Bolnhurst and Keysoe 34 (a) Bolnhurst and Keysoe 34 (b)	Footpath	Sheet 1 of 14 (3149-2.4-001) Sheet 2 of 14 (3149-2.4-002)	No direct impact on PRoW.
East Park Site A	Bedford Borough Council	Bolnhurst and Keysoe 35	Footpath	Sheet 3 of 14 (3149-2.4-003)	A single construction access crossing point will be required across the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 35 footpath (see Section 6.7). There will also be a need for the temporary localised diversion of the PRoW to facilitate the installation of internal cabling.
East Park Site A	Bedford Borough Council	Bolnhurst and Keysoe 37	Bridleway	Sheet 2 of 14 (3149-2.4-002) Sheet 3 of 14 (3149-2.4-003)	A 1,670m section of the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 37 bridleway will be used as a construction access road. There will also be 3no. construction access crossing points over this PRoW. As such it will be necessary to implement measures to avoid conflicts between users of the PRoW and construction traffic (see Section 6.8).
East Park Site A	Bedford Borough Council	Bolnhurst and Keysoe 40	Bridleway	Sheet 1 of 14 (3149-2.4-001) Sheet 2 of 14 (3149-2.4-002) Sheet 3 of 14 (3149-2.4-003)	A single construction access crossing point will be required across the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 40 bridleway (see Section 6.9). There will also be a need for the temporary localised diversion of the PRoW to facilitate the installation of internal cabling.

Site Ref.	Highway Authority	PRoW Reference	Type of Public Right of Way	Drawing Number(s) (Refer to Street Works, Rights of Way, and Access Plans [EN010141/DR/2.4])	Potential interaction with PRoW
					The final PROWMP will also consider whether any short, managed closures are required during specific works immediately adjoining the northern part of Bolnhurst and Keysoe 40 where safe passage cannot be maintained through signage, segregation, banksman control, communication protocols or localised diversion.
East Park Site A	Bedford Borough Council	Swineshead 15	Footpath	Sheet 2 of 14 (3149-2.4-002)	No direct impact on PRoW.
East Park Site B	Bedford Borough Council	Bolnhurst and Keysoe 13	Footpath	Sheet 3 of 14 (3149-2.4-003) Sheet 4 of 14 (3149-2.4-004)	A 670m section of the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 13 footpath will run parallel to a construction access road, with 3no. construction access crossing points. As such it will be necessary to implement measures to avoid conflicts between users of the PRoW and construction traffic (see Section 6.10).
East Park Site B	Bedford Borough Council	Bolnhurst and Keysoe 36	Footpath	Sheet 3 of 14 (3149-2.4-003) Sheet 4 of 14 (3149-2.4-004)	No direct impact on PRoW.
East Park Site B	Bedford Borough Council	Bolnhurst and Keysoe 47	Footpath	Sheet 4 of 14 (3149-2.4-004)	2no. construction access crossing points will be required across the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 47 footpath (see Section 6.11). There will also be a need for the temporary localised diversion of

Site Ref.	Highway Authority	PRoW Reference	Type of Public Right of Way	Drawing Number(s) (Refer to Street Works, Rights of Way, and Access Plans [EN010141/DR/2.4])	Potential interaction with PRoW
					the PRoW to facilitate the installation of internal cabling.
East Park Site B	Bedford Borough Council	Bolnhurst and Keysoe 112	Footpath	Sheet 4 of 14 (3149-2.4-004)	No direct impact on PRoW.
East Park Site B	Bedford Borough Council	Little Staughton 1	Footpath	Sheet 5 of 14 (3149-2.4-005) Sheet 7 of 14 (3149-2.4-007)	A single construction access crossing point will be required across the Little Staughton 1 footpath (see Section 6.12). There will also be a need for the temporary localised diversion of the PRoW to facilitate the installation of internal cabling.
East Park Site B	Bedford Borough Council	Little Staughton 3	Footpath	Sheet 6 of 14 (3149-2.4-006)	No direct impact on PRoW.
East Park Site B	Bedford Borough Council	Little Staughton 4	Footpath	Sheet 4 of 14 (3149-2.4-004) Sheet 6 of 14 (3149-2.4-006)	A 150m section of the Little Staughton 4 footpath will be used as a construction access road. There will also be 2no. construction access crossing points over this PRoW. As such it will be necessary to implement measures to avoid conflicts between users of the PRoW and construction traffic (see Section 6.13).

Site Ref.	Highway Authority	PRoW Reference	Type of Public Right of Way	Drawing Number(s) (Refer to Street Works, Rights of Way, and Access Plans [EN010141/DR/2.4])	Potential interaction with PRoW
East Park Site B	Bedford Borough Council	Little Staughton 8	Footpath	Sheet 4 of 14 (3149-2.4-004) Sheet 5 of 14 (3149-2.4-005) Sheet 6 of 14 (3149-2.4-006)	A single construction access crossing point will be required across the Little Staughton 8 footpath (see Section 6.14).
East Park Site B	Bedford Borough Council	Little Staughton 10	Footpath	Sheet 6 of 14 (3149-2.4-006)	No direct impact on PRoW.
East Park Site B	Bedford Borough Council	Little Staughton 11	Footpath	Sheet 6 of 14 (3149-2.4-006)	No direct impact on PRoW.
East Park Site B	Bedford Borough Council	Little Staughton 26	Footpath	Sheet 3 of 14 (3149-2.4-003)	A single construction access crossing point will be required across the Little Staughton 26 footpath (see Section 6.15).
East Park Site B	Bedford Borough Council	Bolnhurst and Keysoe 50	Footpath	Sheet 4 of 14 (3149-2.4-004) Sheet 6 of 14 (3149-2.4-006)	No direct impact on PRoW.
East Park Site C	Cambridgeshire County Council	Great Staughton 213/2	Footpath	Sheet 7 of 14 (3149-2.4-007) Sheet 8 of 14 (3149-2.4-008) Sheet 9 of 14 (3149-2.4-009)	2no. construction access crossing points will be required across Great Staughton footpath 213/2 (see Section 6.16). There will also be a need for the temporary localised diversion of the PRoW to facilitate the installation of internal cabling.

Site Ref.	Highway Authority	PRoW Reference	Type of Public Right of Way	Drawing Number(s) (Refer to Street Works, Rights of Way, and Access Plans [EN010141/DR/2.4])	Potential interaction with PRoW
East Park Site C	Cambridgeshire County Council	Great Staughton 213/1	Footpath	Sheet 9 of 14 (3149-2.4-009)	No direct impact on PRoW.
East Park Site C	Cambridgeshire County Council	Great Staughton 212/23	Footpath	Sheet 9 of 14 (3149-2.4-009)	No direct impact on PRoW.
East Park Site C	Cambridgeshire County Council	Great Staughton 213/28	Footpath	Sheet 8 of 14 (3149-2.4-008)	No direct impact on PRoW.
East Park Site D	Cambridgeshire County Council	Hail Weston 112/7	Bridleway	Sheet 10 of 14 (3149-2.4-010) Sheet 11 of 14 (3149-2.4-011)	A 280m section of Hail Weston bridleway 112/7 will be used as a construction access road. There will also be a single construction access crossing point over this PRoW. As such it will be necessary to implement measures to avoid conflicts between users of the PRoW and construction traffic (see Section 6.17). There will also be a need for the temporary localised diversion of the PRoW to facilitate the installation of internal cabling.
East Park Site D	Cambridgeshire County Council	Hail Weston 112/8	Footpath	Sheet 10 of 14 (3149-2.4-010) Sheet 11 of 14 (3149-2.4-011)	A 410m section of Hail Weston footpath 112/8 will be used as a construction access road. As such it will be necessary to implement measures to avoid conflicts between users of the PRoW and construction traffic (see Section 6.18). There will also be a need for the temporary localised diversion of the PRoW to facilitate the installation of internal cabling.

Site Ref.	Highway Authority	PRoW Reference	Type of Public Right of Way	Drawing Number(s) (Refer to Street Works, Rights of Way, and Access Plans [EN010141/DR/2.4])	Potential interaction with PRoW
East Park Site D	Cambridgeshire County Council	Hail Weston 112/5	Footpath	Sheet 11 of 14 (3149-2.4-011)	No direct impact on PRoW.
Grid Connection					A single construction access crossing point will be required across Hail Weston footpath 112/5 (see Section 6.19).
Grid Connection	Bedford Borough Council	Staploe 16	Footpath	Sheet 12 of 14 (3149-2.4-012)	A single construction access crossing point will be required across the Staploe 16 footpath (see Section 6.20).
Grid Connection	Bedford Borough Council	Staploe 4	Footpath	Sheet 13 of 14 (3149-2.4-006)	A single construction access crossing point will be required across the Staploe 4 footpath (see Section 6.21).
Grid Connection	Bedford Borough Council	Staploe 8A	Footpath	Sheet 14 of 14 (3149-2.4-014)	A single construction access crossing point will be required across the Staploe 8A footpath (see Section 6.22). There will also be a need for the temporary localised diversion of the PRoW to facilitate the installation of internal cabling.
Grid Connection	Bedford Borough Council	Staploe 8	Footpath	Sheet 14 of 14 (3149-2.4-014)	No direct impact on PRoW.

5.0 APPROACH

5.1 Description of Proposed Management Methods

General Provisions

5.1.1 The DCO will grant a number of necessary powers to manage and alter the PRoW network within the Order Limits as follows:

- Subject to the consultation with the relevant street authority and provided access is maintained for pedestrians going to or from premises abutting a PRoW affected by temporary stopping up, prohibition, restriction, alteration or diversion, article 15 (temporary stopping up of streets and public rights of way) of the **draft DCO [EN010141/DR/3.1]** provides powers to the undertaker to:
 - Temporarily stop up, prohibit the use of, authorise the use of, restrict the use of, alter or divert the PRoW specified in the table in Part 1 of Schedule 6 to the draft DCO; and
 - Use any PRoW which is within the Order Limits has been temporarily stopped up under article 15 as temporary working site.
- Article 15 also provides general powers to the undertaker to temporarily stop up, prohibit the use of, restrict the use of, authorise the use of, alter or divert any street or public right of way, to divert the traffic or a class of traffic from the street or public right of way for any reasonable time, and prevent all persons from passing along the street or public right of way for any reasonable time. These general powers are subject to the undertaker first obtaining the consent of the relevant street authority and require that access is maintained for pedestrians going to or from premises abutting the affected street or public right of way.
- As set out in Requirement 11 in Schedule 2 of the draft DCO, before any phase of the Scheme may commence or decommissioning is undertaken a PROWMP (which must be substantially in accordance with this oPROWMP) for any sections of public rights of way shown to be temporarily stopped up or diverted must be submitted to and approved by

the relevant planning authority, in consultation with the relevant highway authority, and must be implemented as approved.

- 5.1.2 The Applicant is committed to minimising disruption to the public along the PRow network wherever possible, but this needs to be balanced with the Applicant's commitment to safety during the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Scheme. The management measure for each PRow interface will be selected through a site-specific and task-specific risk assessment, applying the hierarchy in paragraph 5.1.5. Safe and convenient passage will be maintained wherever reasonably practicable. A temporary managed closure, full closure or diversion will only be used where lesser controls cannot maintain the safety of PRow users.
- 5.1.3 This oPROWMP has sought to retain access for the public through phasing / timing of works and implementation of mitigation measures based on the current understanding and assumptions of the Scheme. The relevant final PROWMP will be developed before the phase to which it relates and approved by the relevant local planning authority, in consultation with the relevant local highway authority. It will include PRow usage surveys where required. Any alternative approach to PRow management emerging through detailed design will be subject to approval in accordance with Requirements 11 or 21 of the draft DCO [EN010141/DR/3.1].

Proposed Management and Mitigation Measures

- 5.1.4 The specific mitigation measures proposed for each of the PRow routes affected by the Scheme are described in the following sections, and illustrated in the **Street Works, Rights of Way, and Access Plan [EN010141/DR/2.4]**. Where construction vehicles will travel along a PRow and PRow users will be placed on a temporary diversion, the indicative alignment of the diversion is shown in **Appendix A**. The drawings in Appendix A show the indicative diversion alignments only. Details of the width, surfacing, fencing, signage, timeframes and other management measures will be set out in the final

PROWMP for approval by the relevant local planning authority in consultation with the relevant local highway authority.

5.1.5 The proposed management and mitigation measures comprise a combination of route retained open with local controls, short managed closure during the relevant activity, and temporary full closure with an approved diversion. These will follow the hierarchy of actions set out below:

- Where it is considered safe to do so, PRow routes within the Order limits will remain open, with appropriate signage to warn of the presence of Scheme vehicles, and to warn drivers of the presence of walkers, cyclists or other non-motorised users. This will include the provision of managed crossing points where necessary where the PRow routes intersect with access tracks;
- Implementation of managed, short, temporary closures where Scheme activities might affect the safety of PRow users during the applicable approved working hours, but the PRow can otherwise remain open outside of these hours; and
- When it is not considered safe to keep PRow open during the relevant works using managed, short, temporary closures, temporary full closures will be implemented, with appropriate PRow diversion routes provided.

5.1.6 Any temporary diversion or managed closure will be limited to the area and period reasonably required for the relevant activity. Work at a PRow interface will be phased and sequenced to minimise the duration of any diversion or managed closure. Any signage, fencing, barriers, banksman control, managed crossing, temporary closure or diversion required by the approved PROWMP will be installed before the relevant interaction begins.

5.1.7 Each affected PRow, crossing or diversion will be inspected before it is first brought into use, at the start of each working day while the relevant interaction or temporary control remains in place, and following completion of the relevant work. Inspections will cover the route surface, temporary fencing,

signage, barriers, crossing controls and whether the approved route remains safely available.

- 5.1.8 Any obstruction, damage, route defect, near miss or complaint will be recorded in the relevant phase record-keeping system. Any safety defect will be made safe immediately and the affected activity will not continue until safe passage has been restored or an approved alternative arrangement has been implemented.

Equestrian Users

- 5.1.9 Where plant or vehicle movements use, cross or operate immediately adjacent to a bridleway or another route available for equestrian use, equestrian users will be given priority. Drivers, and banksmen where deployed, will stop and hold plant and vehicle movements until the equestrian user has safely cleared the immediate works interface. Any route-specific separation distances, banksman arrangements and communication procedures identified in the approved PROWMP will be implemented and included in driver briefings and site inductions.
- 5.1.10 Where required by the applicable Construction Noise Management Plan, Operational Noise Management Plan, Decommissioning Noise Management Plan or task-specific risk assessment, non-essential noisy activity will be paused or reduced while an equestrian user passes the immediate works interface.

Technical Standards

- 5.1.11 The final PROWMP for each relevant phase will include a schedule for every PRoW directly affected by Scheme works or traffic. The schedule will identify the PRoW reference and lawful user group, definitive or otherwise agreed working width, existing surface and condition, the nature and duration of the proposed interaction, any surfacing, fencing, drainage, signage, crossing or route-furniture works, and the proposed reinstatement standard.

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- 5.1.12 Where a PRow crosses grassland, a clear route will be maintained to a minimum width of 2m for a footpath and 4m for a bridleway, or to the definitive width where that is wider. Vegetation within the maintained route will not exceed 150mm. Where no definitive width is recorded, the final PROWMP will identify the width to be maintained for management purposes following consultation with the relevant highway authority, without prejudicing the legal width or status of the route.
- 5.1.13 Existing earth and grass surfaces will be maintained in a condition suitable for the user group in normal seasonal conditions. Existing aggregate or metalled surfaces will be repaired using materials consistent with the existing route unless an alternative specification is approved as part of the final PROWMP.
- 5.1.14 Any temporary diversion will provide a reasonably even, unobstructed and safely usable route appropriate to the lawful user group. Unless otherwise agreed with the relevant highway authority, a temporary pedestrian only diversion will have a minimum usable width of 2m and a temporary bridleway diversion will have a minimum usable width of 4m.

Surfacing and Reinstatement of PRow

- 5.1.15 Before Scheme works or Scheme traffic first directly affect a PRow during each relevant phase, the relevant section will be subject to a condition survey. The survey will record, as applicable, the route alignment, apparent or recorded width, surface type and condition, drainage, rutting, ponding, vegetation encroachment, gates, stiles, signs, waymarking and other route furniture, supported by dated photographs.
- 5.1.16 A further survey will be undertaken following completion of the relevant works and removal of temporary controls. Any damage clearly attributable to the Scheme will be repaired so that the route is returned to no worse than its pre-work functional condition, or to the alternative approved specification where betterment has expressly been agreed. Survey, repair and sign-off records will be retained by the Environmental Manager.

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- 5.1.17 Where the implementation of the final PROWMP requires any change to the surfacing of a public right of way (including, but not limited to, surface protection, surfacing to facilitate a diversion, surface strengthening where a PROW is used as a construction access route, and reinstatement following trenching/crossings), the final PROWMP submitted pursuant to Requirement 11 must include full details of such surfacing works.
- 5.1.18 The surfacing details must be submitted to and agreed by the relevant planning authority as part of the final PROWMP, in consultation with the relevant highway authority, and must be implemented as approved.
- 5.1.19 The surfacing details to be agreed must include the location and extent of the surfacing change, the surfacing specification and method of installation, any measures required to maintain safe passage for PROW users during the works, and the method and timing of reinstatement (including confirmation of the standard to which the PROW will be reinstated).

Signage and Information

- 5.1.20 At all points where PROW routes intersect with the Scheme, appropriate signage and information will be provided to inform PROW users of the management procedures which are in place. At every Scheme vehicle crossing of a PROW, signs will inform drivers that they must give way to PROW users.
- 5.1.21 Signage will also, where applicable, provide information on any alternative routes or temporary diversions. The location and details of the signs will be set out in the final PROWMP submitted for approval by the relevant local planning authority, in consultation with the relevant highway authority.
- 5.1.22 Information signs detailing works and giving the project Community Liaison Officer's contact number details will be maintained across the Site during construction.
- 5.1.23 The **draft DCO [EN010141/DR/3.1]** provides the undertaker with powers to authorise the permanent (for the lifetime of the authorised development only)

use of motor vehicles on the public rights of way defined in Part 2 of Schedule 6 to the draft DCO. Subject to the need to obtain the consent of the street authority, it also contains a general power for the undertaker to authorise the use of motor vehicles on streets and public rights of way temporarily under article 15(1)(b). When exercising these powers, the Applicant will ensure that appropriate signage is erected to warn PRow users that motor vehicles may also be using the PRow.

Site Construction Staff Safety Notifications

- 5.1.24 All site personnel, including new and temporary personnel, will be briefed on the applicable PRow management procedures, the locations at which members of the public may be encountered, and the controls required to protect PRow users.

6.0 MANAGEMENT OF PROW DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE

6.1 Overview

- 6.1.1 The following section details the proposed procedures to be implemented during the construction phase to control the interface between PRow users and construction traffic and operations.
- 6.1.2 The specific management procedures that are proposed during the construction phase for each of the impacted PRow routes are described below. These descriptions should be read in conjunction with the relevant sheets of the **Street Works, Rights of Way, and Access Plan [EN010141/DR/2.4]**.
- 6.1.3 The general measures for equestrian users set out in paragraphs 5.1.9 and 5.1.10 will apply to all relevant route-specific arrangements described below.
- 6.1.4 Unless there is an existing defensible barrier (e.g. hedgerow, ditch or existing stock fence), safety fencing (potentially in the form of the final perimeter fencing) will be erected along sections of PRow which run through the Site, and which are contiguous with the construction area.

6.2 Bedford Pertenhall 2 (Footpath 2)

- 6.2.1 The Pertenhall 2 footpath crosses the Site within the northern parcel of Site A to the west of Chadwell End. Immediately to the west of Chadwell End the PRow takes two separate paths, both labelled as Pertenhall 2. One (referred to here as Pertenhall 2(a)) runs along the southern side of Pertenhall Brook as far as the northern end of the Pertenhall 29 footpath, before crossing the brook and continuing along the northern side. A separate path (referred to here as Pertenhall 2(b)) runs west from Chadwell End along the northern side of Pertenhall Brook. This section runs largely outside of the Order Limits apart from an approximately 40m at its western end.

- 6.2.2 A landscaped buffer zone is proposed to preserve the existing routes of the PRoW within the Order Limits, and there will be no direct impact from construction traffic along this PRoW for the majority of the construction period. However, approximately 10m of the Pertenhall 2(a) footpath where it crosses the Pertenhall Brook will be used by construction traffic. A single crossing point will also be required across the Pertenhall 2(b) footpath.
- 6.2.3 The section of site access track which impacts on the Pertenhall 2 footpath only serves the northernmost parcel of Site A. As such, the frequency of construction traffic along this route will be relatively low for the majority of the construction period.
- 6.2.4 It is therefore proposed that 'stop' and 'give way' signage will be placed along the PRoW in the vicinity of the Pertenhall Brook crossing (Point 1 on Sheet 1) to advise drivers of the presence of PRoW users, as well as warning signage for PRoW users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic.
- 6.2.5 A banksman will be deployed at Point 1:
- during periods when successive HGV or other large construction vehicle or plant movements are using the affected section of the PRoW;
 - where works reduce the available route width or visibility between drivers and PRoW users; or
 - where the task-specific risk assessment identifies that the movement cannot be safely managed through signage and driver stop-and-hold arrangements alone.
- 6.2.6 Where deployed, the banksman will control plant and vehicle movements and ensure that PRoW users are given priority until they have safely cleared the affected section.
- 6.2.7 There will also be a need to protect PRoW users during the installation of internal cabling. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRoW route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in narrow sections. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be

erected to protect the works area. During this period PRow users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRow alignment) around the works site.

6.3 Bedford Pertenhall 18 (Footpath 18)

- 6.3.1 The Pertenhall 18 footpath runs generally outside of the Site area. As such, there will be no direct impact from construction traffic along this PRow for the majority of the construction period. However, a single crossing point will be required across the Pertenhall 18 footpath.
- 6.3.2 The site access track at this crossing point comprises an existing farm access road, and as such the PRow already crosses a route used on a regular basis by large agricultural vehicles. There is good visibility of the PRow crossing point for both drivers and PRow users.
- 6.3.3 Since there will be an increase in the volume of traffic using the existing access road during the construction phase it is proposed that warning signage will be placed on each side of the PRow crossing (Point 5 on Sheets 1 and 3) to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users, and for PRow users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic.
- 6.3.4 There will also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of internal cabling. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRow route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in narrow sections. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRow users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRow alignment) around the works site.

6.4 Bedford Pertenhall 26 (Bridleway 26)

- 6.4.1 The Pertenhall 26 bridleway comprises a length of approximately 350m, which connects to the northern end of the Bolnhurst and Keysoe Bridleway 40. The full length of this will be used as a construction access road, with

construction vehicles required to travel along the PRow. As such, it will be necessary to implement measures to avoid conflicts between users of the PRow and construction traffic.

- 6.4.2 The site access track along the Pertenhall 26 bridleway comprises an existing farm access road, and as such the PRow already follows a route used on a regular basis by large agricultural vehicles.
- 6.4.3 It is proposed that PRow users will be protected through the provision of a temporary (construction phase) PRow diversion. This will run through the field immediately adjacent to the north of the existing alignment of the PRow between Point 33 on Sheets 1 and 3 and Point 4 on Sheet 1. PRow users would be segregated from construction traffic by the existing hedgerow, supplemented by temporary fencing. The indicative alignment of the temporary diversion is shown on Figure 2 in **Appendix A**.
- 6.4.4 The temporary PRow alignment will then cross the access track at Point 4 on Sheet 1 and continue along the temporary PRow diversion proposed for the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 37 bridleway (see Section 6.8).
- 6.4.5 The northern end of the access road between Point 3 and 33 on Sheets 1 and 3 comprises a width of approximately 15m along the impacted section of the PRow, and as such there is sufficient width for PRow users to safely pass vehicles approaching in the opposite direction. Temporary fencing will be provided to segregate PRow users from construction traffic along this section of the PRow.
- 6.4.6 Banksman will be deployed at Points 3 and 4 during any period when:
- the frequency of vehicle movements means that more than one vehicle may be present on the affected section at the same time;
 - temporary works reduce the available width, passing space or visibility along the route; or
 - the task-specific risk assessment identifies that active control is required to maintain safe passage for equestrian or other PRow users.

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- 6.4.7 The banksmen will communicate with each other and with drivers to control entry to the affected section, prevent conflicting vehicle movements, and ensure that equestrian and other PRow users are given priority. They will stop and hold plant and vehicle movements as necessary to secure compliance with the separation and waiting arrangements in paragraph 6.4.7.
- 6.4.8 Warning signage will be placed at each end of the impacted route of the PRow to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users, and for PRow users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic. Warning signage will also be provided to alert drivers that equestrian users could be using the route. Directional signage will also be provided at each end of the affected section to clearly identify the temporary diversion available to PRow users.
- 6.4.9 Equestrian users will be given right of way when using Pertenhall 26 bridleway. If a vehicle using Pertenhall 26 bridleway is approaching behind an equestrian user, the HGV driver must maintain a gap of minimum 50m to the equestrian user (or 100m where visibility allows), which will be signed at each end of the route. If a vehicle using Pertenhall 26 bridleway meets an oncoming equestrian user, the vehicle must come to a stop no less than 50m from the equestrian user and wait for the user to safely pass, which will also be signed at each end of the route. Temporary marker posts will be installed at 50m intervals along the route such that drivers have a visual aid to judge a 50m separation.
- 6.4.10 No Scheme vehicle movements will take place along the affected PRow outside the approved working hours unless otherwise approved through the applicable CEMP and PROWMP approval procedures. Outside construction hours, there will be free use of the Pertenhall 26 bridleway by all PRow users. Where a temporary diversion remains installed, users will also be able to continue to use that diversion until it has been formally withdrawn. Signage will be provided to inform PRow users of the construction hours.
- 6.4.11 There may also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of internal cabling. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRow

route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in narrow sections. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRoW users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRoW alignment) around the works site.

6.5 Bedford Pertenhall 29 (Footpath 29)

- 6.5.1 The Pertenhall 29 footpath comprises a length of approximately 455m. The full length of this will be used as a construction access road, with construction vehicles required to travel along the PRoW. As such, it will be necessary to implement measures to avoid conflicts between users of the PRoW and construction traffic.
- 6.5.2 The route of the PRoW runs through open fields. As such, it is proposed that PRoW users will be protected through the provision of a temporary PRoW diversion. This will run through the field immediately adjacent to the existing alignment of the PRoW between Point 1 on Sheet 1 and Point 2 on Sheets 1 and 3. Temporary fencing will be provided to segregate PRoW users from construction traffic. The indicative alignment of the temporary diversion is shown on Figure 1 in **Appendix A**.
- 6.5.3 Warning signage will be placed at each end of the impacted route of the PRoW to advise drivers of the presence of PRoW users, and for PRoW users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic. Directional signage will also be provided at each end of the affected section to clearly identify the temporary diversion available to PRoW users.
- 6.5.4 No Scheme vehicle movements will take place along the affected PRoW outside the approved working hours unless otherwise approved through the applicable CEMP and PROWMP approval procedures. Outside construction hours, there will be free use of the Pertenhall 29 footpath by all PRoW users. Where a temporary diversion remains installed, users will also be able to continue to use that diversion until it has been formally withdrawn. Signage

will be provided to inform PRow users of the construction hours, and that the temporary diversion must be used by PRow users during construction hours.

- 6.5.5 There may also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of internal cabling. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRow route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in narrow sections. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRow users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRow alignment) around the works site.

6.6 Bolnhurst and Keysoe 32 (Footpath 32)

- 6.6.1 The Bolnhurst and Keysoe 32 footpath crosses the Site within the northern parcel of Site A to the west of Green End. A landscaped buffer zone is proposed to preserve the existing route of the PRow. A section of access track will run parallel to the route of the PRow for a distance of approximately 280m, although this will be segregated from the PRow, with temporary fencing erected during the construction phase to prevent PRow users from venturing onto the access track. As such, there will be no direct impact from construction traffic along this PRow for the majority of the construction period. However, a single crossing point will be required across the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 32 footpath.
- 6.6.2 The route of the impacted section of the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 32 footpath runs through open fields and there is good visibility of the PRow crossing point for both drivers and PRow users.
- 6.6.3 As such it is proposed that 'stop' and 'give way' signage will be placed on each side of the PRow crossing point (Point 6 on Sheet 1) to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users, as well as warning signage for PRow users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic.
- 6.6.4 There may also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of internal cabling. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRow

route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in narrow sections. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRoW users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRoW alignment) around the works site.

6.7 Bolnhurst and Keysoe 35 (Footpath 35)

- 6.7.1 The Bolnhurst and Keysoe 35 footpath crosses the Site to the eastern side of Site A. A landscaped buffer zone is proposed to preserve the existing route of the PRoW, and there will be no direct impact from construction traffic along this PRoW for the majority of the construction period. However, a single crossing point will be required across the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 35 footpath.
- 6.7.2 The route of the impacted section of the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 35 footpath runs through open fields and there is good visibility of the PRoW crossing point for both drivers and PRoW users.
- 6.7.3 As such it is proposed that 'stop' and 'give way' signage will be placed on each side of the PRoW crossing point (Point 11 on Sheet 3) to advise drivers of the presence of PRoW users, as well as warning signage for PRoW users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic.
- 6.7.4 There may also be a need to protect PRoW users during the installation of internal cabling. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRoW route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in narrow sections. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRoW users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRoW alignment) around the works site.

6.8 Bolnhurst and Keysoe 37 (Bridleway 37)

- 6.8.1 A 1,670m section of the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 37 bridleway will be used as a construction access road, with construction vehicles required to travel along

the PRow. As such, it will be necessary to implement measures to avoid conflicts between users of the PRow and construction traffic.

- 6.8.2 It is proposed that PRow users will be protected through the provision of a temporary PRow diversion. This will run in a south-westerly direction along an existing access track between Point 4 on Sheet 3, and Point 7 on Sheet 2. The temporary PRow alignment will then join the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 40 Bridleway between Point 7 and Point 8 on Sheet 2, before continuing immediately adjacent to the south of the existing alignment between Point 8 and Point 9 on Sheet 2. Temporary fencing will be provided to segregate PRow users from construction traffic along this section of the temporary diversion. The indicative alignment of the temporary diversion is shown on Figure 2 in **Appendix A**.
- 6.8.3 There will also be a need for a further 2no. crossing points across the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 37 bridleway at Points 8 and 10 on Sheet 2.
- 6.8.4 Warning signage will be placed at each end of the impacted route of the PRow and at each side of the PRow crossing points to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users, and for PRow users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic. Warning signage will also be provided to alert drivers that equestrian users could be using the route, and to come to a stop when horses are passing. Directional signage will also be provided at each end of the affected section to clearly identify the temporary diversion available to PRow users.
- 6.8.5 Whilst equestrian users will be temporarily diverted into the field edge adjacent to the construction access road, if an HGV using Bolnhurst and Keysoe 37 bridleway is approaching behind an equestrian user, the HGV driver must maintain a gap of minimum 50m (or 100m where visibility allows) to the equestrian user, which will be signed at each end of the route. If an HGV using Bolnhurst and Keysoe 37 bridleway meets an oncoming equestrian user, the vehicle must come to a stop no less than 50m from the equestrian user and wait for the user to safely pass, which will also be signed

at each end of the route. Temporary marker posts will be installed at 50m intervals along the route such that drivers have a visual aid to judge a 50m separation.

- 6.8.6 No Scheme vehicle movements will take place along the affected PRow outside the approved working hours unless otherwise approved through the applicable CEMP and PROWMP approval procedures. Outside construction hours, there will be free use of the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 37 bridleway by all PRow users. Where a temporary diversion remains installed, users will also be able to continue to use that diversion until it has been formally withdrawn. Signage will be provided to inform PRow users of the construction hours, and that the temporary diversion must be used by PRow users during construction hours.
- 6.8.7 There may also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of internal cabling. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRow route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in narrow sections. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRow users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRow alignment) around the works site.

6.9 Bolnhurst and Keysoe 40 (Bridleway 40)

- 6.9.1 The Bolnhurst and Keysoe 40 bridleway crosses the Site to the western side of Site A. A landscaped buffer zone is proposed to preserve the existing route of the PRow, and there will be no direct impact from construction traffic along this PRow for the majority of the construction period. However, a single crossing point will be required across the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 40 bridleway.
- 6.9.2 As such it is proposed that 'stop' and 'give way' signage will be placed on each side of the PRow crossing point (Point 8 on Sheet 2) to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users, as well as warning signage for PRow users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic.

6.9.3 The requirement for a banksman at Point 8 will be determined by reference to the detailed construction programme and the assessed risk interface at the crossing. A banksman will be deployed at Point 8:

- during periods when successive HGV or other large construction vehicle or plant movements are using the affected section of the PRow;
- where the frequency of vehicle movements means that more than one vehicle may be present on the affected section at the same time;
- where temporary works reduce the available width, passing space or visibility along the route; or
- where the task-specific risk assessment identifies that the movement cannot be safely managed through signage and driver stop-and-hold arrangements alone.

6.9.4 The banksman will marshal vehicle movements, communicate with drivers and PRow users as necessary, and ensure that equestrian and other PRow users are given priority until they have safely passed through the crossing area.

6.9.5 There may also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of internal cabling. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRow route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in narrow sections. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRow users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRow alignment) around the works site.

6.10 Bolnhurst and Keysoe 13 (Footpath 13)

6.10.1 The Bolnhurst and Keysoe 13 footpath crosses the Site to the western side of Site B. A landscaped buffer zone is proposed to preserve the existing route of the PRow. A section of access track will run parallel to the route of the PRow for a distance of approximately 670m, although this will be segregated from the PRow, with temporary fencing erected during the construction phase

to prevent PRow users from venturing onto the access track. As such, there will be no direct impact from construction traffic along this PRow for the majority of the construction period. However, three separate crossing points will be required across the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 13 footpath.

- 6.10.2 The route of the impacted section of the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 13 footpath runs through open fields and there is good visibility of the PRow crossing point for both drivers and PRow users.
- 6.10.3 As such it is proposed that 'stop' and 'give way' signage will be placed on each side of the PRow crossing points (Point 13 on Sheet 3 and Sheet 4, Point 14 on Sheet 4 and Point 15 on Sheet 4) to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users, as well as for PRow users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic.
- 6.10.4 There may also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of internal cabling. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRow route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in narrow sections. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRow users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRow alignment) around the works site.

6.11 Bolnhurst and Keysoe 47 (Footpath 47)

- 6.11.1 The Bolnhurst and Keysoe 47 footpath crosses the Site from east to west centrally within Site B. A landscaped buffer zone is proposed to preserve the existing route of the PRow, and there will be no direct impact from construction traffic along this PRow for the majority of the construction period. However, two crossing points will be required where access tracks cross the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 47 footpath.
- 6.11.2 The route of the impacted section of the Bolnhurst and Keysoe 47 footpath runs through open fields and there is good visibility of the PRow crossing point for both drivers and PRow users.

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- 6.11.3 As such it is proposed that 'stop' and 'give way' signage will be placed on each side of the PRow crossing points (Point 16 and Point 17 on Sheet 4) to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users, as well as warning signage for PRow users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic. Temporary fencing will be provided to segregate PRow users from construction activities as required.
- 6.11.4 There may also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of internal cabling. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRow route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in narrow sections. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRow users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRow alignment) around the works site.

6.12 Little Staughton 1 (Footpath 1)

- 6.12.1 The Little Staughton 1 footpath crosses the Site to the eastern side of Site B. A landscaped buffer zone is proposed to preserve the existing route of the PRow, and there will be no direct impact from construction traffic along this PRow for the majority of the construction period. However, a single crossing point will be required across the Little Staughton 1 footpath.
- 6.12.2 The route of the impacted section of the Little Staughton 1 footpath runs through open fields and there is good visibility of the PRow crossing point for both drivers and PRow users.
- 6.12.3 As such it is proposed that 'stop' and 'give way' signage will be placed on each side of the PRow crossing point (Point 23 on Sheet 5 and Sheet 7) to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users, as well as warning signage for PRow users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic.
- 6.12.4 There may also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of internal cabling. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRow route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in narrow sections. While

cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRow users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRow alignment) around the works site.

6.13 Little Staughton 4 (Footpath 4)

- 6.13.1 The Little Staughton 4 footpath crosses the Site to the southern side of Site B. A section of the PRow measuring approximately 150m between Point 19 and Point 20 on Sheet 6 will be used as a construction access road, with construction vehicles required to travel along the PRow. As such, it will be necessary to implement measures to avoid conflicts between PRow users and construction traffic.
- 6.13.2 The route of the PRow runs through open fields. PRow users will be protected through the provision of a temporary PRow diversion. This will run through the field immediately adjacent to the west of the existing alignment of the PRow between Point 19 and Point 20 on Sheet 6. Temporary fencing will be provided to segregate PRow users from construction traffic. The indicative alignment of the temporary diversion is shown on Figure 3 in **Appendix A**.
- 6.13.3 There will also be two construction access crossing points across the Little Staughton 4 footpath at Point 21 and Point 22 on Sheet 6. There is good visibility of the crossing points for both drivers and PRow users.
- 6.13.4 Warning signage will be placed at each end of the affected section of the PRow and on each side of the crossing points to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users and to advise PRow users of the presence of construction traffic. Directional signage will also be provided at each end of the affected section to clearly identify the temporary diversion available to PRow users.
- 6.13.5 No Scheme vehicle movements will take place along the affected PRow outside the approved working hours unless otherwise approved through the applicable CEMP and PROWMP approval procedures. Outside construction

hours, there will be free use of the Little Staughton 4 footpath by all PRow users. Where the temporary diversion remains installed, users will also be able to continue to use that diversion until it has been formally withdrawn. Signage will be provided to inform PRow users of the construction hours, and that the temporary diversion must be used by PRow users during construction hours.

- 6.13.6 There may also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of internal cabling. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRow route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in narrow sections. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRow users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRow alignment) around the works site.

6.14 Little Staughton 8 (Footpath 8)

- 6.14.1 The Little Staughton 8 footpath crosses the Site from east to west centrally within Site B. A landscaped buffer zone is proposed to preserve the existing route of the PRow, and there will be no direct impact from construction traffic along this PRow for the majority of the construction period. However, a single crossing point will be required across the Little Staughton 8 footpath.
- 6.14.2 It is proposed that 'stop' and 'give way' signage will be placed on each side of the PRow crossing point (Point 18 on Sheet 4, Sheet 5 and Sheet 6) to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users, as well as warning signage for PRow users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic.
- 6.14.3 There may also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of internal cabling. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRow route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in narrow sections. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRow users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRow alignment) around the works site.

6.15 Little Staughton 26 (Footpath 26)

- 6.15.1 The Little Staughton 26 footpath crosses the Site to the western side of Site B. A landscaped buffer zone is proposed to preserve the existing route of the PRoW, and there will be no direct impact from construction traffic along this PRoW for the majority of the construction period. However, a single crossing point will be required across the Little Staughton 26 footpath.
- 6.15.2 The route of the impacted section of the Little Staughton 26 footpath runs through an open field and there is good visibility of the PRoW crossing point for both drivers and PRoW users.
- 6.15.3 As such it is proposed that ‘stop’ and ‘give way’ signage will be placed on each side of the PRoW crossing point (Point 12 on Sheet 3) to advise drivers of the presence of PRoW users, as well as warning signage for PRoW users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic.
- 6.15.4 There may also be a need to protect PRoW users during the installation of internal cabling. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRoW route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in narrow sections. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRoW users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRoW alignment) around the works site.

6.16 Great Staughton 2 (Footpath 213/2)

- 6.16.1 The Great Staughton footpath 213/2 runs along the western edge of Site C. A landscaped buffer zone is proposed to preserve the existing route of the PRoW, and there will be no direct impact from construction traffic along this PRoW for the majority of the construction period. However, 2no. crossing points in close proximity to each other will be required across the Great Staughton footpath 213/2.

- 6.16.2 The route of the impacted section of the Great Staughton footpath 213/2 runs through open fields and there is good visibility of the PRow crossing points for both drivers and PRow users.
- 6.16.3 As such it is proposed that 'stop' and 'give way' signage will be placed on each side of the PRow crossing points (Point 24 on Sheet 7 and Sheet 8) to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users, as well as warning signage for PRow users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic.
- 6.16.4 There may also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of internal cabling. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRow route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in narrow sections. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRow users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRow alignment) around the works site.

6.17 Hail Weston 7 (Bridleway 112/7)

- 6.17.1 The Hail Weston bridleway 112/7 crosses the Site from east to west centrally within Site D. A 280m section of the PRow will be used as a construction access road, with construction vehicles required to travel along the PRow. As such, it will be necessary to implement measures to avoid conflicts between users of the PRow and construction traffic.
- 6.17.2 The route of the PRow runs through open fields. As such, it is proposed that PRow users will be protected through the provision of a temporary PRow diversion. This will run through the field immediately adjacent to the south of the existing alignment of the PRow between Point 25 and Point 26 on Sheet 10. Temporary fencing will be provided to segregate PRow users from construction traffic. The indicative alignment of the temporary diversion is shown on Figure 4 in **Appendix A**.
- 6.17.3 PRow users will be required to cross the access track at Point 25 and Point 26. 'Stop' and 'give way' signage will be placed at each end of the impacted

route of the PRow at these crossing points to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users, and for PRow users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic. Warning signage will also be provided to alert drivers that equestrian users could be using the route, and to come to a stop when horses are passing. Directional signage will also be provided at each end of the affected section to clearly identify the temporary diversion available to PRow users.

- 6.17.4 The Hail Weston bridleway 112/7 also crosses the alignment of the grid connection at the eastern edge of Site D. A single crossing point will therefore be required across the PRow.
- 6.17.5 Construction traffic movements associated with the installation of the grid connection will be relatively infrequent and there is good visibility of the PRow crossing point for both drivers and PRow users.
- 6.17.6 As such it is proposed that 'stop' and 'give way' signage will be placed on each side of the PRow crossing point (Point 27 on Sheets 10 and 11) to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users, as well as warning signage for PRow users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic.
- 6.17.7 No Scheme vehicle movements will take place along the affected PRow outside the approved working hours unless otherwise approved through the applicable CEMP and PROWMP approval procedures. Outside construction hours, there will be free use of the Hail Weston bridleway 112/7 by all PRow users. Where a temporary diversion remains installed, users will also be able to continue to use that diversion until it has been formally withdrawn. Signage will be provided to inform PRow users of the construction hours, and that the temporary diversion must be used by PRow users during construction hours.
- 6.17.8 There may also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of internal cabling and the grid connection cable across the route of the PRow. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRow route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in narrow sections. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the

works area. During this period PRow users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRow alignment) around the works site.

6.18 Hail Weston 8 (Footpath 112/8)

- 6.18.1 The Hail Weston footpath 112/8 crosses the Site to the western side of Site D. A 410 m section of the PRow will be used as a construction access road, with construction vehicles required to travel along the PRow. As such, it will be necessary to implement measures to avoid conflicts between PRow users and construction traffic.
- 6.18.2 The route of the PRow runs through open fields. As such, it is proposed that PRow users will be protected through the provision of a temporary PRow diversion. This will run through the field immediately adjacent to the east of the existing alignment of the PRow between Point 25 on Sheet 10 and Point 28 on Sheets 10 and 11. Temporary fencing will be provided to segregate PRow users from construction traffic. The indicative alignment of the temporary diversion is shown on Figure 4 in **Appendix A**.
- 6.18.3 'Stop' and 'give way' signage will be placed at each end of the impacted route of the PRow to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users, and for PRow users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic. Directional signage will also be provided at each end of the affected section to clearly identify the temporary diversion available to PRow users.
- 6.18.4 No Scheme vehicle movements will take place along the affected PRow outside the approved working hours unless otherwise approved through the applicable CEMP and PROWMP approval procedures. Outside construction hours, there will be free use of the Hail Weston footpath 112/8 by all PRow users. Where a temporary diversion remains installed, users will also be able to continue to use that diversion until it has been formally withdrawn. Signage will be provided to inform PRow users of the construction hours, and that the temporary diversion must be used by PRow users during construction hours.

- 6.18.5 There may also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of internal cabling. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRow route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in narrow sections. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRow users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRow alignment) around the works site.

6.19 Hail Weston 5 (Footpath 112/5)

- 6.19.1 The Hail Weston footpath 112/5 crosses the alignment of the grid connection to the south-east of the B645. A single crossing point will therefore be required across the Hail Weston footpath 112/5.
- 6.19.2 Construction traffic movements associated with the installation of the grid connection will be relatively infrequent and there is good visibility of the PRow crossing point for both drivers and PRow users.
- 6.19.3 As such it is proposed that 'stop' and 'give way' signage will be placed on each side of the PRow crossing point (Point 29 on Sheet 11) to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users, as well as warning signage for PRow users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic.
- 6.19.4 There may also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of the grid connection cable across the route of the PRow. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRow route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in a narrow section. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRow users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRow alignment) around the works site.

6.20 Staploe 16 (Footpath 16)

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- 6.20.1 The Staploe 16 footpath crosses the alignment of the grid connection to the north of Duloe Lane. A single crossing point will therefore be required across the Staploe 16 footpath.
- 6.20.2 Construction traffic movements associated with the installation of the grid connection will be relatively infrequent and there is good visibility of the PRow crossing point for both drivers and PRow users.
- 6.20.3 As such it is proposed that 'stop' and 'give way' signage will be placed on each side of the PRow crossing point (Point 30 on Sheet 12) to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users, as well as warning signage for PRow users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic.
- 6.20.4 There may also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of the grid connection cable across the route of the PRow. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRow route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in a narrow section. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRow users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRow alignment) around the works site.

6.21 Staploe 4 (Footpath 4)

- 6.21.1 The Staploe 4 footpath crosses the alignment of the grid connection to the south of Duloe Lane. A single crossing point will therefore be required across the Staploe 4 footpath.
- 6.21.2 Construction traffic movements associated with the installation of the grid connection will be relatively infrequent and there is good visibility of the PRow crossing point for both drivers and PRow users.
- 6.21.3 As such it is proposed that 'stop' and 'give way' signage will be placed on each side of the PRow crossing point (Point 31 on Sheet 13) to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users, as well as warning signage for PRow users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic.

6.21.4 There may also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of the grid connection cable across the route of the PRow. Where it is necessary to install cabling across the PRow route, this will be trenched beneath the surface in a narrow section. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRow users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRow alignment) around the works site.

6.22 Staploe 8a (Footpath 8a)

6.22.1 The Staploe 8a footpath crosses the alignment of the grid connection close to the point of connection to the west of the Eaton Socon substation. A single crossing point will therefore be required across the Staploe 8a footpath.

6.22.2 Construction traffic movements associated with the installation of the grid connection will be relatively infrequent and there is good visibility of the PRow crossing point for both drivers and PRow users.

6.22.3 As such it is proposed that 'stop' and 'give way' signage will be placed on each side of the PRow crossing point (Point 32 on Sheet 14) to advise drivers of the presence of PRow users, as well as warning signage for PRow users to be aware of the presence of construction traffic.

6.22.4 There may also be a need to protect PRow users during the installation of the grid connection cable across the route of the PRow. While cabling works are in progress it is proposed that temporary fencing will be erected to protect the works area. During this period PRow users will be required to follow a localised diversion (in the order of a few metres either side of the existing PRow alignment) around the works site.

7.0 MANAGEMENT OF PROW AND PERMISSIVE ACCESS DURING THE OPERATIONAL PHASE

7.1 Public Rights of Way

- 7.1.1 During the operational phase, all public rights of way and permissive routes within the Order Limits will be kept free from obstruction. The Scheme layout will maintain a minimum 10m buffer between the fenceline of the solar farm and PRowS as set out in Section 3.4 of the **oLEMP [EN010141/DR/7.7]**. Any planting between the fenceline of the solar farm and a PRow will not encroach upon the definitive width of the PRow, obstruct the route, or unreasonably restrict visibility at vehicle crossings or route intersections. The design and layout of any planting will be submitted for approval as part of the final LEMP in accordance with Requirement 4 of the draft DCO [EN010141/DR/3.1], and must be in substantial accordance with the Illustrative Landscape Proposals at Appendix A of the **oLEMP**.
- 7.1.2 There will be no requirement to implement any permanent closures or diversions of any of the PRow routes that interact with the Order Limits.
- 7.1.3 The definitive widths of public rights of way will be maintained during the operational phase of the Scheme. Public rights of way within the Order Limits are shown on the **Street Works, Rights of Way and Access Plan [EN010141/DR/2.4]**.
- 7.1.4 Where public rights of way are within areas identified as grassland on the Illustrative Landscape Proposals at Appendix A of the **outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN010141/DR/7.7]**, a strip of grassland will be cut to a minimum width of 2m for footpaths or 4m for bridleways, or in accordance with the definitive width of the public right of way, whichever is wider. These strips will be maintained such that the grasses do not exceed 150mm by regular cutting across the summer months. The purpose of these cuts is to ensure clear wayfinding across the Site and promote usage.

- 7.1.5 During the operational phase, the Site Operator will undertake regular monitoring of the condition of public rights of way within the Order limits. Monitoring will be undertaken at least quarterly, either as part of the LEMP site walkovers or as dedicated PRow inspections, and additionally following any maintenance, repair, renewal or replacement activity affecting a route, severe weather event or PRow user report that could materially affect route condition. Inspections will record the condition of the route surface, drainage, rutting, ponding, trip hazards, vegetation encroachment, signage, gates, stiles, waymarking and any other route furniture, and whether the definitive width remains unobstructed. Any defect or obstruction within the control of the Site Operator that affects safe and convenient public use will be made safe as soon as reasonably practicable and remedied within a reasonable timescale. Where the matter falls outside the control of the Site Operator, it will be reported to the relevant highway authority or landowner as applicable.
- 7.1.6 Any temporary closure or diversion required during the operational phase to facilitate maintenance, repair, renewal or replacement activity will be limited to the area and period reasonably required for the relevant activity, will be subject to any approval or consent required from the relevant highway authority, and will be implemented in accordance with the approved PROWMP. A temporary closure or diversion will only be used where safe passage cannot be maintained through signage, segregation, a managed crossing, banksman control or other proportionate management measures.

7.2 Permissive Access

- 7.2.1 Permissive paths will be provided at locations within East Park Sites B and C as identified on the Illustrative Landscape Proposals drawing at Appendix A of the **outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (oLEMP) [EN010141/DR/7.7]**. The route of each permissive path to be provided along with the length of route and proposed access rights to be granted is set out in Table 2 of the **oLEMP**.

7.2.2 The permissive paths will comprise approximately 5.3 km of additional access and will be provided and maintained for the operational lifetime of the Scheme. Their routes, intended access rights, minimum widths and outline surfacing will accord with Table 2 of the oLEMP, or as approved in the final LEMP. For clarity, Table 2 of the oLEMP is repeated below as Table 2:

Table 2: Permissive Paths

Ref.	Street Authority	Length	Route	Existing PRow(s)	Access Rights	Minimum Width	Surfacing
Permissive Path 1	Bedford	2,350m	B660 Kimbolton Road, to Green End in Little Staughton	B&K 36; B&K 13; B&K 47; LS 8.	Equestrian access	4m	To be maintained as existing
Permissive Path 2	Bedford	165m	Little Staughton 10, to Little Staughton 4	n/a	Pedestrian access	2m	Grass
Permissive Path 3	Bedford	290m	Little Staughton 10, to Little Staughton 3	n/a	Pedestrian access	2m	Grass
Permissive Path 4	Bedford	140m	Little Staughton 3, to Little Staughton 11	n/a	Pedestrian access	2m	Grass
Permissive Path 5	Bedford	345m	Little Staughton 3, to Little Staughton 9	n/a	Pedestrian access	2m	Grass
Permissive Path 6	Cambs	1,725m	Great Staughton 213/28 (circular route)	n/a	Pedestrian access	2m	Grass
Permissive Path 7	Cambs	290m	Permissive Path 7, to Great Staughton 213/28	n/a	Pedestrian access	2m	Grass

Note: *Bolnhurst and Keysoe (B&K); Little Staughton (LS)*

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- 7.2.3 The final LEMP will define the exact alignment, access points, gates and any localised surface preparation required. The final PROWMP will set out the associated access management, signage, waymarking, inspection and corrective-action arrangements. A grass-surfaced permissive path will be maintained as a reasonably even and unobstructed route, suitable for its intended access right in normal seasonal conditions. Vegetation within the route will not exceed 150mm and rutting, ponding, trip hazards and vegetation encroachment will be addressed through the inspection and corrective-action procedures in Section 10.
- 7.2.4 Should incidents of antisocial behaviour be identified in connection with the permissive paths, including through routine site inspections, maintenance visits, reports from users or local residents, the Community Liaison Group, the police, or the relevant local highway authority, such incidents will be recorded by the Site Operator in an incident log.
- 7.2.5 The incident log will include, where available, the date, time, location, nature of the incident, any photographic or other evidence, and the remedial action taken. Material or repeated incidents will be reported to the relevant local highway authority and local planning authority, and the Site Operator will consult with those authorities on any proportionate management response. This may include additional signage, increased inspection, localised repairs, vegetation management, engagement through the Community Liaison Group, or, where justified, temporary or permanent closure of the affected permissive path. Closure will only be considered where there is a substantiated pattern of repeated antisocial behaviour, or a single serious incident, which gives rise to unacceptable risk to user safety, wildlife, neighbouring land, local amenity or Scheme security. Where an urgent temporary closure is required for safety or security reasons, the relevant local highway authority and local planning authority will be notified as soon as reasonably practicable and the need for continued closure will be reviewed in consultation with those authorities.
- 7.2.6 No permanent closure or material reduction in the permissive path network during the operational phase of the Scheme will be implemented without prior

written approval from the relevant local planning authority, following consultation with the relevant highway authority.

8.0 MANAGEMENT OF PROW AND PERMISSIVE ACCESS DURING THE DECOMMISSIONING PHASE

8.1 Management of PRow and permissive access

- 8.1.1 Before decommissioning begins, a final PROWMP for the decommissioning phase will be submitted to and approved by the relevant planning authority, in consultation with the relevant highway authority, in accordance with Requirement 11 of the **draft DCO [EN010141/DR/3.1]**. The final decommissioning PROWMP will be in substantial accordance with this oPROWMP and will reflect the then-current PRow network, route conditions, decommissioning methodology and programme. It will be co-ordinated with the approved DEMP and Decommissioning Traffic Management Plan.
- 8.1.2 PRowS will remain open during decommissioning where it is safe to do so. Where decommissioning works or traffic interact with a PRow, the hierarchy and management measures in Section 5 will apply unless otherwise approved by the relevant local planning authority as part of the final decommissioning PROWMP. Any temporary closure or diversion will be limited to the area and period reasonably required for the relevant activity.
- 8.1.3 The final decommissioning PROWMP will also identify the arrangements for managing permissive paths during decommissioning and will clarify their status on completion of decommissioning when being reverted to the landowners.

9.0 IMPLEMENTATION OF MANAGEMENT PLAN

9.1.1 The final PROWMP will define the responsibilities, roles and actions required for implementation of the measures set out in this oPROWMP during the construction, operation and decommissioning phases. A final PROWMP will be prepared prior to each relevant phase of the authorised development, in substantial accordance with this oPROWMP.

9.1.2 The final PROWMP will include, as a minimum:

- the team roles and responsibilities, and the named individuals fulfilling those roles, supported by an organogram and contact directory;
- procedures for monitoring, inspection and reporting in relation to PROW management measures;
- document control systems and procedures;
- the communication strategy for stakeholders and third parties, including arrangements for responding to PROW user queries;
- training and briefing arrangements to ensure that relevant staff and site operatives are aware of PROW control requirements and procedures;
- measures to ensure staff and personnel are advised of changes to circumstances as works progress;
- arrangements for providing reasonable advance notice to PROW users, affected landowners, relevant authorities and other identified stakeholders of planned temporary closures, diversions, sustained use of a PROW by Scheme vehicles or other material changes to access arrangements, including the use of route signage, the project website, the dedicated project telephone number and the Community Liaison Group, as appropriate; and
- procedures for emergencies affecting PROW.

10.0 MONITORING, RECORD KEEPING AND REVIEW

10.1 Monitoring

- 10.1.1 The final PROWMP will identify the monitoring, inspections and audits to be undertaken, the person responsible, the applicable frequency or trigger, the records to be maintained, and the procedure for identifying, recording and closing out any corrective action.
- 10.1.2 During the operational phase, monitoring will include regular inspection of the condition and accessibility of public rights of way within the Order Limits. Inspections will be undertaken at least quarterly and additionally where triggered by maintenance, repair, renewal or replacement activity affecting a route, severe weather events, reports from PROW users, or any incident that could materially affect the safety, accessibility or condition of a PROW.
- 10.1.3 Operational PROW inspections will record, as relevant, the date of inspection, weather and ground conditions, the PROW reference and location inspected, the condition of the route surface, drainage, rutting, ponding, trip hazards, vegetation encroachment, signage, gates, stiles, waymarking and other route furniture, and whether the definitive width is unobstructed. Photographs will be taken where required to evidence the condition of the route or any identified issue.
- 10.1.4 Where monitoring identifies an issue that may affect safe and convenient public use, the issue will be recorded together with the remedial action required, the party responsible for undertaking that action, and the target timescale for completion. Where the issue is within the control of the Site Operator, temporary measures will be implemented as soon as reasonably practicable where required to maintain public safety, with repair or reinstatement undertaken within a reasonable timescale. Where consultation or approval is required from the relevant highway authority, this will be sought before non-routine works are undertaken.

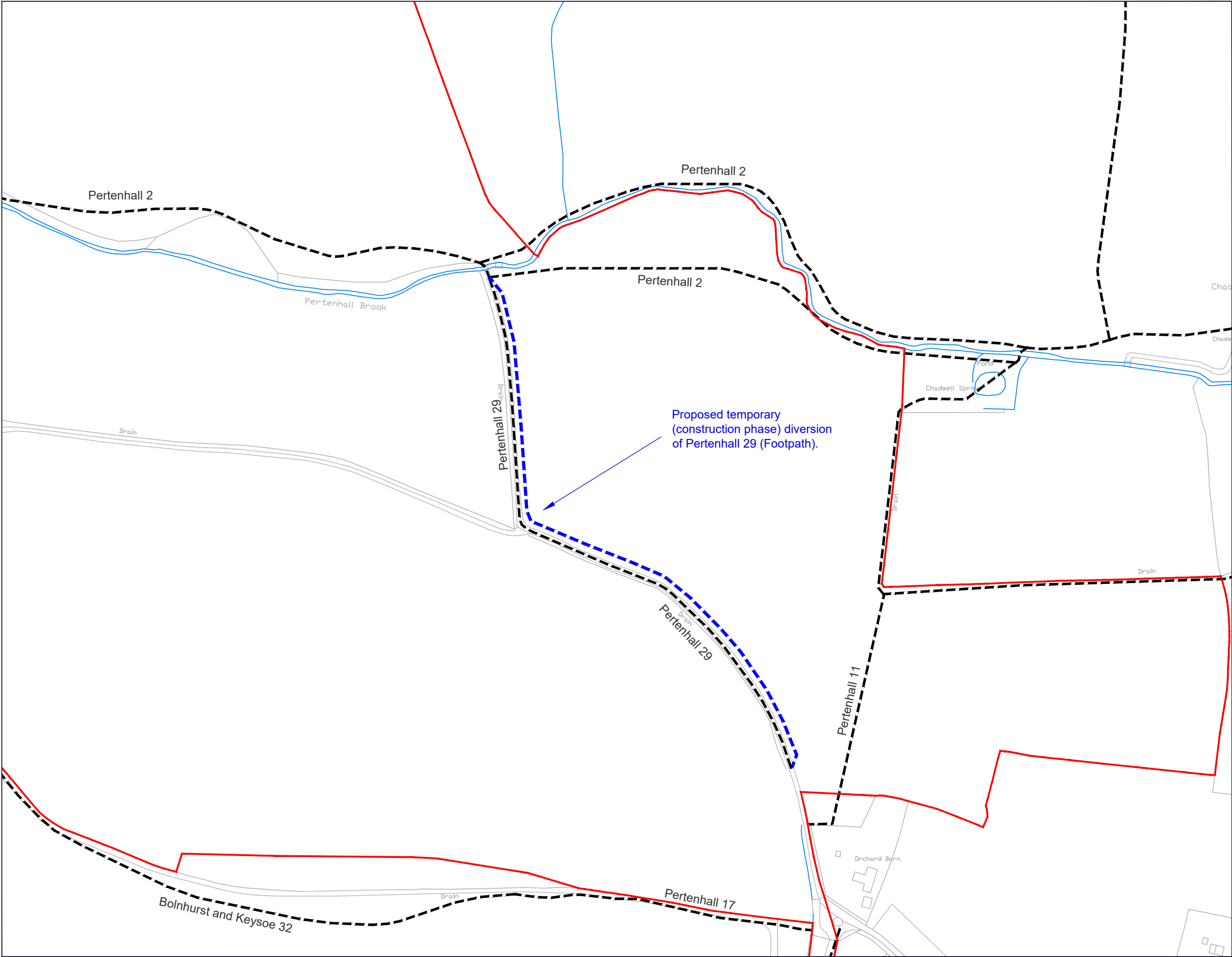
10.2 Record Keeping

- 10.2.1 Records will be maintained of the condition surveys, inspections, temporary closures and diversions, relevant approvals and consultations, installation and removal of temporary controls, route defects, incidents, near misses, enquiries, complaints and corrective actions required by the approved PROWMP.
- 10.2.2 Records will be made available to the relevant highway authorities for the purposes of monitoring compliance with the final PROWMP as requested, or on at least an annual basis.

10.3 Review

- 10.3.1 The final PROWMP will be reviewed at least annually and additionally following a material change in the relevant works or programme, a significant incident or near miss affecting a PROW user, repeated complaints, a material monitoring finding, or a request from the relevant planning or highway authority. The outcome of each review will be recorded. No amendment to the approved PROWMP will be implemented unless it has first been approved in accordance with Requirements 11 or 21 of the **draft DCO [EN010141/DR/3.1]**.

APPENDIX A: INDICATIVE TEMPORARY PROW DIVERSION DRAWINGS



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P01	08/ 2026	Deadline 6

- Order Limits
- Existing public right of way
- Proposed temporary (construction phase) public right of way diversion

Note:
Refer to Section 6.5 of this outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan, in addition to paragraphs 5.1.4 to 5.1.8, and paragraph 5.1.14.



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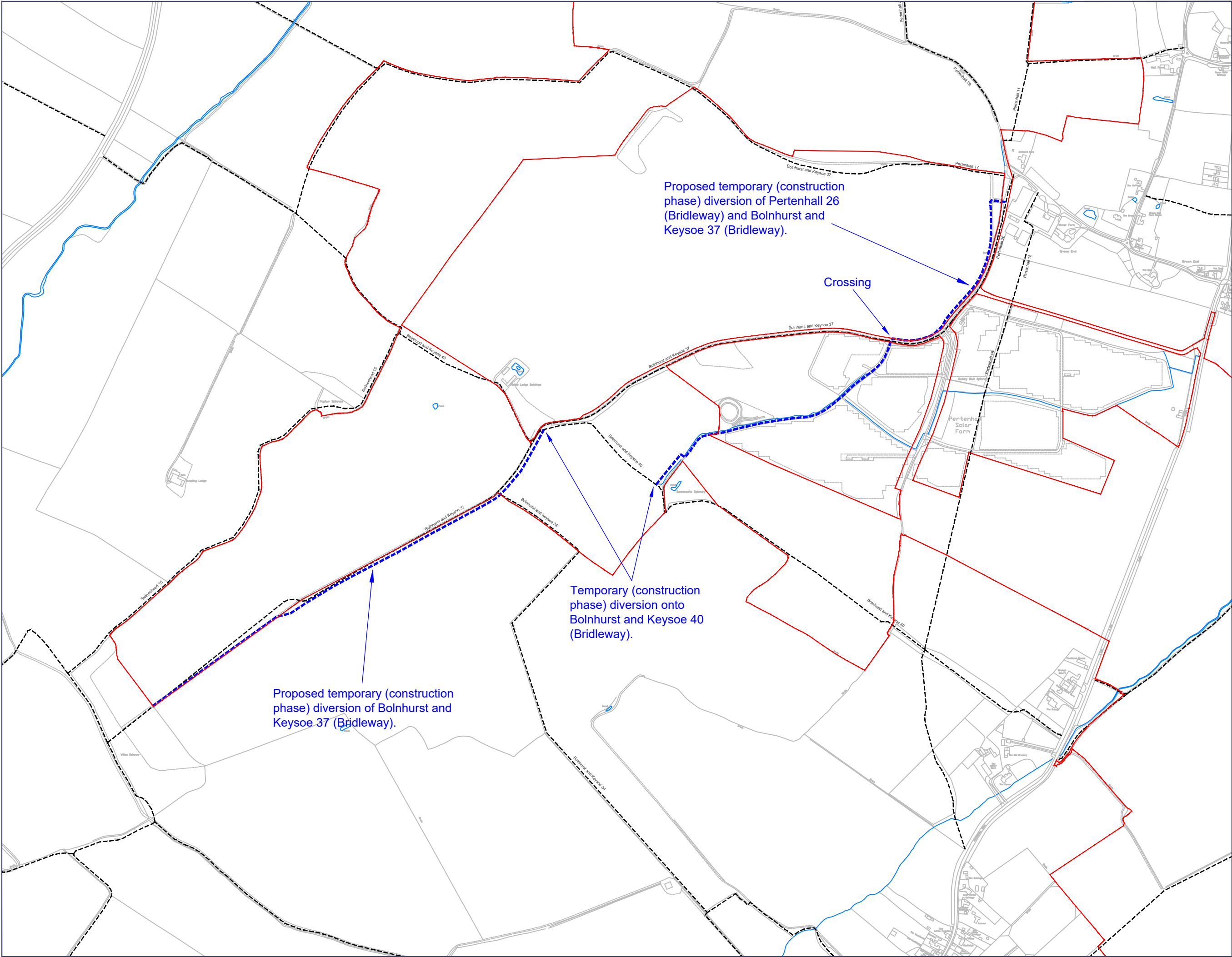
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- Order Limits
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Refer to Section 6.4 and 6.8 of this outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan, in addition to paragraphs 5.1.4 to 5.1.8, and paragraph 5.1.14.



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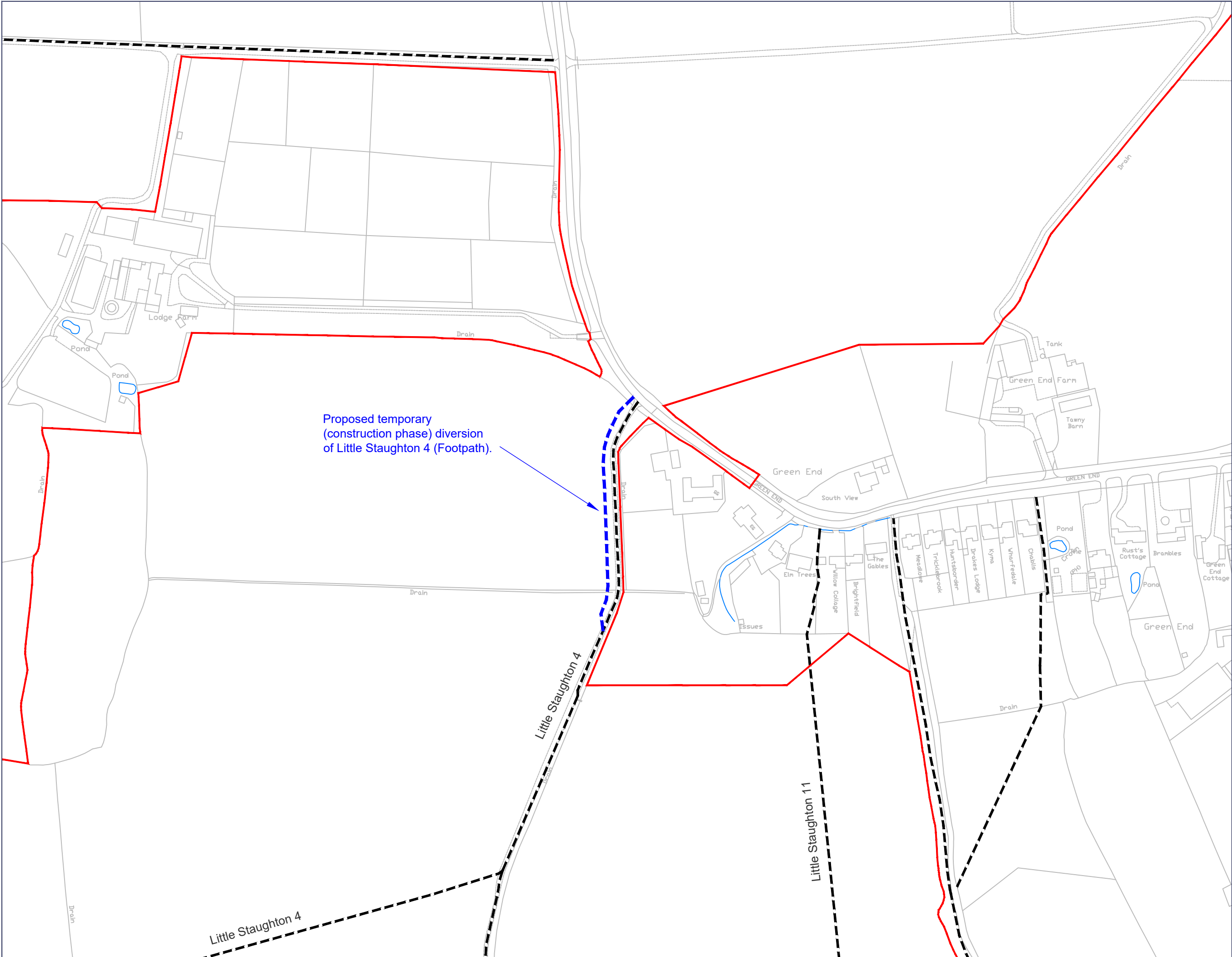
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Order Limits

Existing public right of way

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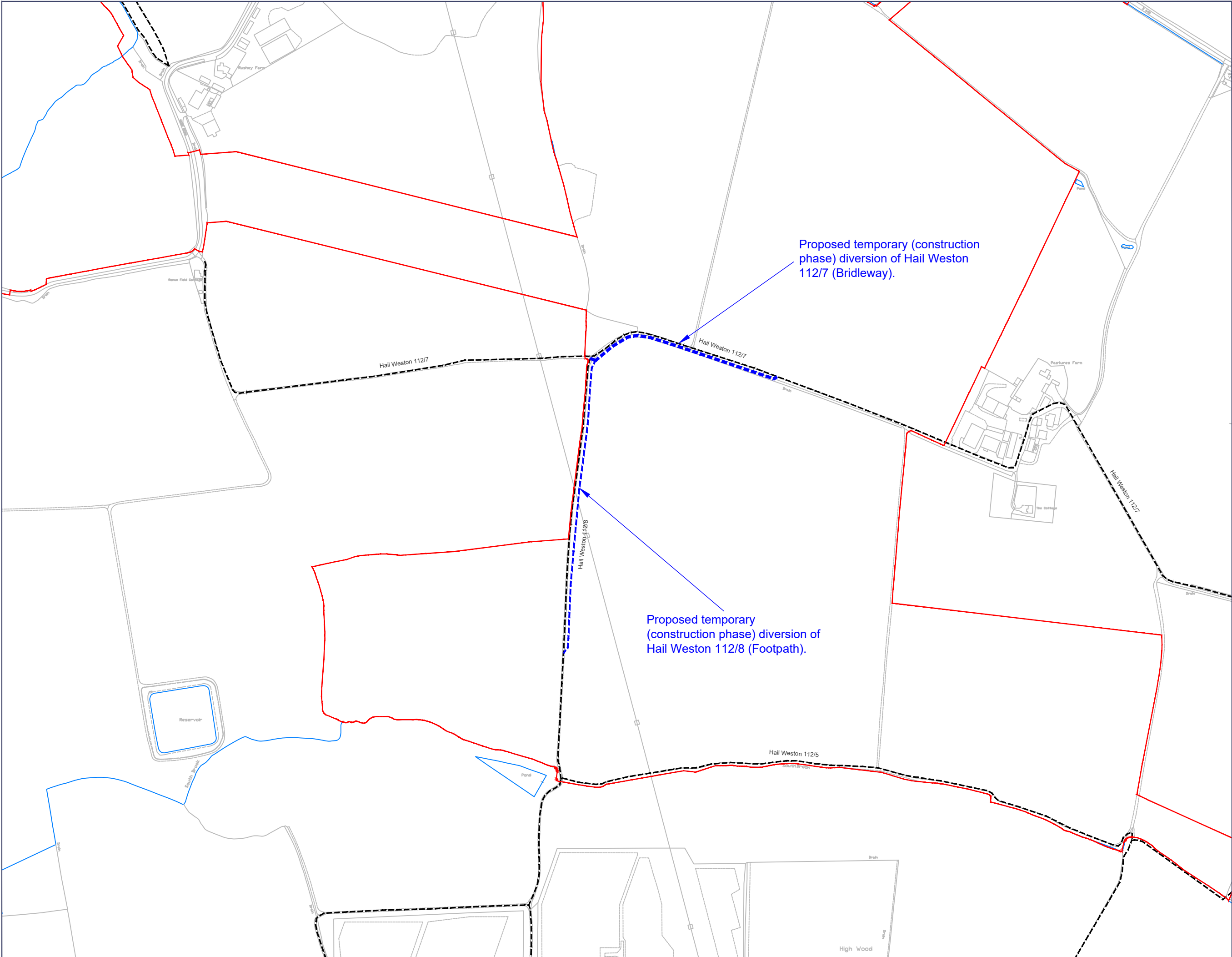
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Order Limits

Existing public right of way

Proposed temporary (construction phase) public right of way diversion

Proposed temporary (construction phase) diversion of Hail Weston 112/7 (Bridleway).

Proposed temporary (construction phase) diversion of Hail Weston 112/8 (Footpath).

Note:
Refer to Section 6.17 and 6.18 of this outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan, in addition to paragraphs 5.1.4 to 5.1.8, and paragraph 5.1.14.



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