



City of
Doncaster
Council

Issue Specific Hearing 1 (ISH1)

Response to Landscape and Visual Questions

Project: Tween Bridge Solar Farm (EN010148)

Applicant: RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited

Unique Reference: F2CFC15A3

5th May 2026



Questions raised by the ExA

Question 1

The ExA asked the applicant why the scheme only occupying a small proportion of any respective landscape character area would be a mitigating factor. He went on to ask the councils view on that.

The response for CDC and NLC was that we have concerns over how the landscape character has been assessed (we have provided further detail on this in the LIR)

Question 2

The ExA asked the applicant if the prevailing landscape character is farmland and arable fields, then is the provision of grassland a beneficial landscape character effect? He went on to ask the councils view on that.

The response from CDC and NLC highlighted the concerns on the achievability of the grassland habitat due to the nitrate and phosphate rich soils, whilst acknowledging that this is a different point to the question. CDC and NLC acknowledged that in some instances on some character areas it could be seen as an improvement, if achievable. We would further add that we would like to see more detail on this to understand what is achievable and understand more specifics of where and how this will be beneficial to the landscape character.

Question3

The ExA asked the applicant about stage 4 trigger for RVAA. He went on to ask the councils to consider if there are any instances where they feel stage 4 should be triggered and to provide follow up comments.

Follow up comment is that without visiting the properties it is hard to say in response to this question. The applicant has left large offsets around properties and using their own methodology it is unlikely stage 4 would be reached for any properties but this is caveated as we have not visited all the properties.

Questions raised by Landscape representatives for CDC and NLC questions:

Question 1

During the Issue Specific Hearing relating to landscape and visual matters there was in depth discussion with regards to the off site 400kv sub station and associated cabling, however, it is note that there is also a proposed onsite 400kv substation; the location of which is not clear. Referring to **Document Ref 6.4.6.5**, Figure 6.5 Residential Properties, the 400 kv substation is shown within Land Parcel E alongside a 132kv substation and BESS. Referring to **Document Ref 6.4.6.4**, Figure 6.4 Landscape and Visual Mitigation Strategy, the 400kv substation is absent from

the drawing, rather it shows an area of grassland. Viewpoint 26, which is supported by a photomontage, **Document Ref 6.3.6.4** Appendix 6.4 Photomontage Visualisations, is the closest viewpoint to the location of the 400kv substation location, but the substation is not depicted on the photomontage, nor is its likely location labelled. Clarification is therefore sought with regards to the location of the 400kv substation and the route of any associated cabling so that it is clear as to whether it has been adequately considered and assessed.

Question 2

Clarification is sought with regards to the feasibility of establishing species rich grassland on land that is, by its inherent arable use, likely to be high in nitrates and phosphates.