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1.1.2 The baseline panoramas for these viewpoints are illustrated in Figures 6.8 to 6.26 of the Environmental Statement as set out below:

- **Figure 6.8 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 1: View from View from Wood Lane near Ruskington Fen (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.19);**
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## 1.2 Visual Assessment

1.2.1 The visual assessment for residents in settlements, property groups, individual properties, recreational receptors using the recreational path network and facilities and users of the transport network are provided in tables 1.20 to 1.22. The assessment has also been informed by the photomontages listed below:

- **Figure 6.27 Photomontage 1: View from View from Ferry Lane (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.38);**
- **Figure 6.28 Photomontage 2: View from Cow Drove (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.39);**
- **Figure 6.29 Photomontage 3: View from Halfpenny Toll Lane near Ewerby Thorpe (Farm) (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.40); and**
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**Table 1.1 - Baseline Panorama 1: View from Wood Lane near Ruskington Fen**

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E513048, N353062 | TRANSPORT | 3900m | ST19595-060 | S |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.8 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 1: View from View from Wood Lane near Ruskington Fen (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.19).** The views comprise of agricultural fenland landscape with large-scale fields. The foreground of the view is occupied by arable fields that extend into the middle distance. Scattered farms with surrounding trees and tree belts are present in the middle distance. Overhead powerlines in the middle distance are contrasting vertical features in this open view. Woodland belts are visible on the horizon in the distance of the view.

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| **Susceptibility and Value:** The view is of medium value as it overlooks an area of open agricultural land with typical landscape features that may be valued locally. The view experienced by road users is of low susceptibility to the Proposed Development as there are likely to be traveling at speed past the site views are focused to a limited extent on adjacent landscape.<br><br>**Overall Sensitivity:** The combination of medium value and low susceptibility will result in an overall medium sensitivity. | | Medium |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction:** The view of the Proposed Development will be screened by intervening low hedgerows with occasional trees and raised embankments. There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Operation (year 0)**: There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Operation (year 15**: There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Decommissioning**: There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | **Effects** |
| **Construction:** There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Operation (year 0):** There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Operation (year 15):** There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Decommissioning**: There will be no change to the views. | | No change |

**Table 1.2 - Baseline Panorama 2: View from Ferry Lane**

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E514602, N349262 | TRANSPORT, RESIDENTIAL | 10m | ST19595-061 | SW |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.9 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 2: View from Ferry Lane (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.20)** and the Proposed Development is illustrated in **Figure 6.27 Photomontage 1: View from Ferry Lane (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.38).** The view is located adjacent to the Ferry Lane/Black Drove/Halfpenny Toll Lane junction looking south toward the Solar Array Area. The foreground consists of is comprised of the road with verges and boundary hedgerows. Close distance views towards the Solar Array Area are available through a gap in the roadside hedge. Beyond the road the flat open agricultural landscape punctuated by occasional woodland blocks is visible. The skyline in the background of the view is comprised of woodland belts with overhead powerlines also visible

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| **Susceptibility and Value:** The view is comprised predominantly of characteristically rural elements with some detracting features such as the overhead power lines. The view is likely to be experienced by a combination of different receptor groups including, residents accessing properties and users of the local road network and recreational users generally of high susceptibility as their attention is likely to be focused on the wider landscape. **Overall Sensitivity**: A combination of medium value and high susceptibility will result in high sensitivity. | | High |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction**: The construction activities of the Proposed Development will be visible in the close distance through gaps in existing field boundary vegetation and partially visible above existing boundary vegetation. Views of construction activities will be available for users of Ferry Lane and Black Drove. Therefore, the gradual progression of solar panel installation and construction of the Onsite Substation and BESS and associated infrastructure will be apparent across a large extent of the view resulting in a high magnitude of change. | | High |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: Upon completion, there will be close distance views of solar arrays through a gap in the existing roadside vegetation. At this stage mitigation planting will not have matured to provide a screening effect. The scale of change of change will be high although the extent more widely will be limited by the presence of roadside vegetation. The magnitude of change will be high. | | High |
| **Operation (Year 15):** At year 15, the proposed landscape mitigation measures to the roadside hedge and within the site will have matured, providing increased screening reducing the scale of change to medium. The change in the views will be long-term and reversible, resulting in a medium magnitude of change. | | Medium |

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E514602, N349262 | TRANSPORT, RESIDENTIAL | 10m | ST19595-061 | SW |
| **Decommissioning:** The proposed mitigation planting will have matured further to provide a greater screening level, reducing the scale of change and visible extent of the Proposed Development. Decommissioning will be short term and reversible, resulting in a low magnitude of change**.** | | | | Low |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | | | **Effects** |
| **Construction**: The combined high sensitivity and high magnitude of change will result in a major adverse and significant level of effect. | | | | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: The combined high sensitivity and medium magnitude of change will result in major adverse and significant effect. | | | | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| **Operation (Year 15):** The combined high sensitivity and medium magnitude of change in year 15 will result in moderate adverse effect. | | | | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| **Decommissioning:** The combined high sensitivity and very low magnitude of change in year 15 will result in minor adverse effects | | | | Minor adverse (not significant) |

**Table 1.3 - Baseline Panorama 3: View from Cow Drove**

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E517355, N349343 | TRANSPORT | 1.7km | ST19595-062 | SW |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.10 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 3: View from Clay Bank/B1395 near Sycamore House (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.21)** and the Proposed Development is illustrated in **Figure 6.28 Photomontage 2: View from Clay Bank/B1395 near Sycamore House (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.39).** The view is orientated to the west towards the Solar Array Area and the Cable Route Corridor beyond this to the south west from Cow Drove. The foreground comprises the flat, open fenland landscape with woodland blocks and linear belts defining the distant skyline. Some detracting features including overhead transmission lines are also visible.

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| **Susceptibility and Value:** The viewpoint is located along a transport corridor which offers panoramic views across the rural landscape. Views are likely to be valued locally resulting in a medium value. The susceptibility of road receptors is medium as the views of the landscape may offer some enjoyment as part of the journey along the road.<br><br>**Overall Sensitivity:** The combination of medium value and medium susceptibility will result in medium sensitivity. | | Medium |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction:** The views of construction will be distant and largely screened by intervening vegetation and landform associated with Midfodder Dyke, although some partial views of construction at the Solar Array Area will be intermittently available. The works within Cable Route Corridor will be distant with very restricted views of the northern part of the Cable Route Corridor. Overall, the extent of visible works will be small resulting in a low magnitude of change. | | Low |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: Upon completion there will be partial views of taller elements within Solar Array Area such as the Onsite Substation and Bess. The magnitude of change will reduce to low as the more dynamic nature of construction activities will be replaced by glimpsed views towards the elements of the Proposed Development, such as the Onsite Substation. The magnitude of change will be very low. | | Very Low |
| **Operation (Year 15):** The Proposed Development will be largely screened by a combination of existing vegetation and proposed mitigation planting. The magnitude of change will remain very low. | | Very low |
| **Decommissioning (winter):** The views of works associated with decommissioning at Solar Array Area will largely be screened by a combination of the existing and proposed mitigation planting. Glimpsed and partial views towards the | | Very low |

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E517355, N349343 | TRANSPORT | 1.7km | ST19595-062 | SW |
| cable removal works within the Cable Route Corridor will be available. The magnitude of change will remain very low. | | | | |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | | | **Effects** |
| **Construction:** The combined medium sensitivity and low magnitude of change will result in a minor adverse effect. | | | | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: The combined medium sensitivity and very low magnitude of change will result in a negligible adverse effect. | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: The combined medium sensitivity and very low magnitude of change will result in a negligible adverse effect. | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| **Decommissioning (winter):** The combined medium sensitivity and very low magnitude of change will result in a negligible adverse effect. | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |

**Table 1.4 - Baseline Panorama 4: View from Halfpenny Toll Lane near Ewerby Thorpe (Farm)**

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E513421, N347876 | TRANSPORT, RESIDENTIAL | 0m | ST19595-063 | E |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.11 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 4: View from Halfpenny Toll Lane near Ewerby Thorpe (Farm) (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.22** and the Proposed Development is illustrated in **View from Halfpenny Toll Lane near Ewerby Thorpe (Farm) (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.40).** The view looks east toward Solar Array Area from Halfpenny Toll Lane near Ewerby Thorpe. The foreground comprises of a roadside grass verge. The middle distance comprises of views towards large-scale arable fields. Views from Ewerby Thorpe Lodge are likely to be partially screened by garden vegetation and buildings. The woodland block of Fox Covert is visible in the middle distance. The distant view consists of field boundary hedgerows with occasional trees and woodlands. with distant linear woodland belts visible on the horizon.

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| **Susceptibility and Value:** The view overlooks a rural landscape typical for the wider study area; therefore, the views are of medium value. Residential receptors are of high susceptibility as their attention is likely to be on the surrounding views.<br>**Overall Sensitivity:** The combination of medium value and high susceptibility will result in high sensitivity. | | High |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction:** The views of construction, involving the installation of solar arrays and associated infrastructure, will be at close range and of large scale. The views will include construction elements such as construction fencing, movement of vehicles, gradual installation of panels, substation, and infrastructure that will contrast with the open nature of the views across the fenland. The change in the view will be short-term and reversible but of large scale and extent and therefore resulting in a high magnitude of change. | | High |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: The mitigation planting around the Proposed Development will not provide a screening effect in year one. The views of the Proposed Development will be open and available also from the upper storeys of a house within Ewerby Thorpe Farm, a slightly more elevated location in comparison to the site. The scale of change will remain large and at close range to the view, covering a large extent of the views. The change in the view will be long-term and reversible and there would be a high magnitude of change. | | High |
| **Operation (Year 15):** The proposed mitigation planting surrounding the Proposed Development will help to integrate the Solar Array Area into the surrounding landscape; however, some partial views will be available from the upper storeys of nearby houses. The scale of change will reduce to medium, but the extent of change in the views will | | Medium |

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **E513421, N347876** | **TRANSPORT, RESIDENTIAL** | **0m** | **ST19595-063** | **E** |
| remain large. The magnitude of change will reduce to medium; however, partial views of the Proposed Development will remain visible from Ewerby Thorpe Farm and Ewerby Lodge. The change in the views will be long term and reversible. | | | | |
| **Decommissioning (winter):** The mitigation planting will mature further compared to the year 15 scenario and will, therefore, provide a greater level of screening towards the works associated with decommissioning. The change will be short-term and reversible, resulting overall in a low magnitude of change. | | | | Low |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | | | **Effects** |
| **Construction** The combined high sensitivity of the receptor with a high magnitude of change will result in a major adverse effect. | | | | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: The combined high sensitivity of the receptor with a high magnitude of change will result in a major adverse level of effect. | | | | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: The combined high sensitivity of the receptor with a medium magnitude of change will result in a moderate adverse effect. | | | | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| **Decommissioning (winter)**: The combined high sensitivity of the receptor with a low magnitude of change will result in a minor adverse effect. | | | | Minor adverse (not significant) |

**Table 1.5 - Baseline Panorama 5: View from PRoW Ewer 1/5 near Evedon Road**

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E510057, N346586 | RECREATIONAL | 3520m | ST19595-064 | E |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.12 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 5: View from PRoW (Public Right of Way) Ewer 1/5 near Evedon Road (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.23.** The view looks east towards the Solar Array Area and the Bespoke Access Corridor from PRoW Ewer 1/5 near Evedon Road. The foreground is comprised of a large-scale open agricultural landscape which includes a meadow associated with the Public Footpath Ewer 1/5 to the right of the view, whilst to the left, the wheat crops dominate the foreground. The agricultural pattern of fields extends into the middle distance across a gently undulating landscape with views of overhead powerlines pylons visible in the distance. The horizon is broken by intermittent woodland blocks and overhead powerlines. The view towards the Proposed Development is screened by gently undulating landform and vegetation.

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| **Susceptibility and Value:** The view overlooks a rural landscape typical for the wider study area; therefore, the views are of medium value. The views of footpath users are generally focused on the enjoyment of the views and are experienced by recreational receptors resulting in high susceptibility to change in the views.<br><br>**Overall Sensitivity:** The combination of medium value and high susceptibility will result in high sensitivity. | | High |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction:** The views towards the Proposed Development are screened completely by intervening vegetation. There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Operation (Year 15):** There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Decommissioning (Year 15):** There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | **Effects** |
| **Construction** There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Decommissioning (winter)**: There will be no change to the views. | | No change |

**Table 1.6 - Baseline Panorama 6: View from Asgarby Road near Asgarby**

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E511802, N345497 | TRANSPORT, RESIDENTIAL | 200M | ST19595-065 | NE |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.13 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 6: View from Asgarby Road near Asgarby (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.24)**. This view looks northeast towards the Bespoke Access Corridor and the Solar Array Area from Asgarby Road, near Asgarby. The foreground of the view comprises of the road, grass verge, roadside hedgerows and wheat crops in the middle distance. The Fox Covert woodland plantation is visible on the skyline, together with woodland belts and overhead powerlines pylons. Ewerby Church spire is visible above layers of vegetation which overlap to create a wooded horizon.

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| **Susceptibility and Value**: The view may be valued locally; however, it is not widely recognised for its quality and comprises ordinary elements associated with this arable, agricultural landscape. Therefore, the value of the view is medium.<br>Residential receptors are of high susceptibility as their attention is likely to be on the surrounding views.<br>**Overall Sensitivity:** The combination of medium value and high susceptibility will result in high sensitivity. | | High |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction:** There will be relatively close distance views of construction works associated with the Bespoke Access Road Views of the Solar Array Area will not be available because of intervening landform and vegetation layers. | | High |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: The Bespoke Access Road and occasional, transient vehicular movements will be visible in close to middle distance views. | | Medium |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: The Bespoke Access Road and occasional, transient vehicular movements will remain visible. | | Medium |
| **Decommissioning: (winter)**: The nature of works and the scale of change will be a similar level to that experienced at construction. | | High |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | **Effects** |
| **Construction**: High sensitivity receptors combined with a high magnitude of change will result in major significant adverse effects. | | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: High sensitivity receptors combined with a medium magnitude of change will result in moderate significant adverse effects. | | **Moderate** |

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **E511802, N345497** | **TRANSPORT, RESIDENTIAL** | **200M** | **ST19595-065** | **NE** |
| | | | | **adverse (significant)** |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: High sensitivity receptors combined with a medium magnitude of change will result in moderate significant adverse effects. | | | | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| **Decommissioning: (winter):** High sensitivity receptors combined with a high magnitude of change will result in major significant adverse effects. | | | | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |

**Table 1.7 - Baseline Panorama 7: View from Footpath Heck 2/4 near Hall Farm**

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E515716, N344841 | RECREATIONAL, RESIDENTIAL | 82m | ST19595-066 | E |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.14 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 7: View from Footpath Heck 2/4 near Hall Farm (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.25).** The view from PRoW Heck 2/4 near Hall Farm orientated north towards the proposed Cable Corridor Route. The foreground is comprised of arable field units adjacent to a drainage ditch leading into an open, large-scale arable field in the midground. The background of the view comprises several residential properties such as Decoy Farm with surrounding trees and boundary hedgerows and trees. Intermittent trees and mixed deciduous and coniferous woodland blocks feature in the view, screening any distant views toward the horizon. Low-voltage power lines and telegraph poles are visible in the middle ground, with few high-voltage power lines and pylons in the background.

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| **Susceptibility and Value**<br>The view has some scenic value and is representative of the flat, Fenland landscape but is not designated or its landscape qualities. Therefore, the value of the view is medium. Residential and recreational receptors are generally focused on the enjoyment of the views within surrounding landscape. They are, therefore of high susceptibility to the introduction of solar arrays.<br>**Overall Sensitivity**: Overall, the views are of high sensitivity. | | High |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction:** There will be a large-scale alteration to the views as works within the Solar Array Area will be viewed in close proximity with views of excavation and material storage areas. The views will also be obstructed by construction fencing and include the movement of construction vehicles. The geographical extent of change in the views will be large. The construction will be short term and reversible resulting in a high magnitude of change. | | High |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: Upon completion, the land will be restored to agricultural use, and although some loss of the existing vegetation may be perceptible in the view alongside the views of proposed mitigation planting, the change will be of small scale and extent. The magnitude of change will reduce to low. | | Low |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: The proposed mitigation planting will mature, restoring the existing vegetation and providing enhancement to the existing landscape structure around the site. The scale of change and extent of change in the views will reduce to a very small. Overall, the magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | | Very low |
| **Decommissioning: (winter)**: Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible. The reinstatement | | Very low |

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **E515716, N344841** | **RECREATIONAL, RESIDENTIAL** | **82m** | **ST19595-066** | **E** |
| planting to the Cable Route will have matured and there will be little discernible change. The magnitude of change will be very low. | | | | |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | | | **Effects** |
| Construction The combined high sensitivity of the receptor with a high magnitude of change will result in a major adverse effect. | | | | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| Operation **(Year 0):** The combined high sensitivity of the receptor with a low magnitude of change will result in a minor adverse level of effect. | | | | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| Operation **(Year 15):** The combined high sensitivity of the receptor with a very low magnitude of change will result in a negligible adverse effect. | | | | Negligible adverse (significant) |
| **Decommissioning: (winter)**: The combined high sensitivity of the receptor with a high magnitude of change will result in a negligible adverse effect. | | | | Negligible adverse (significant) |

**Table 1.8 - Baseline Panorama 8: View from the A17, between Poplars Farm and Garwick Cottage**

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E518297, N344480 | RESIDENTIAL, TRANSPORT | 1200m | ST19595-067 | S |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.15 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 8: View from the A17, between Poplars Farm and Garwick Cottage (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.26).** This view looks to the south across a large-scale arable landscape south of the A17, representative of residential receptors along the A17 and transport receptors. The foreground of the view includes wide field verges with a large woodland belt to the left of the view. Large arable fields dominate the views allowing for wide-swept views across a large arable landscape. An intermittent field boundary vegetation consisting of trees will partially block the views into the Solar Array Area. Vegetation in the distance creates a wooded horizon. High-voltage power lines and Bicker Fen Wind Farm are present in the background of the view.

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| **Susceptibility and Value:** The view has some scenic quality typical for the wider study area but is of a non-designated landscape, therefore, the views are of medium value. Therefore, the value of the view is medium. Residential receptors are of high susceptibility as their attention is likely to be on the surrounding views.<br>**Overall Sensitivity:** Overall, the combined medium value of the high susceptibility of the views will result in high sensitivity. | | High |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction:** There will be a small-scale alteration to the views as works within the Cable Route will be viewed at a medium distance, with views being largely screened by tree belts. The geographical extent of change in the views will be small. The construction will be short-term and reversible resulting in a low magnitude of change. | | Low |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: Upon completion, the land will be restored to agricultural use, and the change in the views will be barely perceptible as any change to the pattern of vegetation will take place in the middle ground and background. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | | Very low |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: The proposed mitigation planting will mature, restoring any loss of vegetation in the background. Agricultural crops will be fully restored. The scale of change and extent will remain very low and barely perceptible. | | Very low |
| **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible. The reinstatement planting to the Cable Route will have matured and there will be little discernible change. The magnitude of change will be very low. | | Very low |

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E518297, N344480 | RESIDENTIAL, TRANSPORT | 1200m | ST19595-067 | S |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | | | **Effects** |
| **Construction** The combined high sensitivity of the views with a low magnitude of change will result in minor adverse effects, as the change in the view will introduce uncharacteristic elements associated with construction within the rural landscape. | | | | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: The combined high sensitivity of the views with a very low magnitude of change will result in a negligible adverse level of effect as the change in the views will be of small scale. | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: The combined high sensitivity of the views with a very low magnitude of change will result in negligible adverse effects as any change within the landscape will be mitigated by year 15. | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| **Decommissioning:** The combined high sensitivity of the views with a low magnitude of change will result in minor adverse effects, as the change in the view will introduce uncharacteristic elements associated with decommissioning within the rural landscape. | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |

**Table 1.9 - Baseline Panorama 9: View from A17 Swineshead Bypass near East Heckington**

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E519905, N344026 | TRANSPORT, RESIDENTIAL | 1960m | ST19595-068 | SW |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.16 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 9: View from A17 Swineshead Bypass near East Heckington (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.27).** The view is located on the A17 Swineshead Bypass near East Heckington orientated toward the Cable Route Corridor to the south. The foreground consists of the highway and adjacent grass verge with hedgerow. Glimpsed views over the existing hedgerow are available in an area of paddocks and enclosures associated with the nearby farm shop. In the background, a mature field boundary hedgerow is present. The background of the view also features gapped views of arable fields in the distance, with a partially vegetated horizon. The views towards the Solar Array Area are screened completely.

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| Susceptibility and Value: The view of the A17 road and wider landscape beyond comprises ordinary landscape elements and is non designated, therefore, the views are of medium value. The view is available to the residents whose attention is focused on the views of the surrounding landscape and are therefore of high susceptibility to the Proposed Development.<br>**Overall Sensitivity**: Overall, the combined medium value with high susceptibility of the views will result in high sensitivity. | | High |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction:** The views towards the Proposed Development are screened completely by roadside hedgerow and a tree belt. There will be no change to the views. | | No Change |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: There will be no change to the views. | | No Change |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: There will be no change to the views. | | No Change |
| **Decommissioning:** There will be no change to the views. | | No Change |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | **Effects** |
| **Construction**: There will be no change to the views | | No Change |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: There will be no change to the views | | No Change |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: There will be no change to the views | | No Change |
| **Decommissioning:** There will be no change to the views. | | No Change |

**Table 1.10 - Baseline Panorama 10: View from Fen Road to the East of Little Hale**

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO CABLE CORRIDOR AREA | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E514842, N341675 | TRANSPORT, RESIDENTIAL | 2036m | ST19595-069 | SE |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.17 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 10: View from Fen Road east of Little Hale (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.28).** The view looks east from the edge of Little Hale and is focused on the road with grass verge and hedgerow to the left of the views and occasional trees to the right of the view. Glimpsed views through gaps in vegetation are available of arable fields. In the background, tree belts, woodland and hedgerows create a wooded horizon. The views towards the Cable Route Corridor are largely screened by vegetation along the road and field boundary vegetation.

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| **Susceptibility and Value:** There are no special values attached to the view through policy or designations from this location, and the view overlooks the commonplace rural landscape. Therefore, the value of the views is medium. The view is available to users of the minor road network and residents whose attention is focused on the views of the surrounding landscape and are therefore of high susceptibility to the Proposed Development, primarily at the construction stage.<br>**Overall Sensitivity:** Overall, the combined medium value and high susceptibility of the views will result in high sensitivity. | | High |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction:** The views of construction activities within the Solar Array Area will be fully screened by landform and intervening vegetation. There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Operation (Year 0):** There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Operation (year 15)**: There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Decommissioning:** There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | **Effects** |
| **Construction** There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Operation (year 0)**: There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Operation (year 15):** There will be no change to the views. | | No change |
| **Decommissioning:** There will be no change to the views. | | No change |

**Table 1.11 - Baseline Panorama 11: View from A17/ Swineshead Bypass near Hammond Beck**

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E522467, N341647 | RESIDENTIAL, TRANSPORT | 2320m | ST19595-070 | W |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.18 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 11: View from A17/ Swineshead Bypass near Hammond Beck (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.29).** The view is taken from the bridge over Hammond Beck drain, looking west toward the Solar Array Area. The foreground consists of a large scale arable field units in a flat landscape. In the middle ground, arable fields are interspersed with occasional farms such as Council House and Dial House surrounded by tree belts and hedgerows. The are partial views towards the Solar Array Area; however, the presence of raised embankments provide some screening. High voltage power lines and pylons with telegraph poles are characteristic features of background views, distracting from the distant and wooded horizon.

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| **Susceptibility and Value:** The view is of relatively common landscape elements although characteristic of the fenland landscape, consisting of medium to large-scale agricultural fields with trees likely to be valued locally but not widely recognised for their quality and, therefore, of medium value.<br>**Overall Sensitivity**: The overall sensitivity of these receptors is high. | | High |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction:** Construction will take place in the middle distance and far distance of the view where machinery movements and activity will be intermittently perceptible. The scale of the change will be low, whilst the extent of change in the view will be medium. Construction will be short-term and reversible, resulting in a low magnitude of change, | | Low |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: On completion the Cable Corridor Route will be restored to agricultural use. Any change in vegetation pattern will be barely discernible within middle to long distance views. The scale of change and the extent will be minimal. Overall, the magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | | Very low |
| **Operation (Year 15):** The proposed mitigation planting will restore any loss to the existing vegetation and provide further enhancement to the landscape and screening to the views. The magnitude of change will remain very low. | | Very low |
| **Decommissioning: (winter)**: Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible. The reinstatement planting to the Cable Route will have matured and there will be little discernible change. The magnitude of change will be very low. | | Very Low |

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E522467, N341647 | RESIDENTIAL, TRANSPORT | 2320m | ST19595-070 | W |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | | | **Effects** |
| **Construction**: The combined high sensitivity of the views with a low magnitude of change will result in a minor adverse effect. | | | | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: The combined high sensitivity of the views with a very low magnitude of change will result in a negligible adverse effect. | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: The combined high sensitivity of the views with a very low magnitude of change will result in a negligible adverse effect | | | | Negligible neutral (not significant) |
| **Decommissioning:** The combined high sensitivity of the views with a low magnitude of change will result in a negligible adverse effect. | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |

**Table 1.12 - Baseline Panorama 12: View from 42 George Street at Helpringham**

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E513865, N340219 | RESIDENTIAL | 3857m | ST19595-071 | E |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.19 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 12: View from 42 George Street at Helpringham (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.30).** The view is representative of the views from residential properties at the eastern edge of Helpringham. Views are restricted by garden vegetation and scattered trees around the perimeter of the village. In the middle distance there are arable fields and partial views of residential properties near Helpringham and field boundary vegetation. Overlapping vegetation forms a wooded horizon with distant views of Bicker Fen Wind Farm. There are no views of the Site (Solar Array Area) from this location, with views being screened by intervening vegetation.

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| **Susceptibility and Value:** The view is of medium value as it overlooks an area of open agricultural land with typical landscape features that may be valued locally however not widely recognised for its quality. Residential receptors are of high susceptibility to the introduction of the Proposed Development, as generally, their attention and interest is likely to be focused on the landscape or particular views.<br>**Overall Sensitivity:** Overall, the views are of high sensitivity. | | High |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction:** The views towards the Proposed Development are screened completely. There will be no change to the views. | | No Change |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: There will be no change to the views. | | No Change |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: There will be no change to the views. | | No Change |
| **Decommissioning: (winter)**: There will be no change to the views. | | No Change |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | **Effects** |
| **Construction**: There will be no change to the views | | No Change |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: There will be no change to the views | | No Change |
| **Operation (Year 15**: There will be no change to the views | | No Change |
| **Decommissioning:** There will be no change to the views. | | No Change |

**Table 1.13 - Baseline Panorama 13: View from South Drove/Footpath Help 2/7**

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E515830, N338498 | RECREATIONAL, TRANSPORT | 2968m | ST19595-072 | N |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.20 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 13: View from South Drove/Footpath Help 2/7 (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.31).** The view is taken South Drove and the adjacent footpath Help 2/7, looking north toward the site (Cable Corridor Route). The foreground consists of a small field overgrown with scrub vegetation and small disused agricultural buildings. Large scale arable fields occupy the middle ground with some agricultural buildings and farms along North Drove. Distant field boundary vegetation and woodlands overlap in the distance to create a wooded horizon. High voltage power lines and pylons feature within the middle ground and background of the views. The views towards the site are screened by intervening vegetation.

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| **Susceptibility and Value:** The view is of relatively common landscape elements, consisting of medium to large-scale agricultural fields with trees likely to be valued locally but not widely recognised for its quality and, therefore, of medium value. The views of recreational footpath users are focused on appreciation of the landscape, therefore of high susceptibility to the Proposed Development.<br>**Overall Sensitivity**: Overall, the views are of high sensitivity. | | High |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction**: The views are screened by intervening vegetation. There will be no change to the views. | | No Change. |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: There will be no change to the views. | | No Change. |
| **Operation (Year 15):** There will be no change to the views. | | No Change. |
| **Decommissioning: (winter)**: There will be no change to the views. | | No Change |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | **Effects** |
| **Construction**: There will be no change to the views. | | No Change. |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: There will be no change to the views. | | No Change. |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: There will be no change to the views. | | No Change. |
| **Decommissioning:** There will be no change to the views. | | No Change |

**Table 1.14 - Baseline Panorama 14: View from PRoW Doni/8/1 near Bullbank Holt**

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E520036, N335869 | RECREATIONAL | 1914m | ST19595-073 | N |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.21 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 14: View from PRoW Doni/8/1 near Bullbank Holt; (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.32)**. The view is taken from the PRoW Doni/8/1 near Bullbank Holt, northwest of the settlement of Donington, looking north toward the Site (Cable Route Corridor). The foreground comprises the road, agricultural post and wire, post and rail fence along the roadside grass verge. Large agricultural field occupies the middle ground of the view with occasional farmsteads that have scattered groups of trees around the houses, restricting the views into the background and towards the Site. The high-voltage power lines and pylons are visible in the background, with views of the wind turbines at Bicker Fen Wind Farm in the middle ground. The views towards the Site are screened by intervening vegetation and farm buildings.

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| **Susceptibility and Value:** The view from this public footpath is not recognised in guidebooks and tourist maps, and the route does not include signboards or interpretative materials. Therefore, the value of these views is medium as the view overlooks the rural landscape with commonplace landscape elements. The view is experienced by recreational receptors, and their attention is focused on enjoying the views across an expansive and open rural landscape; therefore, their susceptibility to the Proposed Development is high.<br>**Overall Sensitivity**: Overall, the views are of high sensitivity. | | High |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction:** Construction activity within the Cable Route Corridor and in relation to the Bicker Fen Substation may be intermittently visible. In relation to the context of large scale energy infrastructure associated with Bicker Fen Wind Farm and overhead transmission lines. | | Very Low |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: Views of the Bicker Fen substation extension may be visible but will barely perceptible. | | Very Low |
| **Operation (Year 15):** Views of the Bicker Fen substation extension may be visible but will barely perceptible. | | Very Low |
| **Decommissioning (winter/winter): Views of the Bicker Fen substation extension may be visible but will barely perceptible.** | | Very Low |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | **Effects** |
| **Construction**: High sensitivity combined with a very low magnitude of change will result in a Negligible level of effect. | | Negligible adverse (not |

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **E520036, N335869** | **RECREATIONAL** | **1914m** | **ST19595-073** | **N** |
| | | | | significant) |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: High sensitivity combined with a very low magnitude of change will result in a Negligible level of effect. | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: High sensitivity combined with a very low magnitude of change will result in a Negligible level of effect. | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| **Decommissioning**: High sensitivity combined with a very low magnitude of change will result in a Negligible level of effect. | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |

### Table 1.15 - Baseline Panorama 15: View from Howell Fen Drove

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E514827, N346904 | RESIDENTIAL, TRANSPORT | 0m | ST19595-074 | N |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.22 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 15: View from Howell Fen Drove (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.33).** The viewpoint is located on a minor access road providing access to Westmoreland Farm, looking north toward the Site (Solar Array Area). The foreground comprises the road, with the agricultural landscape to the north comprising the flat landscape with large agricultural field units layers of mature vegetation and with the occasional presence of individual properties and farmsteads. The horizon is mostly defined by mature woodland and tree cover.

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| **Susceptibility and Value:** The view beyond the immediate presence of the concrete hardstanding has some scenic quality and is representative of the flat fenland landscapes although it is undesignated for landscape reasons. Therefore, the value of these views is medium as the view overlooks the rural landscape with commonplace landscape elements.<br>The view is illustrative of the most open views for residents accessing properties whose susceptibility will be high.<br>**Overall Sensitivity**: Overall, the views are of high sensitivity. | | High |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction:** Views of construction activity will be apparent in close distance views between and beyond intervening layers of mature vegetation resulting in a high magnitude of change although this change will be experienced in short lived transient views. | | High |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: Views of solar PV arrays will be available in gaps through roadside hedgerows including from this proposed access point to the Solar Array Area. Views of the proposed substation and BESS will also be available in longer distance views. | | High |
| **Operation (Year 15):** The establishment of mitigation planting will provide partial assimilation of the Onsite Substation and BESS but transient close distance views of solar PV arrays will remain available. | | Medium |
| **Decommissioning (winter/winter):** The nature and scale of change will be comparable to the construction stage. | | High |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | **Effects** |
| **Construction**: High sensitivity combined with a high magnitude of change will result in a Major adverse level of effect. | | **Major adverse (significant)** |

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **E514827, N346904** | **RESIDENTIAL, TRANSPORT** | **0m** | **ST19595-074** | **N** |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: High sensitivity combined with a high magnitude of change will result in a Major adverse level of effect. | | | | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: High sensitivity combined with a medium magnitude of change will result in a Major adverse level of effect. | | | | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| **Decommissioning**: High sensitivity combined with a high magnitude of change will result in a Major adverse level of effect. | | | | **Major adverse (significant)** |

## Table 1.16 - Baseline Panorama 16: View from B1395 Clay Bank

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E518572, N347188 | RECREATIONAL TRANSPORT | 2610m | ST19595-075 | W |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.23 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 16: View from B1395 Clay Bank (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.34).** The view is taken from the B1395, Clay Bank, south-east of the settlement of South Kyme, and north-east of Heckington, looking west toward the Solar Array Area and south east towards Heckington Fen Solar Park. The foreground comprises the road, electric power post on agricultural field and along the roadside grass verge. Large agricultural field occupies both sides of the view from the B-road and Five Willow Wath Farm in the middle that have scattered groups of trees around the farmhouses, restricting the views into the background and towards the Site. The horizon is mostly wooded. The high-voltage power lines and pylons are visible in the background, with views of the wind turbines of Donnington Farm in the middle ground.

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| **Susceptibility and Value**: The view comprises the highway corridor with relatively open views across the flat agricultural landscape which demonstrates typical fenland characteristics and some scenic value although the presence of wood pole supported transmission lines and the presence of Bicker Fen Wind Farm in the background are detracting features. Value is, therefore, considered to be medium. The view would principally be experienced by transport receptors in transient views and susceptibility is, therefore considered to be medium.<br>**Overall Sensitivity:** Overall, the views are of medium sensitivity. | | Medium |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction:** Works within the Solar Array Area and Cable Corridor Route may occasionally be visible but will be barely perceptible and will not notably change the characteristics of the view. | | Low |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: On completion views of most of the energy infrastructure within the Solar Array Area will not be visible because of the screening effects of intervening embankments and vegetation. However, long distance views of taller elements within the Solar Array area including the Onsite Substation and Bess will be visible although barely perceptible as a discrete element. | | Very Low |
| **Operation (Year 15):** Established mitigation planting will provide further assimilation within the wider landscape context, but the magnitude of change will remain unchanged. | | Very Low |
| **Decommissioning (winter/winter):** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible within the Solar Array Area. The reinstatement planting to the Cable Route will have matured and there will be little discernible change. The magnitude of change will be very low. | | Very Low |

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E518572, N347188 | RECREATIONAL TRANSPORT | 2610m | ST19595-075 | W |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | | | **Effects** |
| **Construction**: Medium sensitivity combined with a low magnitude of change will result in a Minor adverse level of effect. | | | | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: Medium sensitivity combined with a very low magnitude of change will result in a Negligible adverse level of effect. | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: Medium sensitivity combined with a very low magnitude of change will result in a Negligible adverse level of effect. | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| **Decommissioning**: Medium sensitivity combined with a very low magnitude of change will result in a Minor adverse level of effect. | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |

**Table 1.17 - Baseline Panorama 17: View from Clay Bank / B1395 near Sycamore House**

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E517942, N349467 | RESIDENTIAL TRANSPORT | 2250m | ST19595-076 | W |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.24 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 17: View from B1395 Clay Bank near Sycamore House (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.35)** and illustrated in **Figure 6.30 Photomontage 4: View from Clay Bank/B1395 near Sycamore House (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.41).** The viewpoint is located on the B1395 'Clay Bank', south-east of the settlement of South Kyme and south-west of South Kyme Golf Club. The view is orientated westwards toward the Solar Array Area to the west and Cable Route Corridor to the south. The foreground comprises the characteristically flat, open agricultural landscape framed by South Kyme village and individual residential properties to the right hand side (North) of the panorama. Woodland blocks within the Solar Array Area are perceptible in the background of the view combining to define a partially vegetated skyline composed of overlapping tree belts and woodlands.

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| **Value and Sensitivity:** The viewpoint is located within a transport corridor with relatively common landscape elements, consisting of medium to large-scale agricultural fields with ordinary commonplace elements and, therefore, of medium value. The views are experienced by a mix of residential and road users. Residential receptors are considered to be of high susceptibility.<br>**Overall Sensitivity:** Overall, the combined medium value and high susceptibility will result in high sensitivity. | | High |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction:** Views of construction activity may be intermittently available in long distance views. | | Very Low |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: On completion views of most of the energy infrastructure within the Solar Array Area will not be visible because of the screening effects of intervening embankments and vegetation. Long distance views of taller elements within the Solar Array area will be visible. | | Very Low |
| **Operation (Year 15):** Established mitigation planting will provide further assimilation into the landscape context but the magnitude of change will remain unchanged. | | Very Low |
| **Decommissioning (winter/winter):** The nature and scale of change within the Solar Array Area will be comparable to that experienced at construction. | | Very Low |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | **Effects** |
| **Construction**: High sensitivity combined with a very low magnitude of change will result in a Negligible adverse level of effect. | | Negligible adverse (not |

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **E517942, N349467** | **RESIDENTIAL TRANSPORT** | **2250m** | **ST19595-076** | **W** |
| | | | | significant) |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: High sensitivity combined with a very low magnitude of change will result in a Negligible adverse level of effect | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: High sensitivity combined with a very low magnitude of change will result in a Negligible adverse level of effect | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| **Decommissioning**: High sensitivity combined with a very low magnitude of change will result in a Negligible adverse level of effect | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |

**Table 1.18 - Baseline Panorama 18: View from Public Footpath Ewer 12/1**

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E515360, N349746 | RECREATIONAL | 0m | ST19595-077 | SW |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.25 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 18: View from Public Footpath Ewer 12/1 (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.36)**. The view is taken from the PRoW Ewer 12/1 looking south towards the Solar Array Area. The foreground consists of grassland and scrubby hedgerow, with open and large-scale arable field in the mid ground. The background of the view comprises Gashes Barn residential property and woodland block with scattered tree groups and boundary vegetation, forming a wooded horizon. The Church of St Andrew Asgarby and Ewerby Thorpe are visible in distant, partially screened by intervening vegetation.

| Sensitivity | Susceptibility, Value | Sensitivity |
|---|---|---|
| **Sensitivity**: The view comprises relatively commonplace landscape elements within the rural landscape but is largely devoid of detracting elements therefore, the value of the views is medium. The view is experienced by recreational receptors, whose attention tends to be focused on the wider landscape; therefore, their susceptibility is high. Overall, the views are of high sensitivity. | | High |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction:** Construction activity associated with the Proposed Development will be visible in relatively close distance views through gaps in existing field boundary vegetation and partially visible above existing boundary vegetation. Views of construction activities will be available for users of the PRoW. Therefore, the gradual progression of solar panel installation and construction of the Onsite Substation and Bess and associated infrastructure will be of large scale, covering a wide extent of the view. There will also close distance views of works associated with introduction of the footbridge associated with the proposed permissive path and footpath connections. Construction will be short term and reversible, resulting in a high magnitude of change. | | High |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: Upon completion, the proposed mitigation planting will not have matured to provide a screening effect. The views will remain available through gaps in the existing vegetation. The scale of change will remain high for a relatively short section of the PRoW. The magnitude of change will be high. | | High |
| **Operation (Year 15):** Mitigation planting will be established but close distance views of energy infrastructure and the footbridge will remain prominent. | | High |
| **Decommissioning:** Although mitigation planting will be established there will be close distance views of the decommissioning activity which will be of a comparable level to the construction phase. | | High |

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **E515360, N349746** | **RECREATIONAL** | **0m** | **ST19595-077** | **SW** |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | | | **Effects** |
| **Construction**: The combined high sensitivity and high magnitude of change will result in Major adverse and significant effects. | | | | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: The combined high sensitivity and high magnitude of change will result in Major adverse and significant effects. | | | | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: The combined high sensitivity and medium magnitude of change will result in Major adverse and significant effects. | | | | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| **Decommissioning**: The combined high sensitivity and medium magnitude of change will result in Major adverse and significant effects. | | | | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |

**Table 1.19 - Baseline Panorama 19: View from A17 near Poplars Farm**

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO CABLE CORRIDOR AREA | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E518697, N344470 | TRANSPORT | 1400m | ST19595-078 | W |

**Existing view:** The existing view is illustrated in **Figure 6.26 Baseline Panorama Viewpoint 19: View from A17 near Poplars Farm (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.37)** and **Figure 6.30 Photomontage 4: View from A17 near Poplars Farm (Document Ref: 6.4 ES Vol.3, 6.4.41).** The view is taken from junction A17/ B1395 near Poplars Farm, looking north-west towards the Site (Solar Array Area). The foreground comprises the road (A17) with boundary woodland strip on the left, agricultural field and lamp post along the roadside grass verge. The view consists of agricultural buildings and wooden poles and line in the middle distance. The horizon is mostly wooded with high-voltage power lines and pylons visible in the background.

| **Sensitivity** | | **Sensitivity** |
|---|---|---|
| **Susceptibility and Value:** The viewpoint is located at the junction of the A17 and B1395 with relatively common landscape elements, consisting of medium -scale agricultural fields with trees likely to be valued locally but not widely recognised for its quality and, therefore, of medium value. The susceptibility of road receptors is medium. **Overall Sensitivity:** Medium value and medium susceptibility will result in an overall medium sensitivity. | | Medium |
| **Magnitude** | **Size/Scale, Geographical Extent, Duration & Reversibility of Effect** | **Magnitude** |
| **Construction:** Views of construction activity may be intermittently available in long distance views. | | Very Low |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: On completion views of most of the energy infrastructure within the Solar Array Area will not be visible because of the screening effects of intervening landform and layers of mature vegetation cover. Long distance views of taller elements (Onsite Substation and Bess) within the Solar Array Area will be visible although these elements will not generally be perceptible as discrete aspects of the view. | | Very Low |
| **Operation (Year 15):** Established mitigation planting will provide further assimilation into the landscape context but the magnitude of change will remain unchanged. | | Very Low |
| **Decommissioning (winter/winter):** The nature and scale of change will be comparable to that experience at construction. | | Very Low |
| **Effects** | **Adverse/Beneficial/Neutral** | **Effects** |
| **Construction**: High sensitivity combined with a very low magnitude of change will result in a Negligible adverse level of effect. | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| **Operation (Year 0)**: High sensitivity combined with a very low magnitude of change will result in a Negligible | | Negligible |

| OS GRID REFERENCE | RECEPTOR TYPES | DISTANCE TO CABLE CORRIDOR AREA | FIGURE | VIEW DIRECTION |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **E518697, N344470** | **TRANSPORT** | **1400m** | **ST19595-078** | **W** |
| adverse level of effect. | | | | adverse (not significant) |
| **Operation (Year 15)**: High sensitivity combined with a very low magnitude of change will result in a Negligible adverse level of effect. | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| **Decommissioning (winter)**: High sensitivity combined with a very low magnitude of change will result in a Negligible adverse level of effect. | | | | Negligible adverse (not significant) |

**Table 1.20 - Visual effects on Settlements within 2km of the Proposed Development**

| SETTLEMENT/ PROPERTIES | DISTANCE M/KM | DIRECTION FROM SITE | SENSITIVITY | MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE | OVERALL EFFECT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ewerby Thorpe Hamlet (Potential views of Solar Array Area) | 190m | West | High | **Construction:** The views from the majority of residential properties are screened by garden vegetation and field boundary vegetation as well as nearby buildings that block the views towards the Proposed Development. Partial views will be available from the upper storeys of Austhorpe Top, restricted partially here by vegetation along Thorpe Road. The most notable change would be experienced by residents in properties to the eastern extent of the settlement including, Ewerby Thorpe Farm and Ewerby Thorpe Lodge which are considered within **Appendix 6.5 Residential Visual Amenity Assessment (Document Ref: 6.3 ES Vol.2, 6.3.17)**. Overall, for the settlement as a whole the magnitude of change would be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The magnitude of change will remain low as the proposed mitigation planting will be immature and will not provide a screening effect in year one. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The magnitude of change will remain low; the proposed mitigation planting will further restrict the views but partial visibility will remain. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** The magnitude of change identified in year 15 will remain as identified in year 15 as the mitigation planting will remain, successfully restricting the visibility of construction. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| Ewerby (Potential views of Bespoke Access corridor) | 500m | North | High | **Construction**: The visibility from residential properties located to the southern edge of Ewerby towards the Solar Array Area and the Bespoke Access Corridor is generally restricted by intervening vegetation, consisting of hedgerows and shelter belts or through screening provided by poultry units or scattered trees. Some partial visibility of construction activity is anticipated in middle distance views. The magnitude of | Minor adverse (not significant) |

| SETTLEMENT/ PROPERTIES | DISTANCE M/KM | DIRECTION FROM SITE | SENSITIVITY | MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE | OVERALL EFFECT |
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| | | | | change will be low. | |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0):** On completion, views of the Bespoke Access Road are likely to be limited to the intermittent presence of operational vehicles on the Bespoke Access Route accessing the Solar Array Area. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15): Some reinstatement p**lanting to the Bespoke Access Corridor will be introduced this will be relatively small scale and not notably affect the visual experience. The magnitude of change will remain very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** At decommissioning the nature and scale of activity will be comparable to the construction phase. The magnitude of change will remain low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| Asgarby (Potential views of Bespoke Access corridor) | Adjacent | East | High | **Construction**: Asgarby is located immediately to the east of the access point off the A17 but views from residential properties will be restricted by mature tree cover and boundary hedgerows. Residents may experience intermittent, transient views of construction activity associated with the Bespoke Access Road in the landscape to the west and north. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0):** On completion, views of the Bespoke Access Road are likely to be limited to the intermittent presence of vehicles accessing the Solar array Area for maintenance and operational purposes. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** Planting associated with the Bespoke Access Corridor will be limited to reinstatement planting which will not notably affect the visual experience for visual receptors in Asgarby. The magnitude of change will remain low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** At decommissioning the nature and scale of activity will be comparable to the construction phase. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |

| SETTLEMENT/ PROPERTIES | DISTANCE M/KM | DIRECTION FROM SITE | SENSITIVITY | MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE | OVERALL EFFECT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boughton | | | | **Construction:** Boughton is located immediately to the south of the Bespoke Access Road. However, views from residential properties will be restricted by mature vegetation cover and boundary hedgerows. Residents may experience intermittent, transient views of construction activity associated with the Bespoke Access Road in the landscape to the west and north. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: On completion, views of the Bespoke Access Road are likely to be limited to the intermittent presence of vehicles accessing the Solar array Area for maintenance and operational purposes. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** Planting associated with the Bespoke Access Corridor will be limited to reinstatement planting which will not notably change the visual experience following establishment. The magnitude of change will remain low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** At decommissioning the nature and scale of activity will be comparable to the construction phase. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| Howell | | | | **Construction:** Views from the settlement as a whole are generally well screened towards the Solar Array Area by existing woodland and tree groups around residential properties completely screen the views from Howell although some more open views are available from residential properties as set out in relation to properties R20a crown Cottage and R20b keepers Cottage. Overall, the magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: At operation views will be generally limited by mature vegetation cover but some more open views will be available from a limited number of properties as set out above. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |

| SETTLEMENT/ PROPERTIES | DISTANCE M/KM | DIRECTION FROM SITE | SENSITIVITY | MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE | OVERALL EFFECT |
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| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** Mitigation planting within the southwestern corner of the Solar Array Area will be established and will further reduce visibility. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | Decommissioning: decommissioning activity will be largely screened by existing and mitigation planting. The magnitude of change will remain very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| South Kyme (Potential views of Solar Array Area and Cable Route Corridor) | 1.6km | North East | High | **Construction:** The views from South Kyme are largely screened by a mature tree belt along Kyme Eau and the perimeter of the village in combination with garden vegetation. Any views available will be long-distance from upper storeys and largely restricted by intervening vegetation between South Kyme and the Solar Array Area. The extent of change in the views and the scale will be small, reversible and short term. Overall, the magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The Proposed Development will be barely perceptible in the views resulting in a very low magnitude of change. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The mitigation planting will contribute to the screening effect alongside existing vegetation. The magnitude of change will remain very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** The decommissioning works will be similar in nature to construction. The change in the views will be short-term and reversible and the land will be restored to agricultural use, including replacement planting for the lost vegetation. Overall, the magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| Heckington (Potential views of Solar Array Area, Bespoke Access Corridor | 1.18km | East | High | **Construction:** The views from Heckington are largely screened by garden vegetation around houses, tree belts marking the field boundaries of adjacent fields and buildings that restrict the views completely. Some partial and filtered views towards Cable Route Corridor will be available from the upper storeys of a few residential properties. The views | Minor adverse (not significant) |

| SETTLEMENT/ PROPERTIES | DISTANCE M/KM | DIRECTION FROM SITE | SENSITIVITY | MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE | OVERALL EFFECT |
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| and Cable Route Corridor) | | | | towards Solar Array Area and the Bespoke Access Corridor will be largely screened by intervening vegetation. The views from the upper storeys will include a dynamic pattern of construction activities associated with soil stripping and laying the cable underground. In the short term, a range of features that are uncharacteristic of the existing landscape will be introduced, such as fencing, movement of construction vehicles and formation of temporary soil storage areas. At the end of construction, the land will be restored to agricultural use. The change in the views will be short-term and reversible. Overall, the magnitude of change will be low. | |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The change to the views will be of a very small scale and extent, barely perceptible from the upper storeys of a limited number of residential properties at the eastern edge of Heckington. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The proposed mitigation planting will mature to restore any loss to the existing vegetation but will provide a greater screening in comparison to the baseline scenario. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Works associated with decommissioning will be barely perceptible resulting in a very low magnitude of change. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| Great Hale (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 1.1km | West | High | **Construction:** There will be limited views of the construction of works within the Cable Route Corridor due to screening provided by garden vegetation and field boundary hedgerows and trees around Great Hale. It is expected that some partial and restricted views will be available from the upper storeys of some residential properties within Green Hale. Construction with associated soil stripping, views of construction fencing, and vehicle movement will result in a medium-scale change and extent. Construction will be reversible and short-term. | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |

| SETTLEMENT/ PROPERTIES | DISTANCE M/KM | DIRECTION FROM SITE | SENSITIVITY | MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE | OVERALL EFFECT |
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| | | | | Overall, there will be a medium magnitude of change. | |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: As the cable will be buried underground, there will be little change to the views that will be perceptible. Some agricultural crops may not be fully restored alongside vegetation that has been lost. The proposed mitigation planting will not add to the screening effect. The scale of change and its extent will reduce to small. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** By year 15, the proposed mitigation planting will mature to provide greater screening in comparison to the baseline views due to the greater screening effect. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** The views are screened by intervening vegetation. There will be no change to the views. | No Change |
| Little Hale (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 2.0km | West | High | **Construction:** The views from Little Hale are considerably screened by garden vegetation and intervening field boundary vegetation. Some distant views may be available into parts of the Cable Route Corridor from the upper storeys of residential properties. The scale of change in the views will be small as the extent. Construction will be short-term and reversible, resulting in a low magnitude of change. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The change in the views will be barely perceptible as the Cable Route Corridor will be located at a considerable distance. The scale of change will be very small as the landscape will be restored to agricultural use, and changes to the vegetation pattern will be discernible. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The very low magnitude of change will remain, as the proposed mitigation planting will continue to provide screening combined with the existing vegetation. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |

| SETTLEMENT/ PROPERTIES | DISTANCE M/KM | DIRECTION FROM SITE | SENSITIVITY | MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE | OVERALL EFFECT |
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| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Views from the eastern settlement edge will be largely screened and filtered by intervening vegetation. Partial views of the upper aspects of the Bicker Fen substation Extension may be discernible. The magnitude of change will be very low. | (Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| Helpringham (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 3.0km | West | High | **Construction:** The views from Helpringham are distant and largely screened by garden vegetation and intervening field boundary vegetation. Some distant views may be available into parts of the Cable Route Corridor from the upper storeys of residential properties. The scale of change in the views will be small as the extent of the change in the views. Construction will be short-term and reversible, resulting in a low magnitude of change. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The change in the views will be barely perceptible as the Cable Corridor will be located at a considerable distance. The scale of change will be very small as the landscape will be restored to agricultural use, and changes to the existing vegetation will be of a very small scale. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The very low magnitude of change will remain, as the proposed mitigation planting will continue to provide screening combined with the existing vegetation. The magnitude of change will remain very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Views from the eastern settlement edge will be largely screened and filtered by intervening vegetation. Partial views of the upper aspects of the Bicker Fen substation extension may be discernible. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| East Heckington (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 1.2km | West | High | **Construction**: The views from East Heckington are screened by tree belts that are frequent along the A17. The screening is also afforded by agricultural buildings. However, there are few buildings where the views into the open landscape to the south | Minor adverse (not significant) |

| SETTLEMENT/ PROPERTIES | DISTANCE M/KM | DIRECTION FROM SITE | SENSITIVITY | MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE | OVERALL EFFECT |
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| | | | | towards the Cable Route Corridor will be available. The views will be partial and filtered and include views of excavations, temporary soil heaps and movement of vehicles. Construction will be short-term, reversible and of low magnitude. | |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The change to the landscape within the Cable Route Corridor will be of a very small scale as the cable will be buried underground, and the land will be restored to agricultural use at the end of the construction period. Similarly, the perception of change in the landscape will be of a small scale and extent. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** By year 15, the proposed mitigation planting will add to the screening effect reducing the scale of change and its extent in the views. The change will be long-term, resulting in a small scale of change and extent in the views. The magnitude of change will remain very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** The views are screened by intervening vegetation. There will be no change to the views. | No change |
| Swineshead Bridge (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 1.9km | Northeast | High | **Construction:** The views towards the Cable Route Corridor are largely restricted by woodland along South Forty Foot Drain, and tree belts along residential properties and ancillary buildings. However, some distant views towards the Cable Route Corridor will be available from the upper storeys of some residential properties. The views of construction, including excavation, short term storage of topsoil heaps, and movement of vehicles, will be short-term and reversible of low scale and extent in the views. Overall, the magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: Upon completion of construction, the agricultural land use will be restored and although the pattern of vegetation and crops may not fully reflect the baseline scenario the change in the views would be of small scale and | Minor adverse (not significant) |

| SETTLEMENT/ PROPERTIES | DISTANCE M/KM | DIRECTION FROM SITE | SENSITIVITY | MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE | OVERALL EFFECT |
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| | | | | extent. The magnitude of change will reduce to low. | |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The magnitude of change will reduce to very low by year 15 as the mitigation planting will mature to provide a greater screening level. The change in the views will be of a very small scale and extent. Overall, the magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** The views are screened by intervening vegetation. There will be no change to the views. | No Change |
| Northorpe village (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 1.7km | Southeast | High | **Construction:** The views are screened by garden vegetation towards the Cable Route Corridor for the majority of residents at Northorpe village. However, there is a row of residential properties at Dyas Lane where from more open views towards the Cable Route Corridor are available. Construction will be short term and reversible, resulting in an overall medium magnitude of change. | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: As the land use will be restored at the end of construction, the scale of change and extent will reduce to small. The most notable change will result from views of the upper aspects of the Bicker Fen Substation Extension although this will not be prominent in views from some residential properties in Northorpe village. Overall, the magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The proposed reinstatement planting will mature to provide a greater level of screening reducing the magnitude of change to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Partial views of the Bicker Fen substation extension may be perceptible for some residential receptors. The magnitude of change will remain very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |

**Table 1.21 - Visual effects on individual Residential Properties or Property Groups within 2km of the Proposed Development**

| PROPERTIES | DISTANCE M/KM | DIRECTION FROM SITE | SENSITIVITY | MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE | OVERALL EFFECT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| R1a.Ewerby Thorpe Farm and b. Lodge | 0m | Southwest | High | **Construction:** Views of construction activity will be available in relatively close distance views to the east and south east from the rear elevation of these properties. The magnitude of change will be high. | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: Views from Ewerby Thrope Farm and Ewerby Thorpe Lodge will be considerably altered resulting from the presence of large scale solar arrays available in close distance views to the east of the properties from a slightly elevated location. There is a fragmented hedgerow to the western extent of the order limits which will partially filter views, but the magnitude of change will be high. | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** Mitigation planting to the east and south east of the properties and within the Solar Array Area to the west of the proposed substation will be established and will partially screen views although views of taller elements will remain visible and views from upper floor windows will be more open. The magnitude of change will reduce to medium. | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** At this stage mitigation planting will have matured and will provide comprehensive screening although partial views of taller elements of infrastructure will remain visible. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| R2a, Howell Fen Farmhouse, b. Asgarby Barns (Potential views of Solar Array Area and Cable Route Corridor) | 25m | South | High | **Construction:** Views from Asgarby Barns towards the Solar Array Area are heavily filtered by garden vegetation allowing partial views towards the northern part of the Cable Route Corridor. The views from Howell Fen Farmhouse are almost entirely screened towards the Solar Array Area and wholly screened towards the Cable Route Corridor. Overall, the change at construction will be large scale, affecting a large extent of the views and at close range. Construction activities will be reversible and short term. Overall, the magnitude of | **Major adverse (significant)** |

| PROPERTIES | DISTANCE M/KM | DIRECTION FROM SITE | SENSITIVITY | MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE | OVERALL EFFECT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | change will be high. | |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The scale of change will reduce to medium, as the views of the Solar Array Area will be less intrusive in the views and the change within Cable Corridor will be of a very small scale. The geographical extent of change will reduce to medium as there will be partial views of the Solar Array Area. The mitigation planting will not have matured, with the Solar Array Area covering a large extent of the views. Therefore, the magnitude of change will reduce to medium. | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The proposed mitigation planting will screen Proposed Development almost entirely, with only glimpsed, oblique views of the Solar Array Area from the upper storey windows of Howel Fen Farmhouse. Subsequently, the resulting scale and extent of the change in the views will reduce to low. The change in the views will be long term and reversible. Overall, the magnitude of change will reduce to low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** The Solar Array Area decommissioning will be largely screened by the proposed mitigation planting. Overall, the change will be short term, of small scale, extent, and reversibility, resulting in a low magnitude of change. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| R2c. Westmorelands Farm (Potential views of Solar Array Area and Cable Route Corridor) | 50m | South | High | **Construction:** The views towards Solar Array Area are largely screened by farm buildings, perimeter garden vegetation. However, glimpsed and partial views of construction activities will be available. There will be open views both from the ground floor level and the upper storeys towards the works within the Cable Route Corridor. Construction will be short-term and reversible, resulting in a high magnitude of change. | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: In year one, the high extent of change will remain; however, the scale of change will reduce to medium as dynamic construction activities will be replaced by solar arrays that will be less uncharacteristic. The land will be restored to | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |

| PROPERTIES | DISTANCE M/KM | DIRECTION FROM SITE | SENSITIVITY | MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE | OVERALL EFFECT |
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| | | | | agricultural land use within the Cable Route Corridor; however, some signs of recent construction may still be visible in the form of local gaps in vegetation. The mitigation planting will not provide a screening effect in year one. The magnitude of change will reduce to medium. | |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The proposed mitigation planting will provide a greater level of integration to the Proposed Development and screening. The magnitude of change will remain low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Views of decommissioning activity in the Solar Array Area will be partially and intermittently visible resulting in a low magnitude of change | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| R3. Copperhill Kennels Cattery Waithe Farmhouse The Grange, Ferry Farm and Mere House (Potential views of Solar Array Area) | 2 Waithe Farm House 5m | Northwest | High | **Construction:** The views from Copperhill Kennels Cattery are largely screened whilst more open views are available from the Grange. The views from the ground floor rooms at Ferry Farm & Mere House are predominantly screened by two mature garden trees that flank the views from this residential property. In the middle ground, the views are screened by a tall hedgerow and a mature hedgerow along Ferry Lane. Partial and filtered views of the Solar Array Area will be available from the upper storeys, but the change will be of medium scale and small extent in the views as uncharacteristic construction elements will be introduced. The change in views will be reversible and short-term. Overall, the magnitude of change will be medium | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0):** The scale of change will remain medium. The Proposed Development will be slightly less uncharacteristic than the construction stage, although the Proposed Development will be slightly less uncharacteristic compared to the construction stage. The medium magnitude of change will remain low. | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The views into the Proposed Development will be screened by a combination of existing | Negligible adverse |

| PROPERTIES | DISTANCE M/KM | DIRECTION FROM SITE | SENSITIVITY | MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE | OVERALL EFFECT |
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| | | | | vegetation and proposed mitigation planting; however, some occasional, filtered views may still be available into the Solar Array Area. The scale of change and extent will, therefore, reduce to small. The change in the views will be long term and reversible, resulting in a very low magnitude of change. | (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** At the decommissioning stage, the proposed mitigation planting will continue to provide screening in combination with the existing vegetation. The very low magnitude of change will remain. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| R4. Gashes Barn (Potential views of Solar Array Area) | 0m | Adjacent | High | **Construction:** The construction will be visible at a close distance and will dominate the views. Solar arrays will replace adjacent agricultural land use, resulting in large-scale change, occupying a large area. The construction will be short-term and reversible. Overall, the magnitude of change will be high. | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The introduced solar panels with associated infrastructure will dominate the views as the proposed scheme elements will be uncharacteristic within the existing landscape. This will result in a high magnitude of change. | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15)**: The proposed mitigation planting will likely screen most of the views from residential property; however, the change to the views will remain considerable in all directions, with parts of the Proposed Development visible. The openness will be considerably reduced along with the perception of the landscape setting associated with this property. The scale and extent of change will remain medium. The change will be long-term but reversible. The magnitude of change will remain high. | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Decommissioning (winter):** At the decommissioning stage, the solar arrays will be removed alongside the associated infrastructure. The change in the views will be less perceptible than in the construction stage, as the proposed mitigation | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |

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| | | | | planting around the residential property will largely screen operations associated with the removal of scheme elements. The magnitude of change will remain medium. | |
| R5. Star Fen Farm, The Bungalow, Star Fen Cottage, Windward, (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 0m | South | High | **Construction:** There will be some views of the construction works within the Cable Route Corridor from the upper floor rooms at the properties. Partial screening will be provided by garden vegetation and field boundary hedgerows and trees within gardens. Construction with associated soil stripping, views of construction fencing, and vehicle movement will result in a large scale of change and extent in the views. Overall, there will be a high magnitude of change. | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: As the cable will be buried underground, there will be little change to the views that will be perceptible. Some agricultural crops may not be fully restored alongside vegetation that has been lost. The proposed mitigation planting will not add to the screening effect. The scale and extent of change will be small. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** By year 15, the change in the cable corridor will be barely perceptible as any removed field boundary vegetation will be restored alongside agricultural crops. The change in the views will be almost imperceptible. The scale and extent of change will be reduced to very small. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured and there will be little discernible change. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| R6. Decoy Farm, Berrick Cottage, Courtrow Farm, April Cottage | 179m | West | High | **Construction:** The views from a majority of the properties are screened completely by surrounding trees, garden vegetation and outbuildings. The views from Maple Cottage are predominantly screened by adjacent boundary trees, with potential filtered views available from the upper-floor windows | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |

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| The Paddocks, Winkhill. (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | | | | to the east of the property. Overall, the magnitude of change will be medium as there will be partial alteration to key features and perceptual aspects of the views. | |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: There will be little change to the views that would be perceptible due to the cable being buried underground, with only minor changes or losses in landscape features noticeable in the views. The proposed mitigation planting will not provide a screening effect, with the scale of change and extent remaining small. The magnitude of change will reduce to low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** By year 15, the replacement planting along the field boundaries will have matured, restoring largely removed vegetation and providing a greater level of screening effect in combination with the existing vegetation. The change to views within the Cable Route Corridor will be barely perceptible in the views as the scale of change and extent will be small. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible. The reinstatement planting to the Cable Route Corridor will have matured and there will be little discernible change. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| R7. Hall Farm, (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 555m | East | High | **Construction:** The views from Hall Farm are thoroughly screened by trees within the garden. Partial and glimpsed views towards the Site will be available from the upper storeys of the Farm House through the existing trees around the perimeter of the Site. The visible change will be short-term and reversible. The scale of change and extent will be small, resulting in a low magnitude of change. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The change in the views will be barely perceptible. The scale of change and the extent will be small, and the magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The change in the views will be barely | Negligible |

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| | | | | perceptible in the context of the existing screening elements around residential property. The scale of change and the extent will remain small, and the magnitude of change will remain very low. | adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured and there will be little discernible change. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| R8. Fairfields, Mile Cottage, Woodlands, Mile House, The Old Barn House, Kane Farm. (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 30m | West | High | **Construction:** The views from most of the properties are screened by a combination of trees, field boundary hedgerows, ancillary outbuildings and agricultural sheds. More open views are available from Mile Cottage and The Old Barn House to the east towards the Cable Route Corridor. Overall, when available in the views the scale of change and extent of construction works will be high due to the proximity of construction. The change will be long-term and reversible, resulting in a high magnitude of change. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The change in the views will be almost imperceptible as the cable will be buried underground. The view will be oblique to the property, with barely perceptible changes such as the potential removal of field boundary vegetation or agricultural crops not being fully restored. The change in view will remain small in scale and extent. The magnitude of change will remain low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** Agricultural crops will be fully restored within the Cable Route Corridor alongside any replacement planting. The scale of change and extent will be small and barely perceptible over a longer term and reversible. There will be a very low magnitude of change. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured and there will be little discernible | Negligible adverse (not significant) |

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| | | | | change. The magnitude of change will be very low. | |
| R9. Crow Lane Farm, White House, White House Farm,Broadhurst Farm (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 96m | South | High | **Construction:** Some of residential properties, such as White House and White House Farm, are adjacent to the Cable Route Corridor and have limited vegetation around the houses. Partial, filtered views are available from the upper floor rooms at White House. There are open views toward the Cable Route Corridor from Crow Lane Farm, whilst views from Broadhurst Farm are completely screened. The views of construction, including excavation and formation of soil stockpiles, will be available within close range views.<br>The change will be large-scale and affect a large extent of the views. Construction will be reversible and short-term. Overall, the magnitude of change will be high. | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The views of the change within the Cable Route Corridor will be almost imperceptible, with only some evidence of change in views as agricultural crops may not be fully restored, and any replacement planting may not be restored at year 0. The change in views will be of a small scale but a large extent. The magnitude of change will reduce to low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** At year 15, agricultural crops and potentially lost vegetation will be established to create a similar outlook to the baseline views. The scale of change and extent will be small, long term and reversible, resulting in a very low magnitude of change. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured and there will be little discernible change. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| R10. White House Farm | 200m | West | High | **Construction:** White House Farm is located within the agricultural landscape to the west of the Cable Route Corridor. There is mature vegetation to the property boundary which will provide partial screening of construction works. Although views | **Major adverse (significant)** |

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| | | | | of works will be available in close distance views as residents utilise the access road to the property. This will result in a considerably change in the visual experience for a short time period as the works progress along the Cable Corridor Route.<br>The change will be large-scale and affect a large extent of the views. This will result in a high magnitude of change. | |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: On completion, the landscape adjacent to the property will return to a more settled state and the agricultural land use will resume. Although areas of vegetation loss will be apparent in the landscape and mitigation planting will be immature. This will result in a medium magnitude of change. | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** At year 15 mitigation planting will be established, and replacement hedgerows will be of a comparable stature to those removed during construction reducing perceived change. The magnitude of change will reduce to medium which will be long term and reversible. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured and there will be little discernible change. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| R11. Poplar Tree Farm | 10m | West | High | **Construction:** Poplar Tree Farm is located within the Cable Route Corridor. There is some mature vegetation to the property boundary which will provide partial screening of construction works. Although views of works will be available in close distance views as residents utilise the access road to the property. This will result in a considerably change in the visual experience for a short time period as the works progress along the Cable Corridor Route.<br>The change will be large-scale and affect a large extent of the views. Construction will be reversible and short-term. This will result in a high magnitude of change. | **Major adverse (significant)** |

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| | | | | **Operation (Year 0):** On completion, the landscape adjacent to the property will return to a more settled state and the agricultural land use will resume. Although areas of vegetation loss will be apparent in the landscape and mitigation planting will be immature. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** At year 15 mitigation planting will be established, and replacement hedgerows will be of a comparable stature to those removed during construction. Change associated with the Bicker Fen substation extension will be perceptible but perceived in relation to views of existing large scale energy infrastructure. The magnitude will remain low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the Cable Route Corridor will have matured and there will be little discernible change. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| R12. Villa Farm | 0m | North, West | High | **Construction:** Villa Farm is located immediately to the north and west of the Cable Route Corridor. There is some mature vegetation to the property boundary which will provide partial screening of construction works. Although views of works will be available in close distance views as residents utilise the access road to the property. This will result in a considerably change in the visual experience for a short time period as the works progress along the Cable Corridor Route.<br>The change will be large-scale and affect a large extent of the views. This will result in a high magnitude of change. | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0):** On completion, the landscape adjacent to the property will return to a more settled state and the agricultural land use will resume. Although areas of vegetation loss will be apparent in the landscape and mitigation planting will be immature. This will result in a low magnitude of change. | Minor adverse (significant) |

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| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** At year 15 mitigation planting will be established, and replacement hedgerows will be of a comparable stature to those removed during construction reducing perceived change. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured and there will be little discernible change. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| R13. Kingtree Lodge, Cowbridge Farm (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 188m | South | High | **Construction:** The views from Cowbridge Farm are screened completely by ancillary farm buildings and adjacent trees and vegetation around the property. The views from Kingtree Lodge toward the Cable Route Corridor are available from the northwest facing windows of the property, however existing trees located within agricultural fields and trees along Vicarage Road provide some intermittent screening. The change in the views will be large scale, affecting large extent of the views, reversible and short term. Overall, the magnitude of change will be high. | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The cable will be buried underground, therefore, there will be little noticeable change in views apart from not fully restored crops or any loss in vegetation. The replacement planting will not be mature at year 0. The scale of change will therefore be small, over a large extent. Overall, the magnitude of change will reduce to a low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** By year 15, the crops, alongside replacement planting, will mature, recreating the views of a similar outlook to the baseline views. The scale of change and extent and long term. Overall, the magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable | Minor adverse (not significant) |

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| | | | | route will have matured although views of the Bicker Fen Substation Extension may be available above intervening layers of vegetation cover. The magnitude of change will be low. | |
| R14. Butlers, Acorn Lodge, Milldrain Lodge (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 332m | Southeast | High | **Construction:** The views from the Butlers house are almost entirely screened by surrounding trees and vegetation. The views are further screened by vegetation in the middle ground. The views from Acorn Lodge and Milldrain Lodge are relatively open towards the Cable Route Corridor in the middle ground, with some vegetation providing intermittent screening. The change in the views will be of large scale, medium extent, reversible and short term. Overall, the magnitude of change will be high | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: There will be little of a noticeable change in views apart from agricultural crops not being fully restored alongside replacement vegetation. The scale of change will, therefore, be small and of a large extent. Overall, the magnitude of change will reduce to low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** By year 15, agricultural crops will be restored alongside replacement vegetation, where the landscape will have a similar outlook to the baseline views. The scale of change will be small, long term and reversible, resulting in a very low magnitude of change. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured although views of the Bicker Fen Substation Extension may be available above intervening layers of vegetation cover. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| R15. Meadow View, Dovecote Farm, Cozee Cottage, Highland | 205m | Southeast | High | **Construction:** The visibility towards the Site varies from residential properties along North Drove. The views from the Meadow View bungalow are almost entirely screened by roadside hedgerows. The views from Highland House are open, whilst the views from | **Major adverse (significant)** |

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| House, Gauntlet Bridge Farm, Fen Lodge, Crow Hall (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | | | | Gauntlet Bridge Farm will only be available from the upper storeys. The views of construction activities, such as the movement of site vehicles and excavation, will be visible in the middle ground to a large extent and scale. The change in the views will be reversible and short-term. The magnitude of change will be high. | |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: Where available, the views into the Cable Route Corridor will overlook fields in the middle ground with backfilled trenches and not fully restored crops and replacement planting. The scale of change will, therefore, be small and of a large extent. Overall, the magnitude of change will reduce to low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** By year 15, the crops will be fully restored alongside any lost vegetation. The scale of change and extent will be small and barely perceptible overall, long term and reversible, resulting in a very low magnitude of change. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| R16. Council House, Chestnut Farm Barn, Dial House, Barbridge Farm, Brand End Farm. (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 188m | East | High | **Construction:** There is a degree of variability in the visibility of residential properties in this group. There are open views from Chestnut Farm towards the Cable Route Corridor.<br>The views from Dial House, Barbridge Farm and Brand Farm are partially screened by garden vegetation with trees and, in some cases, outbuildings. The views of construction activities, such as the movement of construction vehicles, excavation, temporary soil storage, and backfilling operations, will be partially visible, but where visible, the change in the views will be of large scale and extent. The change in the views will be reversible and short term. Overall, the magnitude of change will be high. | **Major adverse (significant)** |

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| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: Although the land will be restored to agricultural use, the agricultural crops may not be fully restored in year 0 alongside replacement mitigation planting. The change would be of small scale and extent. Overall, the magnitude of change will reduce to low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The change will be barely perceptible as agricultural crops will be restored alongside replacement planting. The scale of change and extent will be small, long term and reversible, resulting in a very low magnitude of change. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| R17. Hall Farm, The Farm House, Poplar Farm (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 555m | East | High | **Construction:** The views from Hall Farm are thoroughly screened by trees within the garden. Partial and glimpsed views towards the Site will be available from the upper storeys of the Farmhouse through the existing trees around the perimeter of the Site. The visibility of construction will be short-term and reversible. The scale of change and extent will be small, resulting in a low magnitude of change. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The change in the views will be barely perceptible. The scale of change and the extent will be small, and the magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The change in the views will be barely perceptible in the context of the existing screening elements around residential property. The scale of change and the extent will remain small, and the magnitude of change will remain very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |

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| R18. Garwick Farm, Strawberry Cottage, Bramble Cottage, White House, Fen House (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 0m | East | High | **Construction:** The views from Garwick Farm are screened by adjacent outbuildings, similar to views from Strawberry Cottage, where the views are screened by dense trees around the building. Partial views into the Cable Route Corridor are available from Bramble Cottage and Poplar Farm adjacent to the Cable Corridor Route. The views of construction, where available, will be dominated by construction work and will include a range of uncharacteristic features associated with construction. The change in the views will be of large scale and extent, short term and reversible. Overall, the magnitude of change will be high. | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0):** The change in the views will be barely perceptible as land will be restored to agricultural land use at the end of construction. However, the crops may not be fully restored alongside replacement vegetation. The change in views will be of a small scale but large extent. Therefore, the magnitude of change will be reduced to low. Overall, the magnitude of change will reduce to low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The change in the views will be barely perceptible as the agricultural use will be fully restored alongside replacement vegetation. The scale of change and the extent will be small, long term and reversible, resulting in a very low magnitude of change. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| R19. The Smallholding, Blackberry Cottage, Holmes House, | 370m | East | High | **Construction:** The views towards the Cable Route Corridor from residential properties within the group are partially screened by vegetation and outbuildings. The views of construction, where available, will include views of excavation, vehicle movement and subsequent backfilling operations. The | **Major adverse (significant)** |

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| Old Vine Farm, White House Farm, Fen Farm (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | | | | change in the views will be of large scale and extent, short term and reversible. Overall, the magnitude of change will be high. | |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0):** As the cable will be buried underground, there will be little change to the views that will be perceptible. Some agricultural crops may not be fully restored alongside vegetation that has been lost. The proposed mitigation planting will not add to the screening effect. The scale of change and its extent will remain small. Therefore, magnitude of change will reduce to low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** By year 15, the proposed mitigation planting will mature along with the replacement planting resulting in an almost imperceptible change in views. The scale of change and the extent will reduce to very small. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured and long distance views of activity within the Solar Array Area will be barely perceptible. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| R20. Crown Cottage, Keepers Cottage (Potential views of Solar Array Area) | 50 - 100m | East/South | High | **Construction:** Dense roadside hedges to both sides of Heckington Road limit ground level visibility from Crown Cottage open views of construction activity within the Solar Array Area will be available from first floor windows of the eastern elevation. | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: On completion, relatively close distance views will be available of solar arrays to the north east from first floor windows of Crown Cottage and to the north from Keepers cottage. The perception of change at Ground level will be less apparent because of the screening provided by hedgerows. | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The establishment of native shrub and tree planting will reduce the extent to which energy | Minor adverse (not significant) |

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| | | | | infrastructure is visible in views from both properties. | |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be widely visible. mitigation planting will have matured. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |

**Table 1.22 - Residual effects from key recreational receptors (PRoWs) and transport receptors within 2km ZTV**

| PROW | DISTANCE M/KM | DIRECTION FROM SITE | SENSITIVITY | MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE | OVERALL EFFECT |
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| PRoWs near South Kyme No's.: SKym/8/1 SKym/6/1 SKym/7/1 SKym/911/1 SKym/4/1 (Potential views of Solar Array Area) | Approx. 1.4km | East | **High** | **Construction**: The construction will be largely screened by vegetation along Kyme Eau and scattered trees around South Kyme drains. Construction within Solar Array Area is also screened by a tall hedgerow with trees along Midfoder Dyke. Overall, a small scale of change is expected over a small extent of the views as vegetation along Midfoder Dyke will provide a dense screen during construction. Overall, the magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The magnitude of change will remain low as the proposed mitigation planting will add little to the screening effect. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The proposed mitigation planting in combination with the existing vegetation, will almost entirely screen the views towards Solar Array Area. The scale of change will reduce to very small alongside the extent of change in the views. Some partial views towards the scheme elements, such as substation, will remain visible. The change in the views will be long-term, resulting in a very low magnitude of change. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning**: At the decommissioning stage, the solar arrays will be removed alongside the associated infrastructure. The change in the views will be less perceptible than in the construction stage, as the proposed mitigation planting, combined with the existing vegetation, will largely screen the Solar Array Area. Overall, the magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |

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| PRoWs near River Slea Ewer/8/2 Ewer/8/1 Anwi/2/2 (Potential views of Solar Array Area) | 1.0 km | North - West | **High** | **Construction**: There will be largely open and unobstructed construction views from these PRoWs as the screening is limited by short sections of low hedgerows, tree groups and small woodlands. The scale of change and extent in construction will be large, especially from raised embankments of the PRoW Ewer/8/2 and Ewer/8/1 along the River Slea. The construction will be short term and reversible, resulting in an overall high magnitude of change. | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The change in the views will remain of large scale and extent in year one as the proposed mitigation will not provide effective screening. The magnitude of change will be medium. | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The mitigation planting will mature to provide effective screening to the Proposed Development. It is expected that only some glimpsed and filtered views may be available from some locations along the PRoWs, resulting in a low magnitude of change. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning**: The mitigation planting will continue to provide effective screening at the decommissioning stage, associated with the removal of scheme elements. The decommissioning works will be short term and reversible. The magnitude of change will remain low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| PRoW Anwi 2/2 (Potential views of Solar Array Area) | Approx. – 800m | North | **High** | **Construction:** There will be partial views of construction activity within the northern part of the Solar Array Area available from the southern section of this PRoW. The views will also be filtered by intervening vegetation. The change in the view will be of small scale and extent, reversible and short term. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: Some partial views will be available into the part of the Solar Array Area The scale of change | Minor adverse (not significant) |

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| | | | | and the extent of the Proposed Development in the views will be small. The magnitude of change will remain low. | |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The proposed mitigation planting will almost entirely screen the Solar Array Area resulting in a small scale of change and extent. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning**: The very low magnitude of change will remain as the proposed mitigation planting will effectively screen decommissioning works. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| PRoW Anwi/6/1 (Potential views of Solar Array Area) | 2.7km | North | **High** | **Construction:** The views towards the Solar Array Area are screened completely by intervening vegetation. There will be no change to the views. | No change |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: There will be no change to the views. | No change |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** There will be no change to the views. | No change |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** There will be no change to the views. | No change |
| Bridleway Ewer/1103/1 (Potential views of Solar Array Area and Bespoke Access Corridor) | 0m – 874m | West | **High** | **Construction:** There will be open views of construction from the eastern section of the Bridleway. Construction will occupy a large extent of the views and would be of large scale as the views will only be partially screened by a low hedgerow. Construction will be short-term and reversible, resulting in a high magnitude of change as a range of construction features associated with the Proposed Development will be uncharacteristic in the views. | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The introduced elements of the Solar Array Area will be uncharacteristic in the views but less dynamic in comparison with construction. Change associated with the Bespoke Access Road will not be readily perceptible. The magnitude of change will reduce to medium. | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The proposed mitigation planting will screen almost entirely Solar Array Area; however, some | Minor adverse (not significant) |

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| | | | | elements of the scheme, such as the Onsite Substation and Bess, will remain visible. The Bespoke Access Road will not be readily perceptible. The views will be altered from open views across the fenland landscape to restricted views by the proposed mitigation planting. The magnitude of change will reduce to low. | |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Mitigation planting will continue to filter views of the Solar Array Area although some activity will be intermittently perceptible. The Bespoke Access Road will not be readily perceptible. The magnitude of change will remain low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| Views from PRoWs west of Ewerby including: Ewer/5/1 Ewer/974/1 Ewer/1/6 (Potential views of Solar Array Area) | 1.4km | West | **High** | **Construction:** The construction views will be screened by intervening vegetation and a combination of residential and ancillary agricultural buildings. There will be no change to the views. | No change |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: There will be no change to the views. | No change |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** There will be no change to the views. | No change |
| | | | | **Decommissioning (winter):** There will be no change to the views. | No change |
| Public footpath AsHo/3/1 (Potential views of Solar Array Area and Bespoke Access Corridor) | 540m | West | **High** | **Construction:** The views of construction will only be available from a northern section of the Public Footpath, as the views from other sections will be screened by existing vegetation. Overall, the scale of change would be small as the extent of change in the views for both the Solar Array Area and the Bespoke Access Road will be small. Construction will be short term and reversible, resulting in a low magnitude of change. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The low magnitude of change will remain upon completion of construction as the proposed | Minor adverse (not significant) |

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| | | | | mitigation planting will not provide effective screening. | |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15)**: The proposed mitigation planting will almost entirely screen the Solar Array Area, slightly reducing the openness of the views in places. Views of vehicular movements on the Bespoke Access Road may be intermittently perceptible. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning**: The magnitude of change will remain low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| PRoWs (near Heckington) West of Solar Array Area: Heck/12/1 Heck/14/1 Heck/2/4 East of Solar Array Area: SKym/2/1 Heck/13/1 SKym/2/1 Heck/15/1 (Potential views of Solar Array Area and Cable Route Corridor) | 1.6km | West/East | **High** | **Construction:** There will be open construction views within the Cable Route Corridor. The views towards Solar Array Area will be screened by intervening vegetation. The scale of change will be large as construction will be visible at a close distance with close views of earthworks, formation of short-term spoil heaps and movement of vehicles along the short term access tracks. The extent of the change in the views will be large. Construction will be short-term and reversible. The magnitude of change will be high. | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: As the cable will remain in situ and will not be visible at the end of the construction period, the change in the landscape will be barely perceptible, mainly through the change in vegetation cover, as some field boundary vegetation will be lost, and the agricultural crops may not be fully restored on completion. The magnitude of change will reduce to low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The proposed mitigation planting will mature to restore the existing vegetation. The proposed enhancement planting will provide a greater screening level in combination with the existing vegetation. The | Negligible adverse (not significant) |

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| | | | | magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured and long distance views of activity within the Solar Array Area and Bespoke Access Corridors will be barely perceptible. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| Views from PRoWs east of Great Hale: GtHa/2/1 LHal/4/1 GtHa/2/1 (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 0m - 900m | South | **High** | **Construction:** There will be open views of construction across large areas resulting in large-scale changes as uncharacteristic features such as construction vehicles moving along the temporary access tracks, spoil heaps and construction fencing. The construction is short-term and reversible. The magnitude of change will be high. | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: As the cable will be buried at the end of the construction period, the change in the landscape will be barely perceptible, mainly through the change in vegetation cover, as some field boundary vegetation will be lost, and the agricultural crops may not be fully restored on completion. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The proposed mitigation planting, combined with the existing vegetation, will restore the existing vegetation and provide a greater level of screening. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured and comparable to the baseline scenario. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| Views from PRoWs west of | 1.6km | South/West | **High** | **Construction:** The construction will be distant in views from recreational receptors, however, some filtered views through vegetation will be available. The medium scale of | Minor adverse (not significant) |

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| Helpringham: Help/14/2 LHal/5/1 Help/2/6 (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | | | | change is expected, alongside the extent of visible scheme elements from some sections of this PRoW. The construction will be short-term and reversible, resulting in a low magnitude of change. | |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The cable will remain buried underground; therefore, minor alterations to the existing vegetation pattern due to localised removal will be barely perceptible in the views. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The proposed mitigation will restore the existing pattern of vegetation and provide additional screening. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured and comparable to the baseline scenario. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (significant) |
| Views from PRoWs south of Swineshead Swhd/13/1 Swhd/14/1 (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 600m | South | **High** | **Construction:** There will be open construction views across a large part of the Cable Corridor Route. The scale of change will be medium as uncharacteristic activity alongside features such as excavations and temporary introduction of material stockpiles associated with the Proposed Development will dominate the views. Construction will be short-term and reversible. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The cable will remain buried underground, and although the vegetation pattern will be temporarily altered, the change will be of small scale and extent. The magnitude of change will remain low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The magnitude of change will reduce to very low as the scale of change and its extent in the views will reduce to very low. Construction will be short- | Negligible adverse (not significant) |

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| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured and comparable to the baseline scenario. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| Public Footpath Bick/2/1 (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 0m | South | **High** | **Construction:** The users of this public footpath No. Bick/2/1 will experience views of a large section of the Solar Array Area; therefore, construction will be of large scale and extent. Close views of excavation, temporary spoil heaps, and movement of construction vehicles will be visible. The construction will be short-term and reversible. Overall, the magnitude of change will be high. | **Major adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: Views of the Bicker Fen Substation Extension will be available in close to middle distance views for a section of the route although perceived in relation to the existing substation and the Bicker Fen Wind Farm. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** Views of the Bicker Fen Substation Extension will remain available in close to middle distance views for a section of the route although partially screened by established reinstatement planting. The magnitude of change will remain low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Views of the Bicker Fen Substation will remain visible although progressively screened by reinstatement planting. The magnitude of change will remain low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| PRoW east of Swineshead e.g. Swhd/6/1 | 786m | North | **High** | **Construction:** The views from the PRoWs near Swineshead will be largely screened by vegetation along the A17 road. Middle-distance views towards the Cable Route Corridor will be available from Swhd/6/1. There will | Minor adverse (not significant) |

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| Swhd/7/1 Swhd/8/2 (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | | | | be a medium scale and extent of change in the views due to screening provided by the existing vegetation. The views of construction vehicle movement will be perceptible. Along the temporary access road. Construction will be short-term and reversible, resulting in a low magnitude of change. | |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The scale of change will reduce to very low as the extent of change in the views as the cable will remain buried underground. The alterations to vegetation patterns will be discernible. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The proposed reinstatement planting will be established and comparable to the baseline scenario. The magnitude of change will remain low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured and comparable to the baseline scenario. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| Views from Black Drove (linking Ewerby Waithe Common with Howell) (Potential views of Solar Array Area) | 818m | North/East | **Medium** | **Construction:** There will be transient but close to middle distance views of construction activity, occasionally screened by taller vegetation and hedgerows. The construction will be short-term and reversible. The magnitude of change will be medium. | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The change in the views will be prominent due to the close distance to the Solar Array Area. The magnitude of change will be medium as energy infrastructure will be intermittently perceptible in close to medium distance views. | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The proposed mitigation planting alongside a change in management to the existing perimeter vegetation will combine to partially screen views from the road. The scale of change and extent will reduce | Minor adverse (not significant) |

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| | | | | to low as there will be some loss to the openness of the views. | |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** The low magnitude of change will remain as the works associated with decommissioning will be largely screened by a combination of the existing and proposed vegetation. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| A153 (Potential views of Solar Array Area) | 1.9km | North/East | **Medium** | **Construction:** The views of construction will be screened by intervening vegetation. There will be no change to the views. | No change |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: There will be no change to the views. | No change |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** There will be no change to the views. | No change |
| | | | | **Decommissioning**: There will be no change to the views. | No change |
| B1395 (Potential views of Solar Array Area and Cable Route Corridor) | 1.4km | East | **Medium** | **Construction:** The construction views will be distant and largely screened by intervening vegetation; however, given the large extent of the Proposed Development, the views will include partial views of construction within Solar Array Area and Cable Route Corridor. The scale of change will be small alongside the extent of change in the views due to the presence of intervening vegetation. The construction will be short-term and reversible resulting in a very low magnitude of change. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0):** Upon completion, there will only be glimpsed views into Solar Array Area. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low as there will be no perceptible change at this distance associated with the Solar Array Area. The magnitude of change will remain very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The Proposed Development will be fully screened by combining existing vegetation and proposed mitigation planting. | Negligible neutral (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** The views of works associated with decommissioning at Solar Array Area will be screened by a | Negligible adverse |

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| | | | | combination of the existing and proposed vegetation with the exception works to taller features associated with the Substation. The magnitude of change will be low. | (not significant)) |
| A17 (Potential views of Solar Array Area, Bespoke Access Corridor and Cable Route Corridor) | 1.6km | South | Medium | **Construction:** The views of construction at the Solar Array Area will be screened completely by intervening vegetation. Short lived, transient views of works associated with the access to the Bespoke Access Road will be available. Transient views or large-scale construction activity within Cable Route Corridor occupying a large extent of the view will be available from the section of the A17 to the east of Heckington. Construction will be short-term and reversible. The magnitude of change will be high. | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: Visual change associated with the Solar Array Area and Cable Route Corridor will not be widely perceptible at completion although the loss of vegetation may be discernible for some sections of the route. The access point to the Bespoke Access Road will be visible in transient, short lived views. The magnitude of change will be low. | Minor adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The proposed reinstatement and mitigation planting will be established reducing the magnitude of change to very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured and comparable to the baseline scenario. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| B1394 (Potential views of Cable Route | 860m | East | Medium | **Construction:** The views of construction will be screened by intervening vegetation. There will be no change to the views. | No change |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0):** There will be no change to the views. | No change |

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| Corridor) | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** There will be no change to the views. | No change |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** There will be no change to the views. | No change |
| Views from local roads near Cable Corridor: Tilebarn Lane and Bicker Drove (Potential views of Cable Route Corridor) | 0m – 470m | South east | Medium | **Construction:** Construction activity will occupy a large extent of the views, and the scale of change will be large, too, for transport users close to the Cable Route Corridor. Area. Some of the local roads will be temporarily stopped up therefore there will be no change to the views. The construction will be short-term and reversible resulting in a high magnitude of change. | **Moderate adverse (significant)** |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 0)**: The changes in the landscape, such as loss of the existing vegetation, will be barely perceptible; however, the proposed mitigation planting will be visible. The magnitude of change will reduce to low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |
| | | | | **Operation (Year 15):** The matured mitigation planting will restore the existing lost vegetation and add new planting to screen the views. The magnitude of change will reduce to very low. | Negligible neutral (not significant) |
| | | | | **Decommissioning:** Decommissioning activity will not generally be perceptible, the reinstatement planting to the cable route will have matured and comparable to the baseline scenario. The magnitude of change will be very low. | Negligible adverse (not significant) |