

## **Thorpe on the Hill Parish Council (PC) IP Ref: [REDACTED]**

### **Mitigation of the proposed FGE Solar Farm on the “Stepping Out” (SO) routes in Thorpe on the Hill**

In several submissions, both orally and in writing, supported by NKDC’s LIR, the SO routes are given prominence because of the ways in which they support several key priorities of both local and district councils and their range of special characteristics including views, recreational value, importance to the visitor economy, health and well being etc.

The PC does not believe that adequate consideration has been given to properly mitigating the potential effects of the proposed scheme on these routes. The following pages of this document contains reminders of the routes themselves which have been copied from the promotional leaflets. The diagram on page 4 is taken directly from the applicant’s documents FGE 2.2 Works Plans APP-008 EN010154 and shows the layout of solar arrays in the area surrounding the SO routes.

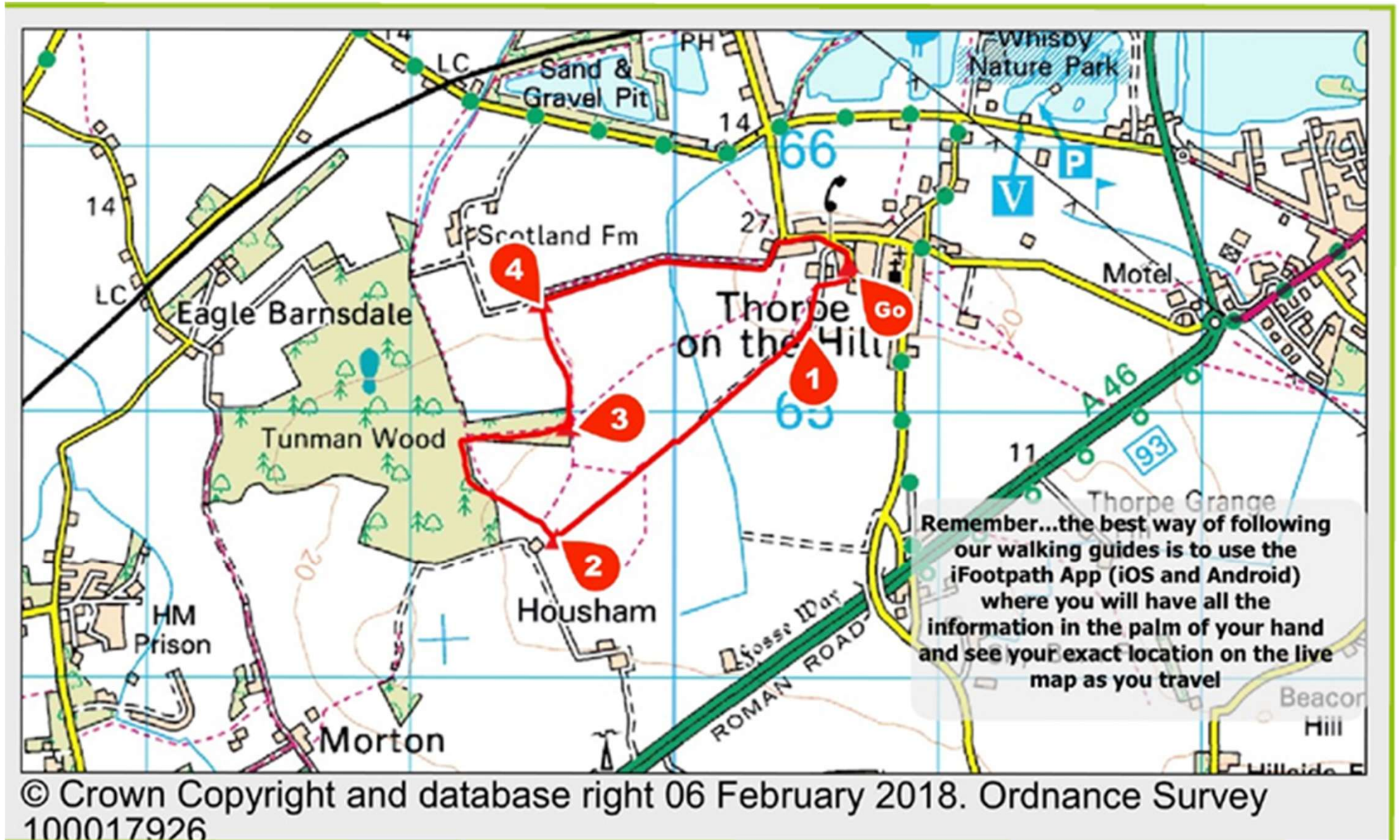
The final layout on page 5 shows what the PC considers to be a much-improved mitigation scheme. This is based upon the following design principles:

- Avoid any corridors where the SO routes would pass through solar arrays on both sides of the path creating tunnel effects. As a compromise solar arrays on one side of paths, where views are less important, are included
- Try to retain key views to Tunman Wood from the village and from Tunman Wood back to the village
- Try to retain key views identified in Thorpe on the Hill’s Neighbourhood plan
- Maintain, so far as is possible, open views which are characteristic of the locality rather than restrictive hedgerows which block key views
- Avoid changes which impact the integrity of the applicant’s proposal by requiring different access points or new parcels of land

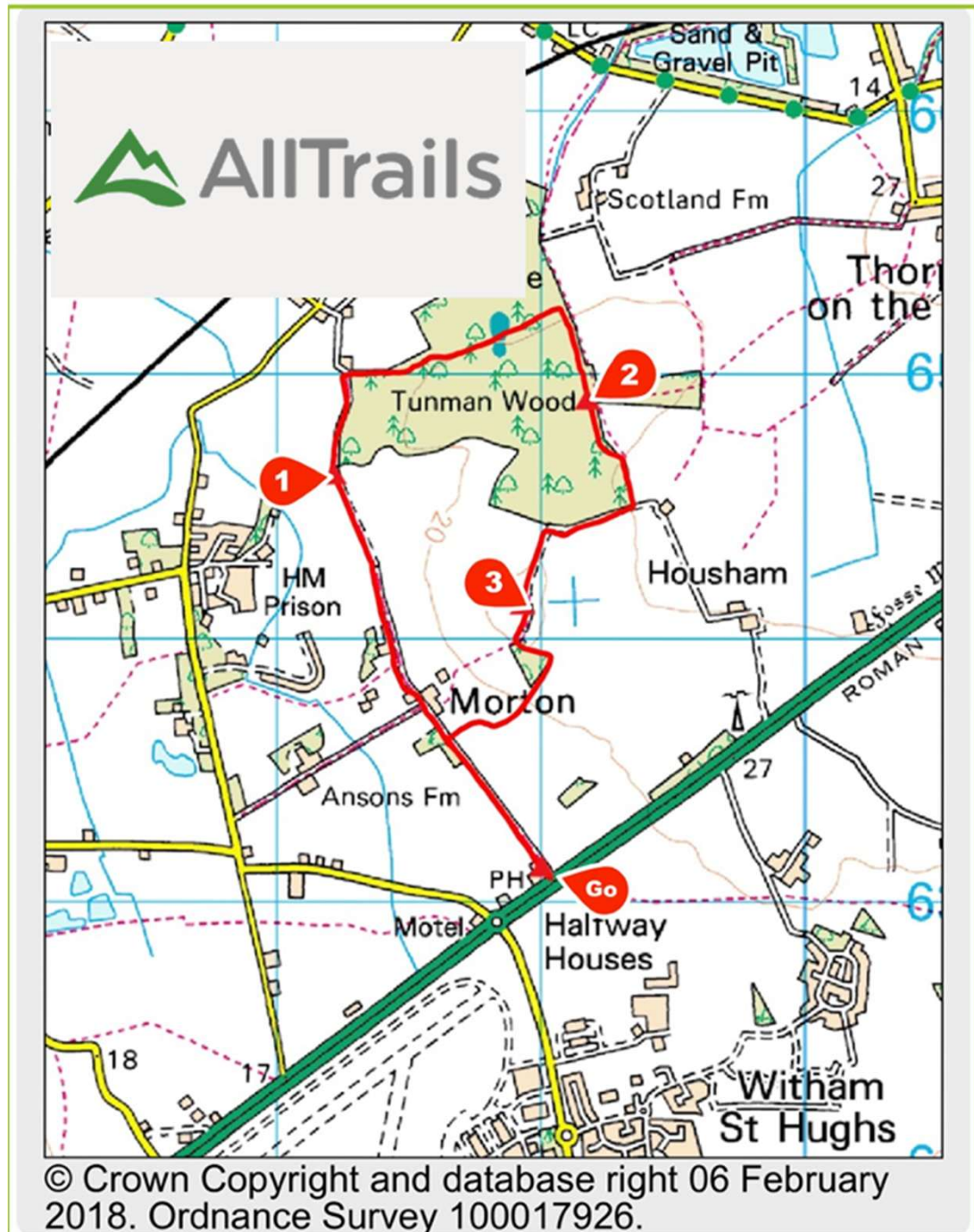
Thorpe PC cannot claim professional planning expertise however, these simple revisions which are shown on page 5 appear very practical and do not require wholesale design changes to the applicant’s proposals. They would result in a reduction in area of solar arrays in the affected areas close to the SO routes but it might possible to recoup these elsewhere. If implemented, the PC believes they would enable many of the key features and benefits of the SO routes to be retained.

Note: This submission builds upon REP1-134

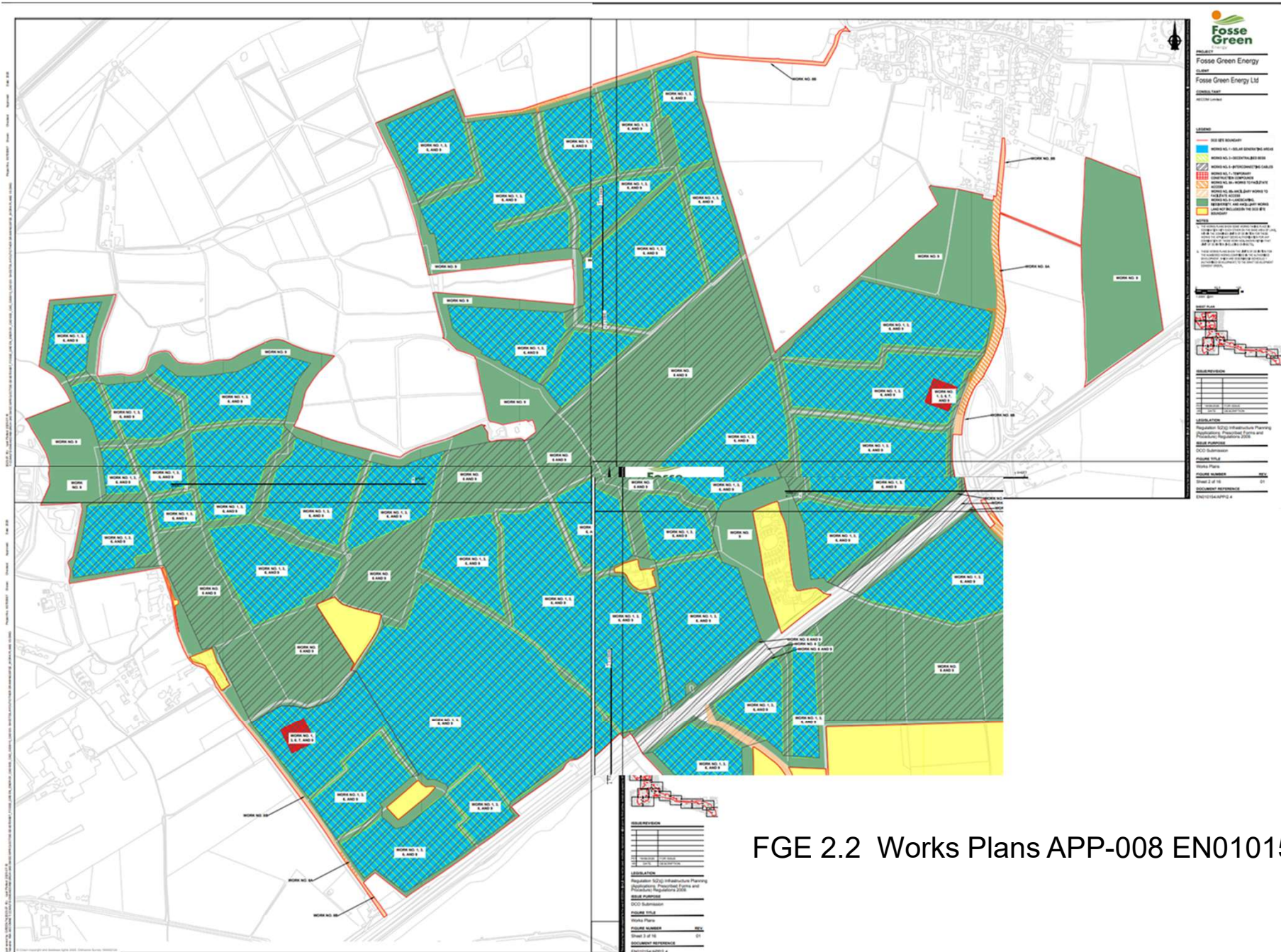
## Stepping Out – Thorpe on the Hill Walk



# Stepping Out Moreton & Tunman Wood Walk



# Current scheme based upon an assembly of images to provide an overview



FGE 2.2 Works Plans APP-008 EN010154

# Revised scheme with localised mitigation

