

Thorpe on the Hill Parish Council IP Ref: [REDACTED]

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

The Applicant's recent response REP5-008 contains a diagram of proposed new permissive footpaths. A section illustrating the impact on Thorpe on the Hill is included in this submission for reference and is shown on page 2.

The Parish Council (PC) welcomes the addition of new permissive paths but suggest that those running alongside the A46 and the bottom of Fosse Lane will attract few walkers compared to the Stepping Out routes.

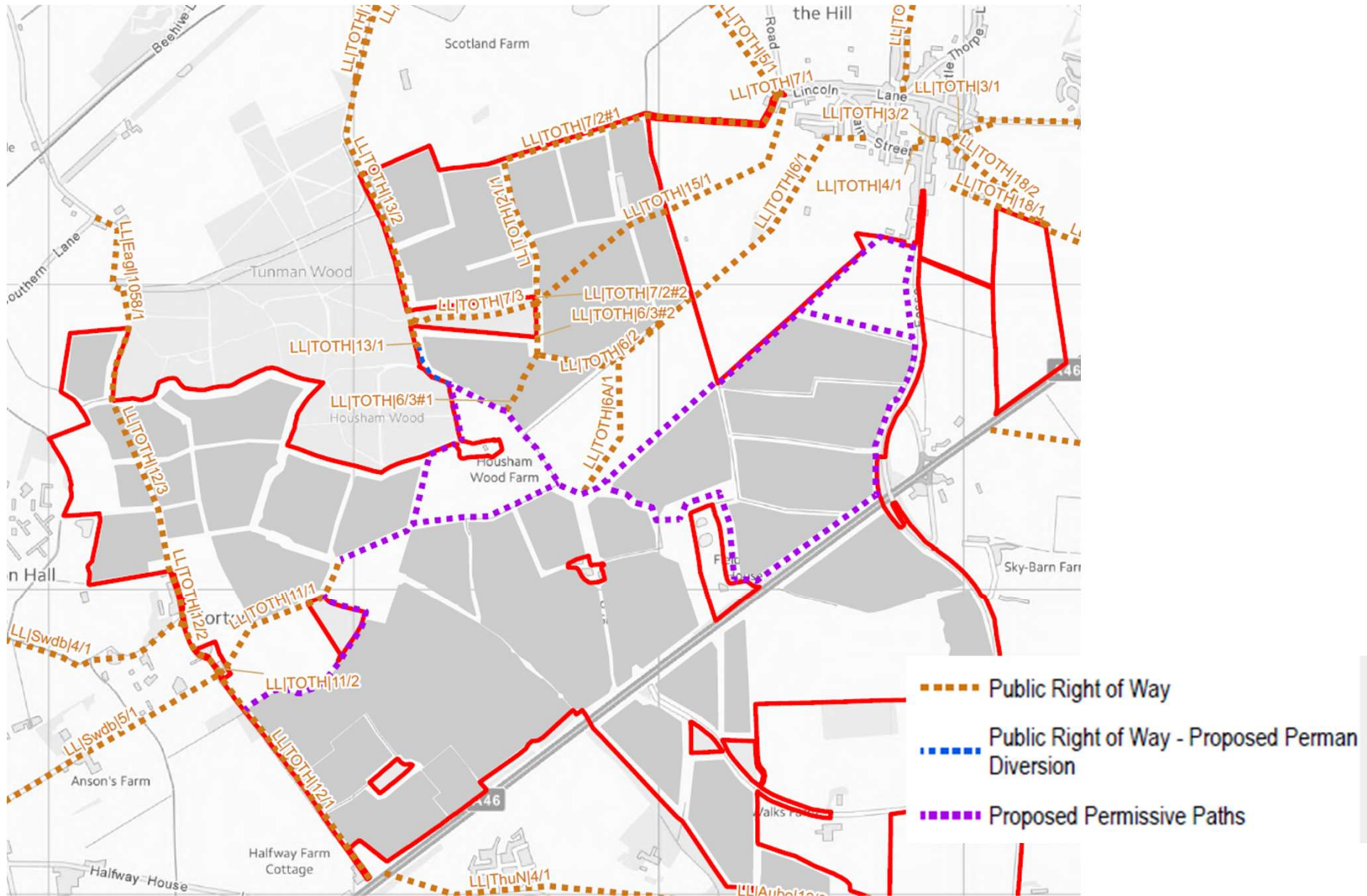
The PC previously made a submission REP3-059 which suggested some design criteria and revisions which could mitigate the impacts of the development on key local features and views. The PC notes that some of new permissive paths which are shown on REP5-008 as purple dashed lines, to the south of Housham Wood, meet the criteria suggested by the PC in their submission REP3-059.

However, there remain areas of the layout which do not meet the criteria suggested by the PC. These features are illustrated in page 4 and are annotated accordingly because they specifically:

- Contain corridors where the routes will pass through solar arrays on both sides of the path
- Damage key open views from Stocking Wood to the village and vice versa

The PC continues to believe that a readjustment to the location of solar arrays in these areas could be implemented without greatly impacting the overall viability of the scheme. Consequently, the PC appeals to the Applicant to try and develop a revised scheme which addresses these important concerns, without resorting to inappropriate screening.

REP5-008 - New Permissive Paths



REP5-008 Paths superimposed on diagrams from APP-008

This shows the paths in relation to solar arrays

