



Dean Moor Solar Farm

Environmental Statement: Appendix 7.10 –Stakeholder Engagement on behalf of **FVS Dean Moor Limited**

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Dear [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] has asked me to reply to your request about the proposed view locations.

I agree that the view locations relating to the Lake District National Park (nos. 12, 13 and 14) are appropriate and representative.

12 will help to illustrate the effect from valley/settlement level. 13 and 14 will be important in illustrating the effect of downward and outward views from the fell tops which represent highly sensitive recreational users of the National Park.

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Hi [REDACTED]

This is in response to your previous email.

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Hi -

Could we set up a quick Teams for you to talk us through this and feedback. Rebecca is back in action and can attend from next week.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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Morning [REDACTED]

Apologies for the chasing email, but just wanted to check if you had any comments on our approach as set out in my previous email.

We look forward to your response.

Many Thanks

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Good Morning [REDACTED]

I was keen to follow up on my previous email, to confirm if Cumberland had any comments on our proposed approaches? We'd welcome your feedback prior to us concluding our LVIA work between now and mid-October.

As an update [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from the LDNPA have responded and asked that we replace VL12 with VL13 for a visualisation, which we have confirmed will be done. Our proposed approach as set out below for the remainder remains valid.

We look forward to your response.

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Sent: Friday, September 6, 2024 2:51 PM

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[REDACTED]

Subject: Dean Moor Solar Farm - Update on the LVIA view locations for cumulative assessment & request for comment on proposed supporting visualisations

Good afternoon, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

We previously sought feedback on the proposed view locations with yourselves for the Dean Moor solar project. Ahead of preparation of the Environmental Statement to be submitted with the Application, we would like to seek feedback on our proposed approach to preparation of supporting visualisations and consideration of cumulative visual effects. Our approach for each is summarised below:

Visualisations to support the Environmental Statement

We previously prepared some indicative visualisations to support the public consultation exercise for the Project. As we proceed to making an application, we would like to undertake some visualisations to support the Environmental Impact Assessment. Visualisations would be produced to a Landscape Institute [TGN 06/19](#) Type 3 level, as photomontages, similar to that produced previously ([here](#) (pg10+11)). For each location identified below we would prepare a year 1 and year 15 scenario to demonstrate how the Dean Moor project will appear prior to, and post establishment of the landscape measures as identified on the environmental proposals (Section 42 statutory consultation version [here](#)). The proposed locations to undertake visualisations for are:

- VL2b Unclassified Road east of Gilgarran (adjacent to Colingate) (a 90-degree view centred on Gilgarran road to the east)
- VL6a Dean Cross (a 180-degree view centred to the west)
- VL7 Branthwaite Edge Road adjacent to isolated rural property – Rigg House (a 180 degree view

centred west)

- VL9 Branthwaite Road near isolated rural property – Wythemoor House (a 180-degree view centred to the south-east)
- VL12 Local PRoW (412025) near Cogra Moss / Felldyke within the Lake District National Park / WHS (a 90degree view centred to the north-west) [replaced with VL13 View from Blake Fell within the Lake District National Park / WHS\(a 90degree view centred to the north-west\)](#)

We would welcome your views on the proposed approach to inclusion and preparation of visualisations.

For reference the photosheets which include these view locations as submitted at Section 42 statutory consultation are saved [here](#) and [here](#).

Additional View Locations for consideration of Lost Rigg within the Cumulative Assessment

To be able to consider the cumulative visual effects of the proposed Lost Rigg scheme we will propose to undertake a visual assessment from a range of representative view locations referred to as the proposed cumulative view locations (VLC). This selection of view locations has been selected following review of the combined visibility of the Lost Rigg and Dean Moor projects, and a review of the previously agreed view locations and the suggested viewpoints for the Lost Rigg scheme. These are as follows:

- VLC 1: Dean Moor VL10 Local PRoW (230010) at Caple How located near to Lost Rigg Viewpoint 4
- VLC 2: Dean Moor VL11 Settlement of Dean and local PRoW (225006) located near to Lost Rigg Viewpoint 10
- VLC 3: Dean Moor VL3c Dean Cross Road located near to Lost Rigg Viewpoint 13
- VLC 4: Dean Moor VL9 Branthwaite Road near isolated rural property – Wythemoor House
- VLC 5: Dean Moor VL13 View from Blake Fell within the Lake District National Park / WHS, located near to Lost Rigg Viewpoint 14

The Dean Moor view locations which the VLC are based on are identified on the following [figure](#). To support this assessment, we will be undertaking a site survey in late September to collect additional site photography from VLC 1, VLC 2, and VL4, to ensure we have sufficient imagery to represent the wider views which include the Lost Rigg draft order limits.

Again, we would welcome your views on the proposed approach to consider cumulative visual effects and the selected cumulative view locations.

If possible, we would welcome your feedback by the 20th of September. Thanks in advance for your support.

Many Thanks

 

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Subject: Dean Moor Solar Farm - Request for confirmation of proposed LVIA view locations

Afternoon [REDACTED],

I am writing further to PINS' recent EIA Scoping response for the Dean Moor Solar Farm Project. Thanks for your contributions to this process. Our landscape team (which [REDACTED] leads) is looking to progress with further landscape and visual surveys to support the next stages of the Development Consent Order process. No specific response was received from LDNPA or Cumberland on the suggested view locations for the visual assessment. [REDACTED] has provided some initial comments on the need for additional locations from the fells outside of the EIA Scoping process, and this has fed into our proposed approach. Our ambition as part of the Section 42 consultation (where we will be submitting a Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) – a draft EIA) is to provide information including photographic imagery for all representative view locations. We are keen to undertake all necessary surveys in one visit, particularly as some of the view locations are a challenge to access (on fell tops). **Prior to this data collection we are seeking your agreement on the proposed view locations, in accordance with industry best practice.**

What has informed our approach to selecting the proposed view locations

As set out in the scoping report, potential visual receptors are people who are visiting, living or working in the area. Given the largely rural nature of land within the study area, visual receptors are broadly limited to users of the local road network, residents of settlements surrounding the Site such as Branthwaite and Gilgarran, isolated rural properties, and recreational users of the PRoW network in the vicinity of the Site. The selection of view locations to represent the range of visual receptors is made on the basis of the following types of publicly accessible views:

- representative views (for example, representing views of users of a particular footpath).
- specific views (for example, a key view from a specific visitor attraction).
- illustrative views (chosen to demonstrate a particular effect/specific issue).
- any important sequential views (for example, along key routes).

View locations have been determined following review of the Site's context (both desktop analysis and an initial site walkover), and by the production the preliminary Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) analysis undertaken (please see attached plan), and comments received from the Lake District National Park Authority. A study area of 2.5km for the Site boundary was identified as beyond this area it is considered that no likely significant landscape or visual impacts resulting from the Proposed Development would occur. This is due to the limited height of the elements that comprise the Proposed Development, the undulating topography within the landscape surrounding the Site, and the presence of field boundary vegetation and woodland blocks within and adjacent to the Site, and therefore view locations are focused within this area.

Our proposed view locations

The table below lists the suggested representative view locations and these are identified on the attached figure. These will form the basis of the visual assessment, and which agreement with officers of Cumberland Council and the Lake District National Park Authority is sought.

Our intention is to undertake our late summer survey w/c 2nd October whilst trees will still

predominantly be in leaf and we would be grateful of your acceptance ahead of this and by the 29th of September.

Table 1: Proposed Landscape and Visual View Locations

View Location Reference	Location	Reason for Inclusion and Type of Visual Receptor
VL 1(a-c)	Local PRoW (260005) on edge of Lillyhall	Sequential views of recreational users on local bridleways, including specific views from the settlement edge at Lillyhall Industrial Estate (VL 1a), and the isolated farmstead at Wythemoor Head (VL 1c)
VL2	Settlement of Gilgarran	Representative of residential receptors at Gilgarran
VL2a	Settlement of Gilgarran	Representative of residential receptors at Gilgarran
VL3 (a-c)	Unnamed road near isolated rural properties - Wilson Park / Studford	Representative of users of the unnamed local road, with specific views from Studford farmstead, and from local PRoW 404018 near Wilson Park
VL4	Unnamed road near isolated rural property - Tutehill Farm	Representative of users of the unnamed local road, near Tutehill Farm
VL5	Settlement of Asby	Representative of residential receptors at Gilgarran
VL6	Dean Cross	Representative of users of the local highway and adjacent commercial premises, located near to Dean Moor motocross park
VL6a	Dean Cross	Representative of users of the local highway and adjacent commercial premises, located on the eastern part of the Site boundary
VL7	Unnamed road adjacent to isolated rural property - Rigg House	Representative of users of the unnamed local road, and Rigg House residential property
VL8 (a-b)	Local PRoW (260005) on edge of Branthwaite	Sequential views, representative of recreational users on local footpath (260005) with specific views from the settlement edge at Branthwaite
VL9	Unnamed road near isolated rural property - Wythemoor House	Representative of users of the unnamed local road, and Wythemoor House residential property
VL10	Local PRoW (230010) at Caple How	Representative of recreational users on local footpath (230010)
VL 11	Settlement of Dean and local PRoW (225006)	Representative of residential receptors at Dean, and users of the local footpath (225006)
VL12	Local PRoW (412025) near Cogra Moss / Felldyke within LDNP	Representative of recreational users on the local footpath (412025) and users of the LDNP, including areas of Open Access Land
	Open Access Land at	Representative of recreational users of the LDNP

VL13	Blake Fell within LDNP	from an elevated position and within an area of Open Access Land
VL14	Open Access Land at Fell barrow within LDNP	Representative of recreational users of the LDNP from an elevated position and within an area of Open Access Land

We look forward to your response.

Many Thanks

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email above. I am replying on behalf of the Lake District National Park Authority.

From my fieldwork I am of the view that the chosen viewpoint location at Fell Dyke demonstrates a substantial absence of impact and that it is not necessary to pursue this location as a point for the 1 and 15 year scenarios:

- VL12 Local PRoW (412025) near Cogra Moss / Felldyke within the Lake District National Park / WHS (a 90degree view centred to the north-west)

To assess the impact on the National Park I would recommend that the viewpoint of Blake Fell be selected for this purpose:

- VLC 5: Dean Moor VL13 View from Blake Fell within the Lake District National Park / WHS

I still maintain that a representative view from the Fellbarrow range would be appropriate to include and perhaps this could be included in the section of the report dealing with the cumulative effect with Lost Rigg.

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