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Dear Jake Stephens,

**Proposed Peartree Hill Solar Farm (Application Reference: EN010157)
Second notification of proposed changes to the DCO Application**

Further to the Applicant's letter of 9 July 2025 regarding changes/corrections to the Development Consent Order (DCO) Application for Peartree Hill Solar Farm, published under [PDA-001], the Applicant is writing to advise the Examining Authority that it wishes to propose seven further changes to be submitted on or around Deadline 2. These are minor in nature but the Applicant is requesting a change to the DCO Application in accordance with the Planning Inspectorate's guidance on requesting changes to an application after it has been accepted for examination ("the **Changes Guidance**"). This notification relates to the changes highlighted by the Applicant at the Preliminary Hearing on 22 July 2025.

Since the submission of the DCO Application, the Applicant has continued to engage with stakeholders with a view to addressing their comments and agreeing common ground, whilst also progressing detailed Project development. The proposed changes are a result of this ongoing process.

This change notification is the Applicant's second and uses a numbering system which continues on from the two corrections/changes in the first change application dated 9 July 2025.

The proposed changes are as follows (further detail is provided under the heading 'proposed changes' later in this letter):

- a) **Change 3** – a minor alteration to the Order Limits to enable the creation of a revised access point on the western side of the A165 to aid the laying of the B-B cable route between the solar array areas in Land Area B and for maintenance of that cable during operation.
- b) **Change 4** – a minor alteration to the Order Limits to improve access for construction of the grid connection cable route on Hull Road/Williams Way A1174 and for

maintenance during operation. A change to the Order Limits is required to ensure that this access provides adequate visibility and manoeuvring space for vehicles entering and exiting the site.

- c) **Change 5** – a minor alteration to the Order Limits to improve access for construction of the grid connection cable route on Long Lane and for maintenance during operation. A change to the Order Limits is required to ensure that this access provides adequate visibility and manoeuvring space for vehicles entering and exiting the site.
- d) **Change 6** – a minor alteration to the Order Limits to improve access for construction of the grid connection cable route on the approach to National Grid Creyke Beck Substation and to facilitate future access to the grid connection cable route during operation for maintenance. A change to the Order Limits is required to provide additional space for manoeuvring of vehicles.
- e) **Change 7** – the construction of an additional permanent bridge connecting fields C5/C8. This is required as the existing track and bridge used to cross Monk Dike are not suitable for construction access. No change to the Order Limits is required in connection with this change.
- f) **Change 8** – a minor alteration to the Order Limits to the north of the Beverley South Western Bypass (A1079) to provide greater flexibility in the placement of the grid connection cable.
- g) **Change 9** – alterations to the Order Limits to accommodate a new permanent access route directly off the A1035 and the removal of the internal access track off the west of Meaux Lane shown indicatively on sheet 2 of the Environmental Statement (ES) Volume 3 Figure 4.3: Indicative Environmental Masterplan [**APP-058**]. This change would remove any potential impacts on veteran tree T381 and reduce the level of traffic using Meaux Lane during construction of the Proposed Development.

As set out below, the Applicant considers that both individually and cumulatively (including those changes already notified to the Examining Authority) the proposed changes do not constitute material changes to the Proposed Development which was the subject of the DCO Application.

This letter constitutes Step 1 of the process for requesting a change to an application, as set out in the Changes Guidance, in which the Applicant informs the Examining Authority in writing of its intention to request a change to the accepted application.

The Applicant is consulting with persons with an interest in land affected by the changes, as well as prescribed consultees and local authorities. Further details are provided below.

Following the conclusion of this targeted consultation exercise, it is the Applicant's intention to submit a request asking the Examining Authority to examine the changed Application, which will include a summary of the responses received and how the Applicant has considered them. The Applicant is intending to make this submission on or around Deadline 2 (10 September 2025).

The Applicant understands that once the proposed changes have been submitted, the Examining Authority will need to make a Procedural Decision whether or not to accept the proposed changes into the Examination.

Accommodating the changes within the Examination statutory timescales

The Applicant considers that the proposed changes can be accommodated within the statutory timescales for the examination for the following reasons:

- a) The proposed changes are not considered complex in nature.
- b) There are no anticipated materially new or materially different likely significant environmental effects compared with those reported in the Environmental Statement (“ES”).
- c) The Applicant anticipates there will be limited public/stakeholder interest due to the localised nature of the changes.
- d) No consents, permits or licences require update as a result of the proposed changes and the proposed changes do not impede the securing of any consents, permits or licences required to undertake the proposed development.
- e) The proposed changes do not alter compliance with National Policy Statement (“NPS”) policy and in fact the Applicant considers that the planning balance in favour of the development would be improved as a result of these minor changes.
- f) The changes are being requested at an early stage in the examination process.

The submission of the Change Application as proposed on or around Deadline 2 will provide sufficient time to review and examine any relevant stakeholder comments relating to the proposed changes. It also provides sufficient time to address any potential procedural requirements arising from the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (see further details below).

Indicative programme

The indicative programme for the relevant steps for submitting the formal change request to the Examining Authority are set out in Table 1.

Table 1 Indicative programme for formal change request

Step	Indicative programme
Notification to the Examining Authority on the proposed changes	6 August 2025
Targeted non-statutory consultation	July – September 2025
Formal change application to be submitted to the Examining Authority	On or around Deadline 2 (10 September 2025)
Examining Authority decision on whether to accept the changes and how they should be examined	At the Examining Authority’s discretion

Proposed changes

Overview of proposed changes

Table 2 provides a summary of the proposed changes and how they would represent an improvement to the DCO Application.

Although it is not necessary to classify individual changes as ‘material’ or ‘non material’ it represents a useful indicator of the ability to accommodate the changes within the Examination. It is acknowledged that the final decision on materiality rests with the Examining Authority. Having regard to the likely environmental implications for each change and other relevant factors such as the land required to accommodate the changes, the Applicant considers that each individual change is non-material and collectively (including in combination with the two minor changes previously notified and accepted for examination) would not result in a materially different project.

Table 2 Summary of proposed changes

Change number	Brief summary	Materiality assessment	Improvement to the DCO Application
3	<p>Further detailed design work has identified that the proposed access to the B-B interconnecting cable route would not be suitable for vehicles accessing the cable route for construction and maintenance.</p> <p>A revised access is therefore proposed from the western side of the A165 and across agricultural land to aid the laying of cable between the solar array areas and for maintenance of the cable during operation.</p>	Non-material	Change will support the safe and timely delivery of works to construct and maintain the B-B interconnecting cable route between the solar array areas in Land Area B.
4	<p>Further detailed design work has identified that the proposed access to the grid connection cable route on Hull Road/Williams Way A1174 would not provide adequate visibility or manoeuvring space for vehicles entering and exiting the site.</p> <p>An improved access to the grid connection cable route in this location is therefore proposed.</p>	Non-material	Change will support the safe and timely delivery of works to construct and maintain the grid connection cable route in this location.

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5	<p>Further detailed design work has identified that the proposed access to the grid connection cable route on Long Lane would not provide adequate visibility or manoeuvring space for vehicles entering and exiting the site.</p> <p>An improved access to the grid connection cable route in this location is therefore proposed.</p>	Non-material	Change will support the safe and timely delivery of works to construct and maintain the grid connection cable route in this location.
6	<p>Further detailed design work has identified that the proposed access to the grid connection cable route on the approach to National Grid Creyke Beck Substation would not provide sufficient space for manoeuvring of vehicles.</p> <p>An improved access to the grid connection cable route in this location is therefore proposed.</p>	Non-material	Change will support the safe and timely delivery of works to construct and maintain the grid connection cable route in this location.
7	<p>Further detailed design work has identified that the existing track and bridge used to cross Monk Dike and connect fields C5 and C8 are not suitable for construction access.</p> <p>An additional bridge connecting fields C5 and C8 is therefore proposed. This will enable safe access to be taken to the adjoining fields for construction and maintenance of the solar arrays.</p>	Non-material	Change will support the safe and timely delivery of works to construct and maintain the Proposed Development.
8	<p>Further detailed design work has identified an opportunity to alter the placement of the grid connection cable route in land to the north of the A1079 on the approach to National Grid Creyke Beck</p>	Non-material	Change will provide greater flexibility in the routing of the cable, potentially avoiding interference with land that is not currently subject to restricted use.

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	Substation. This could allow the Applicant to route the cable through land which is already subject to some restrictions due to the presence of existing overhead electricity lines.		
9	Further design development and negotiations with landowners have identified an opportunity to provide an alternative access route directly off the A1035 into Land Areas D and E. The existence of this alternative access would enable the currently proposed internal access route off Meaux Lane (being the northernmost temporary junction off Meaux Lane) into land area D5 shown indicatively on sheet 2 of Environmental Statement Volume 3, Figure 4.3: Indicative Environmental Masterplan [APP-058]) to be removed from the proposals.	Non-material	Change will remove any potential impact on veteran tree T381 and reduce the volume of construction traffic utilising Meaux Lane during construction of the Proposed Development.

Need for and description of proposed changes

In accordance with the requirements of the Changes Guidance, this section provides a description of the proposed changes and the rationale and need for making the changes during the examination period.

Change 3

As part of the Applicant's ongoing detailed design work, the suitability of the proposed access to the B-B interconnecting cable route connecting the solar array areas in Land Area B was considered.

It was originally intended that the B-B interconnecting cable route would be accessed from within Land Area B (Field B4) and installed west to east via a temporary crossing over the Arnold and Riston Drain. However, further site investigations and studies have determined that the gradient of the drainage banks make installing a vehicle crossing in this location challenging.

To address these challenges, the Applicant is proposing to create a new means of access to the B-B interconnecting cable route off the A165. A plan showing the additional land required for access, marked as plot number '1-15', is provided in the appendix to this letter. Both temporary possession and permanent acquisition of rights are sought in respect of plot 1-15 to enable access by vehicles from the A165 for the construction of the B-B interconnecting cable route and for the future maintenance of the B-B interconnecting cable route during the operation of the Proposed Development. The proposed change would therefore enable safe access to be taken to the B-B interconnecting cable route for the lifetime of the Proposed Development.

During construction, the Applicant proposes to construct a temporary bellmouth on the western side of the A165 and a temporary track across plot 1-15 for the purposes of installing the B-B interconnecting cable route. Following completion of works to the B-B interconnecting cable route, the bellmouth and track would be removed and the land reinstated to the reasonable satisfaction of the landowner. It may also be necessary to use plot 1-15 during construction to house plant and equipment required for the installation of the B-B interconnecting cable route on a temporary basis.

Permanent rights are also sought in respect of plot 1-15 to enable access to be taken across the land for maintenance of the B-B interconnecting cable route. Such access would be infrequent and subject to giving prior notice to the landowner except in cases of emergency. Where access is required, the Applicant proposes that a temporary means of access using trackway or similar would be installed for the duration of the maintenance activity. This would be removed on completion of that activity and the land restored to the reasonable satisfaction of the landowner. The Applicant is looking to secure an agreement with the landowner on these terms. Some localised vegetation clearance on the western side of the A165 would also be required to provide an opening into plot 1-15 for onward access to the B-B cable route.

In addition to plot 1-15, temporary possession of the land comprised in (new) plot 1-16 is required. This is to ensure that vegetation can be managed to provide adequate visibility splays for construction vehicles travelling along the A165.

Change 4

The Applicant has identified that the proposed access to the grid connection cable route to the west of Hull Road A1174, onto Williams Way, would not provide sufficient visibility or space

for the safe manoeuvring of vehicles. The access is required for construction of the grid connection cable and maintenance of the cable during operation of the Proposed Development. A change to the Order Limits is therefore required to provide this additional space.

The Applicant is proposing to seek powers under the draft Development Consent Order (“DCO”) [PDA-012] in respect of four additional plots of land. A plan showing the additional land is provided in the appendix to this letter. The additional plots are labelled 14-14, 14-15, 14-16 and 14-17. Temporary possession of land in connection with the construction of the grid connection cable route is sought in respect of plots 14-14 and 14-15. This is to ensure that vegetation along the A1174 can be managed to provide adequate visibility splays for construction vehicles travelling along the A1174 and turning into Williams Way.

Temporary possession of land and permanent acquisition of rights are sought in respect of plots 14-16 and 14-17. This is to ensure that vehicles can access and egress the area during construction and operation. The Applicant identified that the current extent of the Order land in this location did not embrace the full width of Williams Way. Extending the Order Limits as proposed would therefore ensure that the Applicant can acquire rights over the full extent of Williams Way required to access the grid connection cable route for construction and maintenance of the cable.

Change 5

The Applicant has identified that the proposed access to the grid connection cable route on Long Lane and the unnamed track to the south of Long Lane would not provide sufficient visibility or space for the safe manoeuvring of vehicles. The access is required for construction of the grid connection cable and maintenance of the cable during operation of the proposed development. A change to the Order Limits is therefore required to provide this additional space.

The Applicant is proposing to seek powers under the draft DCO in respect of two additional plots of land. A plan showing the additional land is provided in the appendix to this letter. The additional plots are labelled 15-16 and 15-17. Temporary possession of land in connection with the construction of the cable route is sought in respect of plot 15-16. This is to ensure that vegetation on Long Lane, on the approach to the unnamed track to the south of Long Lane, can be managed to provide adequate visibility splays for construction vehicles travelling on Long Lane.

Temporary possession of land and permanent acquisition of rights are sought in respect of plot 15-17. This is to ensure that vehicles can access and egress the area during construction and operation. The Applicant identified that the current extent of the Order land in this location did not embrace the full width of the unnamed track to the south of Long Lane. Extending the Order limits as proposed would therefore ensure that the Applicant has rights over the full extent of the track required to access the grid connection cable route for construction and maintenance of the cable.

Change 6

The Applicant has also identified a need to extend the Order Limits to encompass the full width of the public footpath (Woodmansey Footpath No.4) where it passes beneath the Beverley South Western Bypass (A1079), to the north of National Grid Creyke Beck Substation. Access over the footpath is required by vehicles for the construction of the grid connection cable and for maintenance of the cable during operation of the Proposed Development. Currently, the extent of the footpath within the Order Limits in this location is not wide enough to accommodate this access. The footpath would be subject to temporary closure whilst construction works

are undertaken. Any future closures required in connection with the maintenance of the cable would be agreed with the local authority pursuant to article 16 of the draft DCO.

A change to the Order Limits is required to provide additional space for permanent access along the footpath. The Applicant is proposing to seek compulsory acquisition powers under the draft DCO in respect of one additional plot of land in this regard. A plan showing the additional land is provided in the appendix to this letter. The additional plot is labelled 16-11.

Change 7

The Applicant has reviewed the proposed vehicular access between Fields C5 and C8. In the DCO Application as submitted, this was proposed to be taken via the existing crossing of Arnold and Riston Drain linking Field C5 with Field C8 (see sheet 8 of 17 of **ES Volume 3, Figure 3.4: Indicative Environmental Masterplan [APP-058]**). The crossing would then enable access to be taken to the southern fields in Land Area C, namely Fields C6, C7, C8 and C9.

However, following a further review of the existing crossing, the Applicant does not consider that it is suitable to accommodate construction vehicles. A new crossing of Arnold and Riston Drain is therefore proposed, linking the south-eastern corner of Field C5 with the north-eastern corner of Field C8. Building a new bridge would be preferable to reinforcing the existing crossing due to the turning angle needed by the construction vehicles and existing complexities in bridge layouts. The bridge would be constructed to a standard appropriate for use by construction vehicles and would be left in situ for the lifetime of the Proposed Development to enable access to be taken to Fields C6, C7, C8 and C9 for maintenance. Plans of the crossing would need to be submitted in advance for the approval of Beverley and North Holderness Internal Drainage Board in accordance with the protective provisions for drainage authorities in Part 3 of Schedule 12 to the **draft DCO [PDA-012]**.

The proposed new crossing location would also enable some simplifications to be made to the access tracks in this location. In particular, rather than laying two access tracks either side of the Dike, a single track to the south of the Dike would be sufficient.

No changes to the Order Limits or to nature of the powers sought over land are required in connection with change 7. It is not therefore included in Appendix 2 to this letter. The power to construct the bridge is also within the scope of lettered work (b) in Schedule 1 to the **draft DCO [PDA-012]**.

The installation and use of the crossing would alter slightly the interface with Riston Footpath No. 1. However, the proposed crossing location is within the limits of the section of footpath which may be temporarily closed or restricted under article 16 of the draft DCO in connection with the carrying out of the authorised development. This is shown between the points marked PRoW/08/01 and PRoW/08/02 on sheet 8 of the **Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans [PDA-005]**. Any further closures or restrictions during the operation of the authorised development would need to be agreed with the local planning authority under article 16.

Accordingly, no changes to the draft DCO are necessary in connection with this proposed change.

Change 8

The Applicant has continued to engage with landowners in relation to its proposals for construction and the detailed design of the Proposed Development. This includes the routeing of the grid connection cable.

In discussion with the relevant landowner, the Applicant has identified an opportunity to make a minor adjustment to the grid connection cable route alignment in the land immediately to the north of the A1079, comprised in plot 16-4. By changing the geometry of plot 16-4 to remove some land in the south-eastern extent of the plot and to add some new land currently outside the Order Limits to the north west, this would provide an opportunity to route the cable through land which is already subject to some restrictions on use due to the presence of overhead electricity lines in that location. The presence of the overhead lines would not present an impediment to the installation of the cable and the Applicant's review has not identified any additional environmental constraints in relation to the proposed change (see further below for environmental summary). The landowner is also supportive of this proposal.

The proposed change would result in some changes to the geometry of plot 16-4, as well as plots 16-5 and 16-6, including a need to acquire additional rights over land to the north-west of plot 16-4 which is not currently within the Order Limits. Further details are provided below under the heading 'Land plot changes'.

Change 9

As a result of further design development and discussions with landowners, the Applicant is proposing to modify its proposals for access to Land Areas D and E during construction and operation.

The current proposal would be to construct and use an internal access track off Meaux Lane identified on sheet 2 of **ES Volume 3, Figure 3.4: Indicative Environmental Masterplan [APP-058]**. This would involve the creation of a permanent means of access within the area of Meaux Lane shown between point A/02/01 and A/02/02 on sheet 2 of the Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans **[PDA-005]**. This is the northernmost proposed temporary junction off Meaux Lane connecting into Field D5; there are three further proposed junctions connecting to other fields within Land Areas D, E and F, further south along Meaux Lane.

To reduce the number of construction vehicle movements along Meaux Lane, and in the process manage the use of the road network more effectively, an alternative access to Land Areas D and E has been identified directly off the A1035, making use of an existing access point and track. This access is shown in the Change 9 images at Appendix 1 of this letter. The track is located on private land and is used by vehicles and farming machinery to access Field House Farm and agricultural land parcels to the south. Permanent rights would be sought over the track so that access can be taken to Land Areas D and E for construction and maintenance during the lifetime of the Proposed Development.

The access would be used throughout the construction period of 24 months. The main use would be for early mitigation creation, construction of the panel area, which will take 6-8 months, and towards the end of the construction period for work on the substation areas within Land Areas D and E. At peak, the proposed access may be used by approximately 70 vehicles a day, less than half of which would be HGVs. This peak would only be for a short period of time (approximately 2-3 months during the construction phase, with peak volumes expected to be reached on only a small number of occasions during that period) to facilitate the delivery and assembly of the panels.

The creation of this alternative access would enable the existing access into Field D5 off Meaux lane (the northernmost proposed temporary access off Meaux Lane) to be removed. This would result in the removal of 26,181m² of land identified for permanent acquisition from the Order Limits. The removal of this access would also eliminate any interface with veteran

tree T381 as shown on Drawing No. 3 of the Tree Constraints Plan appended to **ES Volume 3 Appendix 7.11: Arboricultural Impact Assessment [APP-115]**. It would also reduce the need for associated hedgerow and vegetation clearance between the points marked A/02/01 and A-02/02 on sheet 2 of the Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans. Meaux Lane would remain within the Order Limits, as it would continue to be used by construction vehicles and staff to access Land Areas D, E and F. However, the addition of an alternative access and removal of the northernmost access off Meaux Lane would reduce the number of traffic movements on Meaux Lane by approximately 25% for traffic accessing Land Area E and 50% for traffic accessing Land Area D.

If the change is accepted, a new permanent means of access off the A1035 would be identified on the Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans, with associated changes to the draft DCO to authorise any minor works that may be necessary to ensure that the access is appropriate for use by vehicles both for construction and maintenance of the Proposed Development. The Applicant will be engaging with the highways authority with respect to the layout of any new junction off the A1035. The northern most access to the west of Meaux Lane would also be removed from the Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans and the route connecting to Field D5 would be removed from the Order Limits.

Land plot changes

With the exception of change 7, the proposed changes either require additional land or changes to the land plot details provided in the DCO Application. These changes will be shown in an updated version of the Land Plans and will also be described in an updated version of the Book of Reference. The relevant changes are shown in the plans set out in Appendix 1 to this letter and are described in Tables 1 – 6 in Appendix 2 to this letter. Further land implications, in terms of the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010, are set out below.

Potential environmental effects of the changes

The Applicant has undertaken a review of the proposed changes in the context of all the topics within the Environmental Impact Assessment to understand if any of the proposed changes, either individually or cumulatively, would give rise to any materially new or materially different environmental effects beyond those already reported in the Environmental Statement.

The Applicant has concluded that the proposed changes would not, individually or cumulatively, give rise to any materially new or materially different environmental effects beyond those reported in the ES. Further details are provided below in relation to each proposed change.

Change 3

Change 3 would involve localised hedgerow removal and temporary impacts on a small area of land currently used for agricultural purposes. Appropriate ecology surveys are being organised at the location of the new access. The change would likely result in a slight reduction in BNG for hedgerow and area units. Overall, no materially new or materially different environmental effects beyond those reported in the ES are anticipated for any environmental factors.

Change 4

Change 4 would result in impacts to vegetation that would need to be managed to provide adequate visibility splays at the junction of Hull Road A1174 and Williams Way. Appropriate ecology surveys are being organised for trees/hedgerows potentially impacted by the works. Change 4 would likely result in a slight reduction in BNG for hedgerow units. Overall, no

materially new or materially different environmental effects beyond those reported in the ES are anticipated for any environmental factors.

Change 5

Change 5 would result in impacts to vegetation that would need to be managed to provide adequate visibility splays at the junction of Long Lane and the unnamed track to the south of Long Lane. Appropriate ecology surveys are being organised for trees/hedgerows potentially impacted by the works. Change 5 would likely result in a slight reduction in BNG for hedgerow units. Overall, no materially new or materially different environmental effects beyond those reported in the ES are anticipated for any environmental factors.

Change 6

Change 6 would result in impacts to users of Woodmansey Footpath No.4 under the Beverley South Western Bypass (A1079). However, the impacts of potential short-term, temporary closures or restrictions on Woodmansey Footpath No.4 during the construction phase have already been assessed in the ES and concluded to be not significant. Overall, no materially new or materially different environmental effects beyond those reported in the ES are anticipated for any environmental factors.

Change 7

Change 7 could result in impacts to users of Riston Footpath No.1. However, the impacts would be the result of short-term, temporary closures or restrictions during the construction phase and are therefore anticipated to be not significant. Overall, no materially new or materially different environmental effects beyond those reported in the ES are anticipated for any environmental factors.

Change 8

Change 8 would bring a small additional area of land currently used for agricultural purposes into the Order Limits associated with the grid connection cable route. It is worth noting that the exact alignment of the grid connection cable route has not yet been confirmed and that land along the grid connection cable route would be reinstated following installation of the cable. This means that any habitat loss as a result of cable installation would be temporary, whether the final cable route should fall within the original Order Limits or within this new area of cropland proposed to be brought into the Order Limits as a result of Change 8. Overall, no materially new or materially different environmental effects beyond those reported in the ES are anticipated for any environmental factors.

Change 9

Change 9 will make use of an existing track but may involve localised vegetation removal should further assessments determine that passing places or road widening are required to facilitate the movement of construction vehicles. This may result in a slight reduction in BNG for hedgerow units. Change 9 would result in a reduction in construction vehicle numbers using Meaux Lane, with 25% of construction traffic to Land Area E and 50% of construction traffic to Land Area D anticipated to be rerouted via the new access track associated with Change 9.

Change 9 is anticipated to result in short-term, temporary adverse impacts on Field House Farm in relation to noise and visual impacts during the construction phase, but these are anticipated to be not significant. The cumulative effects of Change 9 alongside the committed developments of Carr Farm Solar Farm (22/03648/STPLF) and Field House Solar Farm (22/00824/STPLF) are anticipated to be not significant. Overall, no materially new or materially

different environmental effects beyond those reported in the ES are anticipated for any environmental factors.

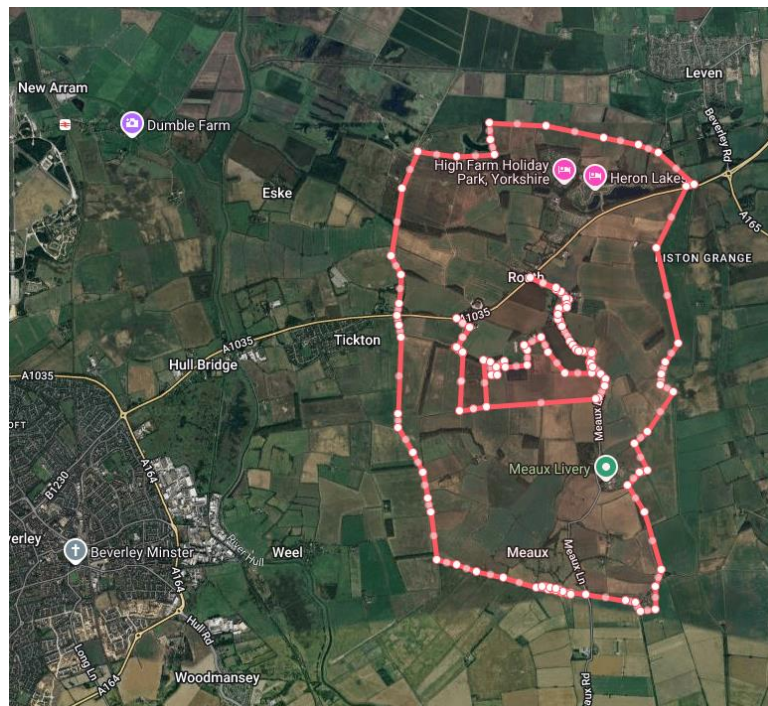
Proposed changes consultation

In relation to changes 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8, the Applicant wrote to persons with an interest in land affected by the proposed changes on 21 July 2025. The letters explained the nature of and need for the changes and were accompanied by figures. The letters were issued by first class post, with a request for feedback by 11:59pm on 20 August 2025. Responses can be submitted by email or freepost.

In relation to change 6, the Applicant has not been able to identify the owner of plot 16-11. The Applicant has therefore erected a site notice in close proximity to the land inviting anyone who has a legal interest in, on, under or over the land to contact the Applicant's team. The notice includes details of the proposed change affecting plot 16-11. Regular inspections will be undertaken to ensure that the notice remains in place until the close of the targeted consultation on 20 August.

In relation to change 9, the Applicant wrote to persons with an interest in land affected by the proposed change on 6 August 2025. The mailing list included those with an interest in the land proposed to be added to the Order Limits and those with an interest in land proposed to be removed from the Order Limits.

In addition to persons with an interest in land, in relation to change 9 the Applicant has also written to 61 properties located within the consultation zone shown in the image below. This encompasses all properties within reasonable proximity of the change, including properties along Meaux Lane. This is considered to cover all those likely to be interested in the proposal. The letters explained the nature of and need for the change and were accompanied by figures.



The Applicant also reviewed the statutory and targeted consultation responses to see if there were any members of the public that commented on the access to the Proposed Development in this location. A small number of responses were identified and the Applicant contacted the respondents by email, notifying them of the targeted consultation.

All of the letters in respect of change 9 were issued by first class post, with a request for feedback by 11:59pm on 5 September 2025. Responses can be submitted by email or free-post.

As well as persons with an interest in land, for completeness and to reflect the Changes Guidance, consultation letters were also issued by post on 6 August 2025 to prescribed consultees and relevant local authorities for the purposes of section 42(1)(a) and section 42(1)(b) of the Planning Act 2008. These invited feedback on all seven proposed changes. The deadline for responses for prescribed consultees is therefore 11:59pm on 5 September 2025.

The Applicant considers that the targeted approach to consultation is commensurate with the scale and impacts of the proposed changes. The primary objective has been to ensure that persons with an interest in land affected by the changes are consulted about the proposals and have an opportunity to comment. This reflects the fact that, for the majority of the changes, impacts would only be experienced by those persons with an interest in land.

The Applicant would welcome any comments and advice that the Examining Authority may have in relation to the Applicant's approach to consultation on the proposed changes.

Proposed change application

Should the Applicant progress with a formal change request in respect of the additional changes identified in this letter, following procedural advice from the Examining Authority and consultation, the request will include the information identified in Step 4 of the Changes Guidance.

Compliance with the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010

As explained earlier in this letter, the effect of all of the changes, with the exception of change 7, is that the Applicant would be seeking further powers of compulsory acquisition over land within and in some cases outside the Order Limits. The impacted plots are identified in Table 4 below.

Table 4 land in respect of which further compulsory acquisition of rights would be sought

Change	Land plot	Existing land designation	Proposed new land designation
3	1-15	n/a	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily.
4	4-16	n/a	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or

			imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily.
	4-17	n/a	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily.
5	5-17	n/a	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily.
6	16-11	n/a	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily.
8	16-4*	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily.	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily.
9	6-7	n/a	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily.
	18-1	n/a	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily.
	18-2	n/a	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily.
	18-3	n/a	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily.

*(*Whilst the plot designation in respect of plot 16-4 would remain the same, the Applicant would be seeking new powers of compulsory acquisition over land not currently included in the Order Limits. In addition, whilst plots 16-5 and 16-6 are currently “blue land” and both plots would be subject to change, the change involves a proposed reduction in the extent of the land and neither plot would be extended in any location to include land not currently subject to proposed compulsory acquisition. Plots 16-5 and 16-6 are not therefore included in Table 4).*

In writing to persons with an interest in land described in Table 4, the Applicant has sought the consent of those persons to include such further powers of compulsory acquisition within the DCO Application. If consent cannot be obtained from all parties, the Applicant will comply with the procedural requirements set out in the 2010 Regulations. The Applicant considers that, as a minimum, the requirements of the 2010 Regulations are likely to apply to change 6, given that it has not been possible to identify the owner of plot 16-11. With the exception of a small number of persons with an interest in land for change 9, all other persons with an interest

in land affected by the changes were listed in the Book of Reference submitted with the DCO Application.

The 2010 Regulations require details of the proposed provision authorising compulsory acquisition of additional land to be submitted to the Examining Authority (including the information required by Regulation 5 of the 2010 Regulations), which then has 28 days to decide whether to accept the provision as part of the DCO Application. Details of the proposed provision would be provided with the change application on or around Deadline 2. If accepted, the Applicant would give notice to prescribed parties confirming when and where information about the proposed provision can be inspected and the deadline for submitting representations about the proposed provision. Notices would also be subject to the required publicity.

This process would, if required, be separate and subsequent to the targeted consultation on the proposed changes described in this letter.

The Applicant's change application would also include a detailed description of how it considers the procedures set out in the 2010 Regulations can be accommodated within the examination timetable. Given the early stage in the examination process, it is considered that those procedures are capable of being comfortably accommodated within the examination timetable.

Yours sincerely

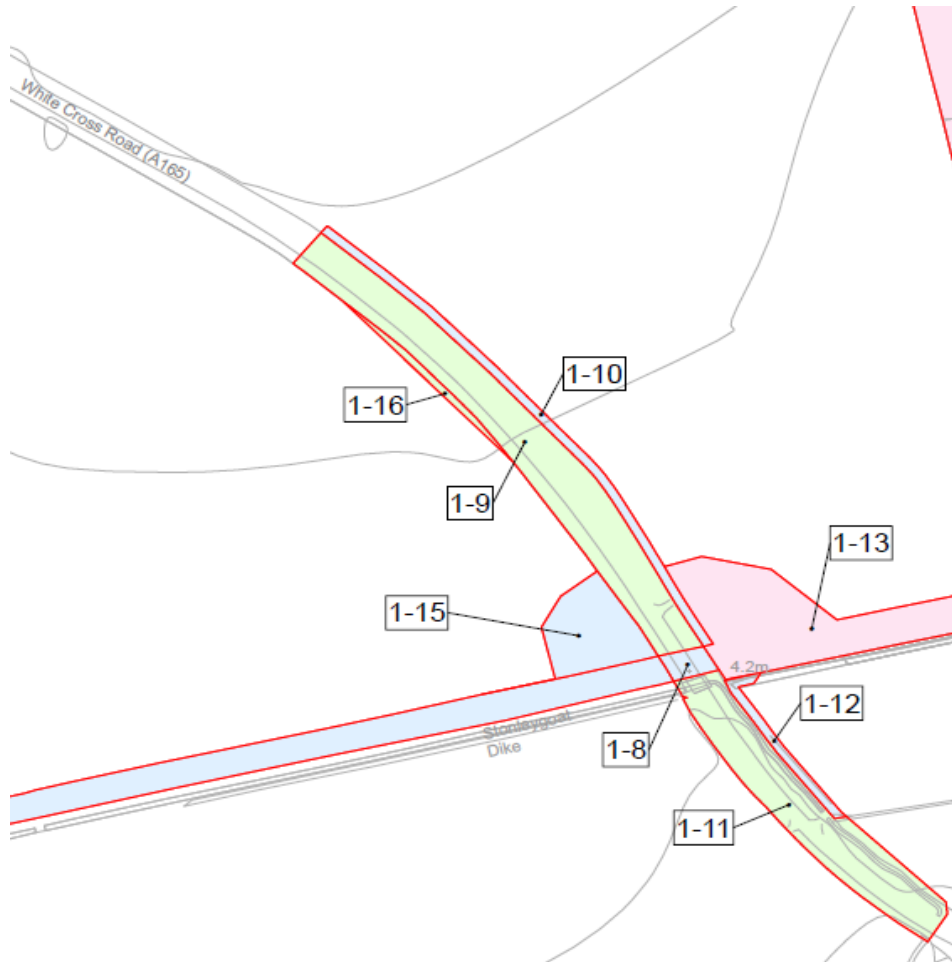


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Appendix 1 Plans showing proposed changes

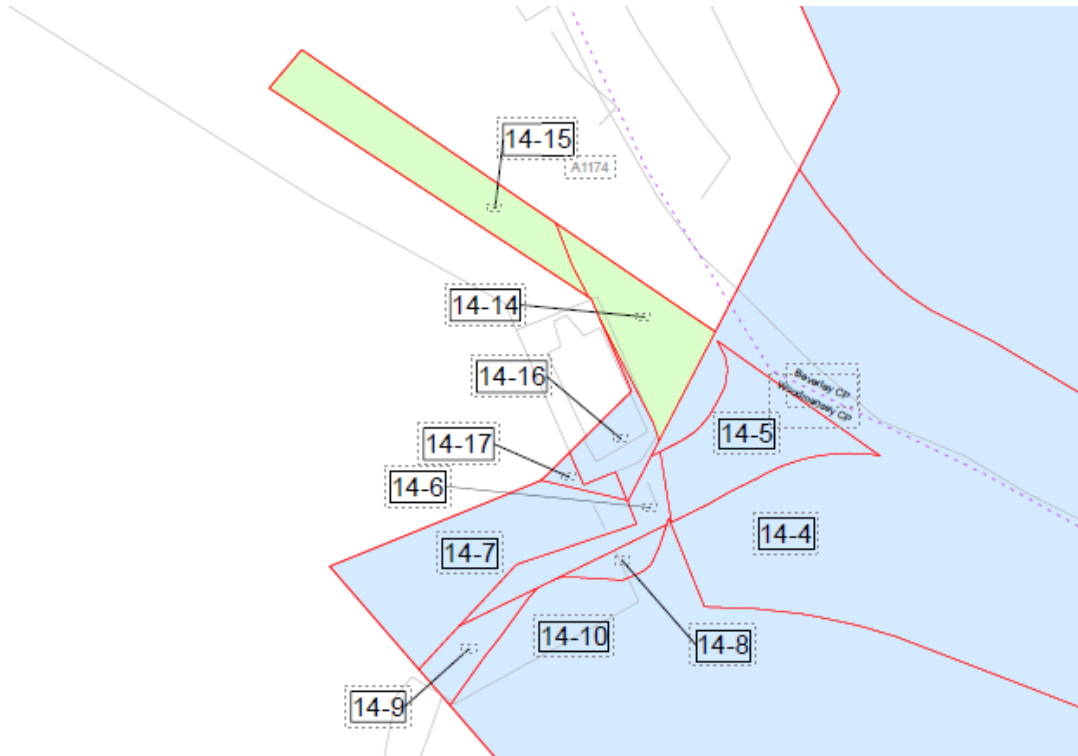
Change 3

Extract of Land Plan showing proposed additional plots 1-15 and 1-16 in relation to Change 3



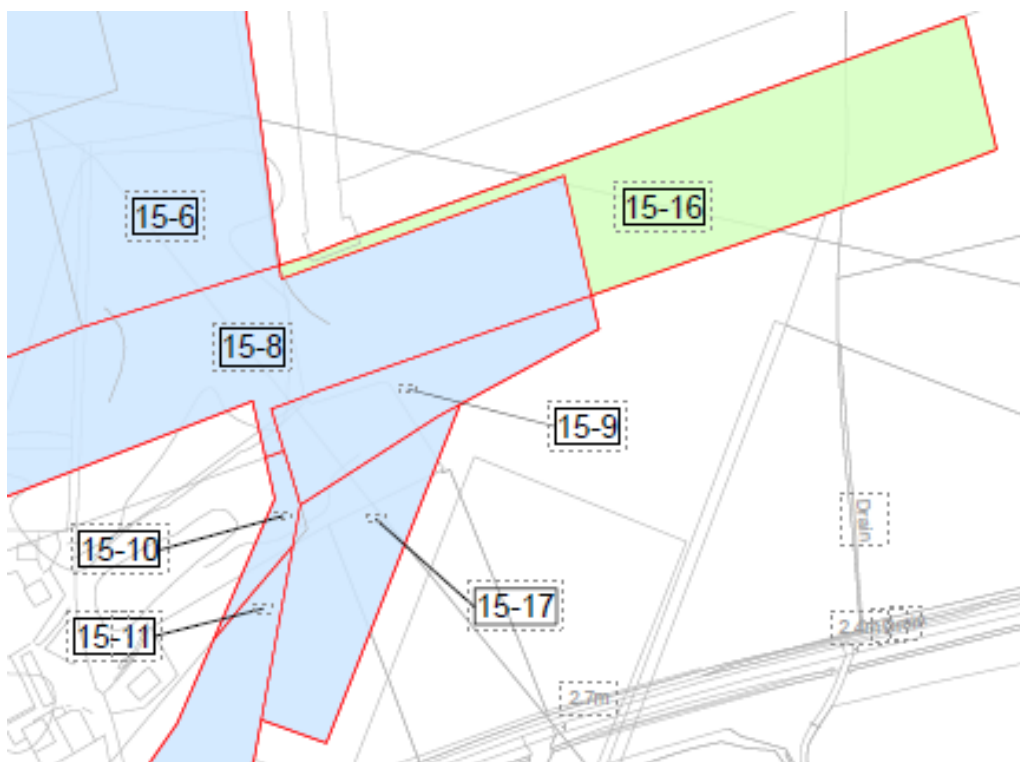
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**Extract of Land Plan showing additional plots 14-14 to 14-17
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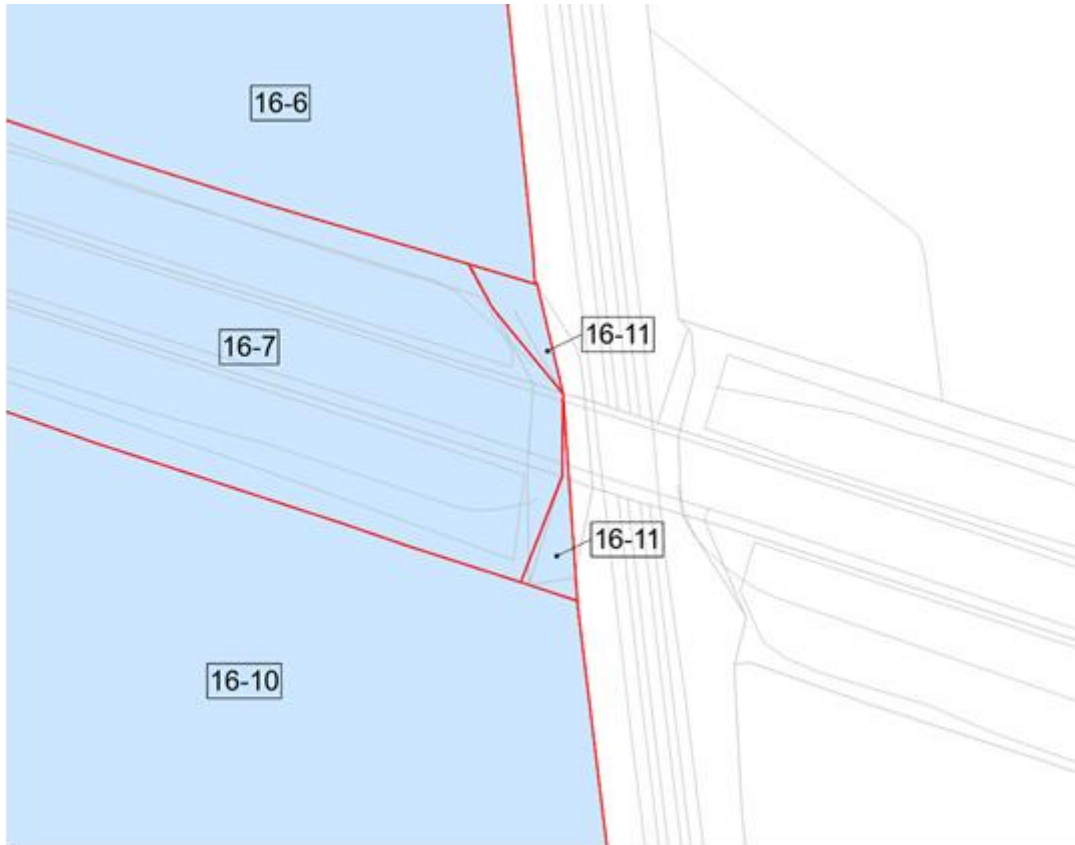
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**Extract of Land Plan showing additional plots 15-16 and 15-17
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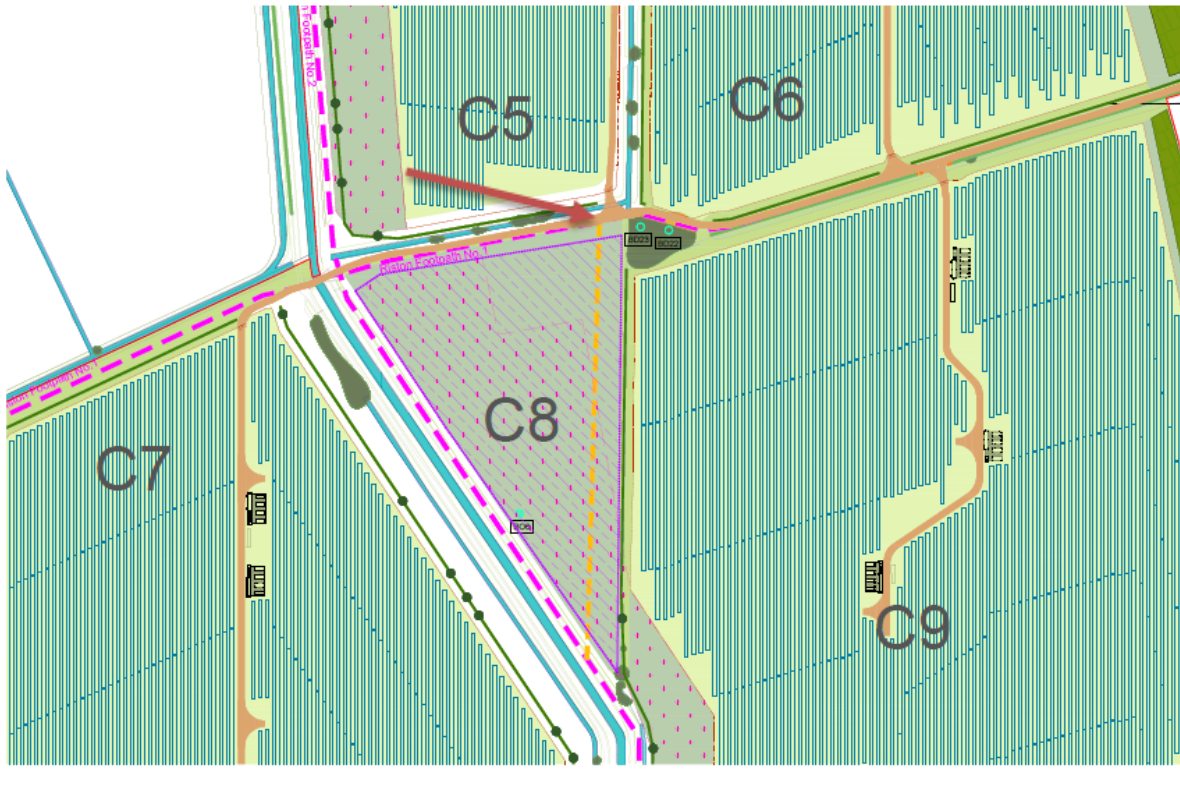
Change 6

**Extract of Land Plan showing proposed additional plot 16-11
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Change 7

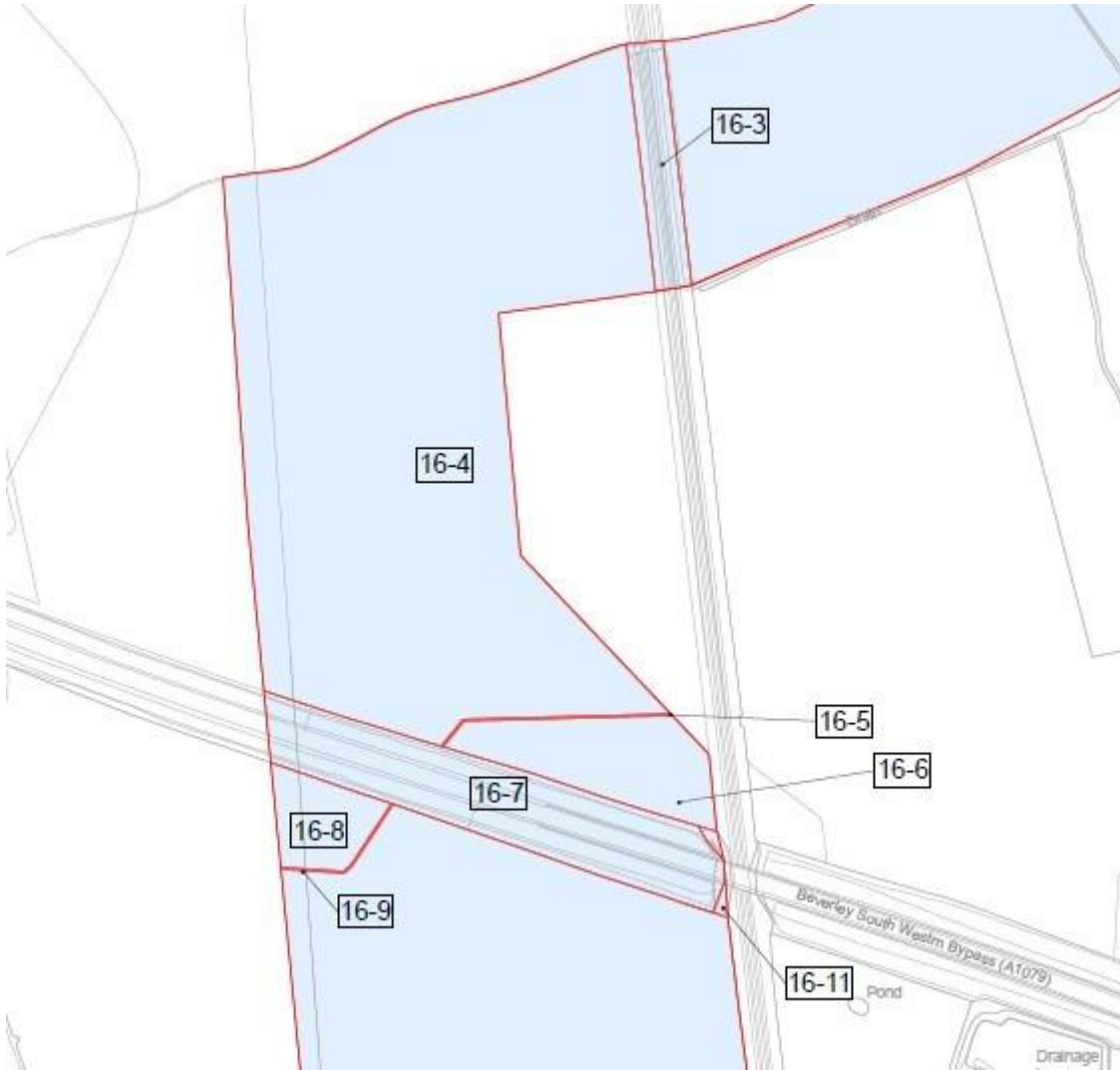
Extract of Indicative Environmental Masterplan showing proposed new crossing of Drewery's Sock Dike and associated changes to access tracks in relation to Change 7



(arrow indicates proposed new crossing location)

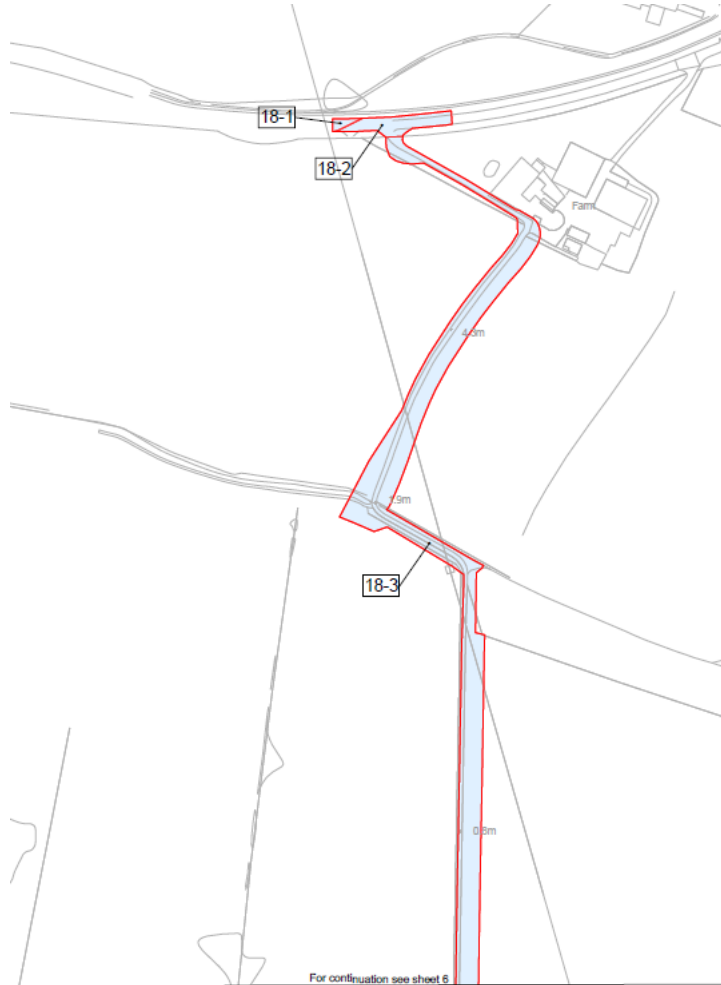
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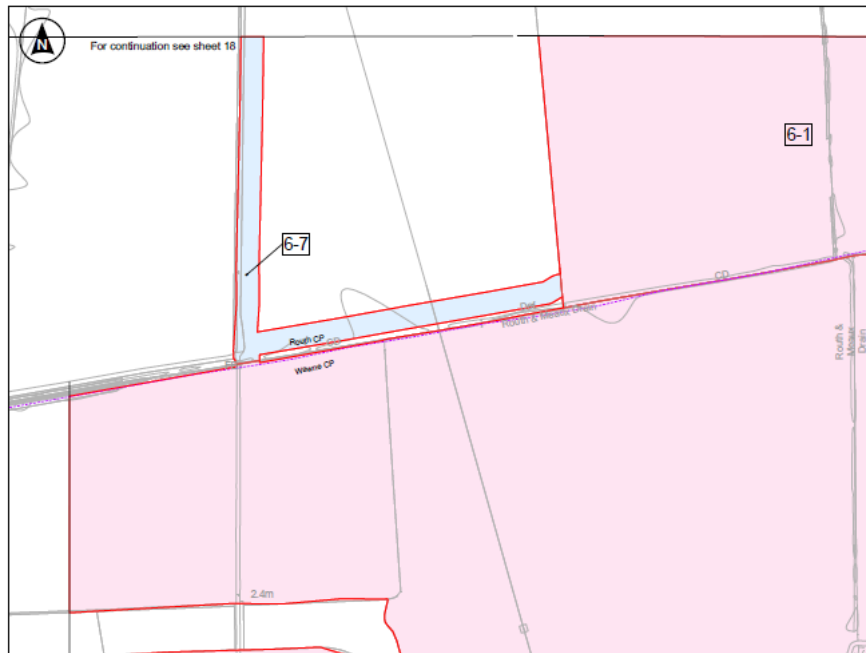
**Extract of Land Plan showing proposed changes to plots 16-4, 16-6 and 16-6
In relation to Change 8**



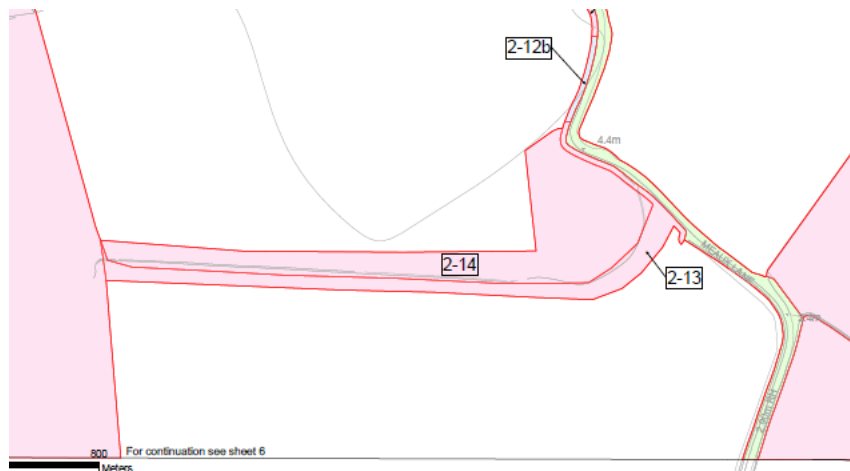
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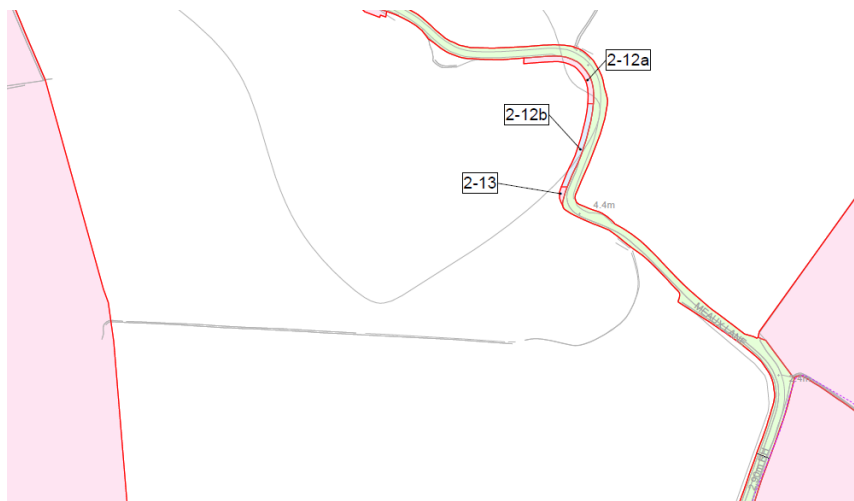
**Extract of Land Plan showing proposed alternative access off the A1035
in relation to Change 8 (additional land plots identified as 6-7, 18-1, 18-2 and 18-3)**





Extract of Land Plans showing plot 2-14 to be removed from the Order Limits and plot 2-13 partially removed from the Order Limits







Appendix 2 Proposed land plot additions and changes

Table 1 Proposed land plot additions for Change 3

Current land plot				Proposed land plot			
Plot ID	Land Use	Area (sqm)	Change	Plot ID	Land Use	Area (sqm)	Change
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1-15	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily	2079	New plot
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1-16	Land proposed for temporary possession	349	New plot

Table 2 Proposed land plot additions for Change 4

Current land plot				Proposed land plot			
Plot ID	Land Use	Area (sqm)	Change	Plot ID	Land Use	Area (sqm)	Change
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14-14	Land proposed for temporary possession	76	New plot
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14-15	Land proposed for temporary possession	102	New plot
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14-16	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of	34	New plot



					restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily		
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	14-17	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily	147	New plot

Table 3 Proposed land plot additions for Change 5

Current land plot				Proposed land plot			
Plot ID	Land Use	Area (sqm)	Change	Plot ID	Land Use	Area (sqm)	Change
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15-16	Land proposed for temporary possession	293	New plot
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	15-17	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily	131	New plot

Table 4 Proposed land plot additions for Change 6

Current land plot				Proposed land plot			
Plot ID	Land Use	Area (sqm)	Change	Plot ID	Land Use	Area (sqm)	Change
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	16-11	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of	199	New plot



					restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily		
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Table 5 Proposed land plot changes for Change 8

Current land plot				Proposed land plot			
Plot ID	Land Use	Area (sqm)	Change	Plot ID	Land Use	Area (sqm)	Change
16-4	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily	68423	Change to plot geometry	16-4	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily	67741	Change to plot geometry
16-5	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily	159	Change to plot geometry	16-5	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily	140	Change to plot geometry
16-6	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily	6195	Change to plot geometry	16-6	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily	5980	Change to plot geometry



Table 6 Proposed land plot changes and additions for Change 9

Current land plot				Proposed land plot			
Plot ID	Land Use	Area (sqm)	Change	Plot ID	Land Use	Area (sqm)	Change
2-13	Land proposed to be permanently acquired	7895	Change to plot geometry geometry	2-13	Land proposed to be permanently acquired	61	Change to plot geometry
2-14	Land proposed to be permanently acquired	18347	Plot removed	Plot removed	Plot removed	Plot removed	Plot removed
				6-7	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily	11204	Plot added
				18-1	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily	159	Plot added
				18-2	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily	1184	Plot added
				18-3	Land proposed for permanent acquisition of rights or imposition of restrictive covenants and to be used temporarily	16490	Plot added