



**Rosefield Solar Farm - EN010158**  
**Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement**  
**(PADSS)**

**Natural England**

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This table summarises the principal areas of disagreement between Natural England and the Applicant, and how we advise the Applicant could seek to resolve them. This PADSS was not developed as part of the pre-application process, but in response to the Examining Authority's request in their Rule 6 letter dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Table 1: Outstanding Principal Areas of Disagreement

Area of Concern	Explanation	Remedy Measures	Likelihood of Resolution
<p>Protected Species – Impacts to Bechstein's Bats</p>	<p>Research has shown that solar installations may negatively impact bats. The proposal sits within the core sustenance zone for Bechstein's bats. Evidence shows that this is a nationally important population under significant pressure.</p> <p>The Applicant recognises the sensitivity of the landscape and has included avoidance and mitigation measures within the proposal.</p> <p>Natural England disagrees that the mitigation proposals are adequate and advise the Proposal would likely cause harm to the bat population.</p>	<p>Remove panel allocations from field parcels, B6, B7 and B8.</p> <p>Implement favourable conservation measures to avoid impacts and provide an overall enhancement.</p>	<p>Medium – The applicant has indicated in [PDA-006] that they disagree with our position and that the impacts to field parcels B6, B7 and B8 are negated by the provision of habitat enhancement elsewhere.</p> <p>Natural England are open to further discussions around mitigation options in this part of the site, and we hope to discuss this with the applicant further to reach a resolution.</p>