

# Rosefield Solar Farm

## Notification of Proposed Change

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1.1. The Development Consent Order (DCO) Application for the proposed Rosefield Solar Farm (the 'Proposed Development') was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on 26 September 2025 and accepted for examination on 23 October 2025.
- 1.1.2. Since submission of the DCO Application, the Applicant has continued to engage with stakeholders with a view to addressing their comments and agreeing common ground. In response to that engagement, the Applicant has identified a minor change to the Proposed Development (the "Proposed Change").
- 1.1.3. The Proposed Change is the creation of a bridleway link between two existing public bridleways within Parcel 2, which would be accessible to the public during the operation (including maintenance) phase. This is in response to a request from Buckinghamshire Council in their **Relevant Representation [RR-026]** and **Local Impact Report [REP1-112]**.
- 1.1.4. While minor in nature, 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"). Due to the minor nature of the Proposed Change, the Applicant does not consider that it constitutes a material change to the Proposed Development which was the subject of the DCO Application. The Applicant confirms that the Proposed Change would not give rise to any materially new or materially different significant environmental effects.
- 1.1.5. Consultation on the Proposed Change is planned to be undertaken between Wednesday 6 May and Thursday 4 June 2026. Consultation will take place with interested parties likely to have an interest in the Proposed Change.
- 1.1.6. This letter constitutes Step 1 of the process for requesting a change to a DCO 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 DCO Application.

## 1.2. Structure and Approach

- 1.2.1. The remainder of this report is structured as follows:
  - **Section 2** Description of Proposed Change – provides a description of, and justification for, the Proposed Change.

- **Section 3** Potential changes to the Environmental Assessments – provides an overview of further work being undertaken to assess how the change would affect the environmental assessments reported in the DCO Application.
- **Section 4** Consultation – details the proposed consultation approach.
- **Section 5** Indicative Programme – sets out indicative timescales for introducing the Proposed Change.

## 2. Description of Proposed Change

### 2.1. Introduction

- 2.1.1. In their **Local Impact Report [REP1-112]**, Buckinghamshire Council state at paragraph 4.7.56: *“A further suggestion made by the Council in light of EN-3 para 2.10.44 includes connecting an existing dead-end bridleway [QUA/41/1] onto a footpath [SCL/8/2], upgrading the latter to bridleway allowing passage for horse riders and cyclists and resolving a missing link”*. The Proposed Change is to address this point.
- 2.1.2. In the **Applicant's Response to Buckinghamshire Council's Local Impact Report [EN010158/APP/8.11] [REP2-085]** the Applicant's response at line Ref 12.12 was *“As the Applicant set out on page 78-79 of the Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations [EN010158/APP/8.3] [PDA-006], the Applicant is not proposing to upgrade footpath ECL/8/2 (SCL/8/2 in the Local Impact Report is a typo) to a bridleway. However, consideration is being given to the potential for creating a bridleway link in this vicinity that would be accessible to the public during the operation (including maintenance) phase and will be discussed further with Buckinghamshire Council”*.

### 2.2. Proposed Change

- 2.2.1. The Proposed Change would deliver a bridleway link across Parcel 2, which would be accessible to the public during the operation (including maintenance) phase of the Proposed Development. It would connect the existing dead-end PRow Bridleway (reference 'ECL/10/5') to the north of Field D27 to the PRow Bridleway (reference 'QUA/40/2' and 'QUA/40/3') that runs along the southern edge of Fields D28 and D29, addressing the “missing link” in the bridleway network identified by Buckinghamshire Council. Please refer to Appendix A of this document for a plan showing the location of the Proposed Change.
- 2.2.2. The proposed bridleway link would run south west along the proposed internal access track through Field D27 and then along PRow Footpath (reference 'QUA/41/1') through Field D28. The total distance of the link would be approximately 0.9 km long, of which 0.3 km follows the alignment of PRow Footpath reference 'QUA/41/1'.
- 2.2.3. The proposed bridleway link is located entirely within the Order Limits, on land owned by the Claydon Estate with no tenants, as set out in the **Book of Reference [EN010158/APP/4.3.3] [REP2-008]** in relation to plot references 4/8 (where the end of existing PRow Bridleway (reference 'ECL/10/5') is located), 4/10 and 5/3. Consequently, no changes to the Order Limits or to the nature of the powers sought over land are required

in connection with the Proposed Change. The Applicant does propose to amend the definition of “permissive path” in Schedule 1 of the **draft DCO [EN010158/APP/3.1.4] [REP2-004]** to be clear that the term covers footpath and bridleway.

- 2.2.4. The provision of a bridleway link accessible to the public during the operation (including maintenance) phase has not been included as part of the Proposed Development to date as the Applicant does not consider that it is necessary to mitigate the effects of the Proposed Development. However, Buckinghamshire Council feel strongly that provision of a bridleway would resolve a “missing link” and provide additional benefits to the Proposed Development, to which positive weight should be applied in the planning balance.

### 2.3. Documents to be updated

- 2.3.1. The Applicant expects to amend the following documents to facilitate the Proposed Change:

- **Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans [EN010158/APP/2.4.3] [REP1-006]**
- **Illustrative Layout Plans and Sections [EN010158/APP/2.6.3] [REP1-007]**
- **Draft DCO [EN010158/APP/3.1.4] [REP2-004]**
- **Explanatory Memorandum [EN010158/APP/3.2.2] [REP2-006]**
- **Planning Statement [EN010158/APP/5.7.3] [REP1-016]**
- **Design Approach Document [EN010158/APP/5.8.2] [REP1-018]**
- **ES Volume 1, Chapter 3: Proposed Development Description [EN010158/APP/6.1.2] [REP1-034]**
- **ES Volume 2, Chapter 14: Population [EN010158/APP/6.2.2] [REP2-033]**
- **ES Volume 3, Figure 3.10: Existing and Proposed PRoW and Permissive Footpaths [EN010158/APP/6.3.2] [REP1-049]**
- **ES Volume 3, Figure 13.3: Operational Phase Noise Contours (without additional mitigation) [EN010158/APP/6.3.2] [REP2-040]**
- **ES Volume 3, Figure 13.4: Operational Phase Noise Contours (with additional mitigation) [EN010158/APP/6.3.2] [REP2-040]**

- **Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN010158/APP/7.6.3] [\[REP2-067\]](#)**
- **Outline Rights of Way and Access Strategy [EN010158/APP/7.8.3] [\[REP2-071\]](#)**
- **Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO [EN010158/APP/8.1.3] [\[REP2-079\]](#).**

### 3. Potential changes to the Environmental Assessments

- 3.1.1. The Applicant has undertaken a detailed review of the Proposed Change in the context of all the topics within the Environmental Impact Assessment to understand if it would give rise to any materially new or materially different environmental effects beyond those already reported in the Environmental Statement.
- 3.1.2. The Proposed Change that would deliver a new bridleway route across Parcel 2, which would be accessible to the public during the operation (including maintenance) phase would not result in any materially new or materially different likely significant environmental effects.
- 3.1.3. Given that the Proposed Change provides a clear benefit to the Proposed Development, no substantive amendments are required and no changes are required to the Environmental Impact Assessment, other than minor updates to acknowledge this additional route within the **ES Volume 2, Chapter 14: Population [EN010158/APP/6.2.2] [REP2-033]** and illustrated in **ES Volume 3, Figure 13.3: Operational Phase Noise Contours (without additional mitigation) [EN010158/APP/6.3.2] [REP2-040]** and **ES Volume 3, Figure 13.4: Operational Phase Noise Contours (with additional mitigation) [EN010158/APP/6.3.2] [REP2-040]**.

#### 3.2. Materiality of the Proposed Change

- 3.2.1. 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 Proposed Change within the Examination. It is acknowledged within the Changes Guidance that the final decision on materiality rests with the Examining Authority.
- 3.2.2. The Changes Guidance sets out that the ExA will initially consider whether, following the proposed change, the project will be substantially the same as the project which was initially applied for. Having regard to the likely environmental implications for the Proposed Change as set out above, and other considerations including there being no changes required to the Order Limits or to the nature of the powers sought over land, the Applicant considers that the Proposed Change is non-material and would not result in a materially different project.

## 4. Consultation

### 4.1. Overview

- 4.1.1. The Applicant is carrying out consultation to ensure that relevant Interested Parties are given the opportunity to make comments and representations on the Proposed Change in advance of the submission of the formal Change Application.
- 4.1.2. The consultation period will commence on Wednesday 6 May 2026, in tandem with formal notification of the Proposed Change to PINS and in advance of receiving advice from the ExA, and close on Thursday 4 June 2026. The Applicant considers this approach to be appropriate as it allows sufficient time for consultees to comment on the Proposed Change while also allowing sufficient time for the preparation of the Change Application, with minimal disruption anticipated to the examination timetable.
- 4.1.3. Notwithstanding this, the Applicant welcomes any views of the ExA, in response to this notification, as to the need, scope and nature of consultation on the Proposed Change.

### 4.2. Approach to consultation

- 4.2.1. The following factors were considered relevant in defining a proportionate approach to consultation on the Proposed Change:
- That the Proposed Change is being made directly in response to a request received from BC in its **Relevant Representation [RR-026]** and **Local Impact Report [REP1-112]**.
  - The minor nature of the Proposed Change, being the creation of a bridleway link between two existing public bridleways. The route of the proposed bridleway link would follow the route of an already proposed internal access track (of which 0.3km aligns with existing PRoW QUA/4/1/1).
  - That the Proposed Change is located entirely within the Order Limits on untenanted land owned by the Claydon Estate, with no changes required to the Order Limits or to the nature of the powers sought over land.
  - That there are no anticipated materially new or materially different likely significant environmental effects compared with those reported in the Environmental Statement (“ES”).

### 4.3. Scope of the consultation

- 4.3.1. The consultation is in relation to the Proposed Change only, and all material produced as part of the consultation has made this clear.

### 4.4. Consultees

- 4.4.1. The Applicant will consult with the following parties on the Proposed Change:
- Buckinghamshire Council as the host local authority for the Proposed Development (and the interested party which requested that the Proposed Change be made);
  - East Claydon Parish Council and Quinton Parish Council as the host parish councils where the Proposed Change is located.
  - The Claydon Estate as the landowner where the Proposed Development is located.
  - Category 2 interests in the plots of land where the Proposed Change is located as identified in the **Book of Reference [EN010158/APP/4.3.3] [REP2-008]** (FCC Buckinghamshire Limited and National Grid Electricity Distribution).

### 4.5. Materials

- 4.5.1. The Applicant will write to the identified consultees by recorded delivery and/or email where this is available. The letter will include:
- a non-technical description of the Proposed Change and why the Applicant considers it to be non-material;
  - a statement that no materially new or materially different environmental effects are anticipated which would change the content of the Environmental Statement;
  - the Applicant's contact details; and
  - information on how consultees can provide feedback.
- 4.5.2. Appended to the letter will be a plan which shows the proposed bridleway route.
- 4.5.3. In line with the Applicant's approach to making materials prepared for targeted consultation during the pre-application stage available to a wider audience, the Applicant will publish a news post on its project website ([www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/news/](http://www.rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk/news/)) containing information about the Proposed Change and a link to a copy of the letter.

## 4.6. Management of responses

- 4.6.1. Consultees are invited to provide comments in writing to the Applicant by email ([info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk](mailto:info@rosefieldsolarfarm.co.uk)) or via the Freepost address: Rosefield Solar Farm, FREEPOST SEC Newgate UK LOCAL.
- 4.6.2. The Applicant will have due regard to all relevant responses to the consultation which concern the proposed amendments received by the consultation deadline. Responses which are not in relation to the Proposed Change will not be taken into account as all interested parties will have full opportunity to make written representations on all application material during examination.
- 4.6.3. As part of the Change Application, the Applicant will include a Consultation Report Addendum confirming how the Applicant has consulted, summarise relevant responses, and set out how the Applicant has had regard to these in preparing the Change Application.

## 4.7. Timing

- 4.7.1. The Applicant will commence a 30 day consultation on the Proposed Change on Wednesday 6 May 2026, with all responses requested by the consultation deadline of 11:59pm on Thursday 4 June 2026.

## 5. Indicative Programme

- 5.1.1. 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.
- 5.1.2. 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 DCO 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 week commencing 8 June 2026.
- 5.1.3. The Applicant understands that once the Proposed Change has been submitted, the Examining Authority will need to make a Procedural Decision whether or not to accept the Proposed Change into the Examination.

### 5.2. Accommodating the change within the examination statutory timescales

- 5.2.1. The Applicant considers that the Proposed Change can be accommodated within the statutory timescales for the examination for the following reasons:
- a) The Proposed Change is 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 Proposed Change.
  - d) No consents, permits or licences require update as a result of the proposed change and the Proposed Change do not impede the securing of any consents, permits or licences required to undertake the Proposed Development.
  - e) The Proposed Change does not alter compliance with National Policy Statement ("NPS") policy and in fact the Applicant considers that the planning balance in favour of the Proposed Development would be improved as a result of this minor change.
  - f) The Proposed Change is being requested at an early stage in the examination process.

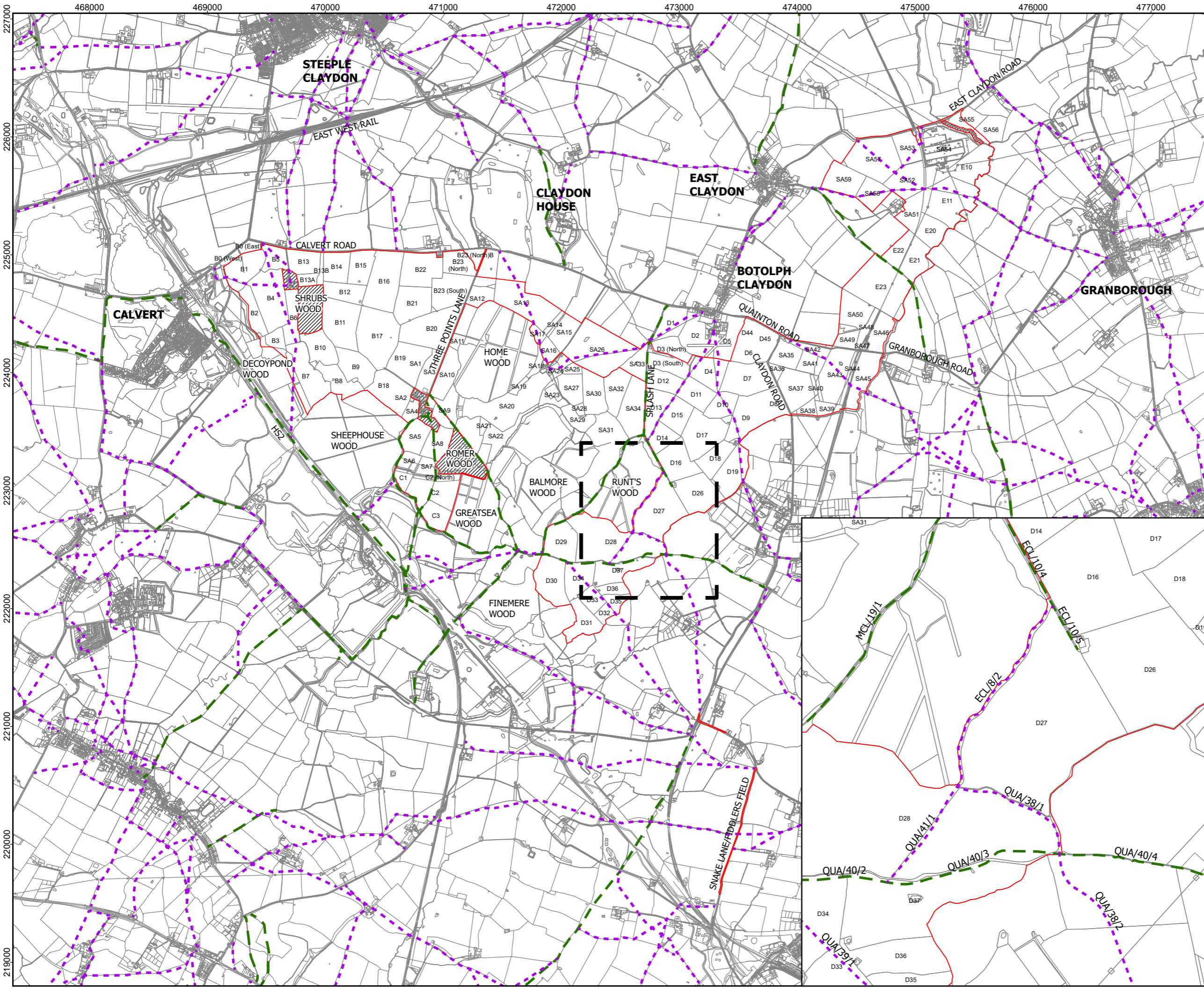
5.2.2. The indicative programme for the relevant steps for submitting the formal change request to the Examining Authority are set out in Table 1.

**Table 1: Indicative programme for formal change request**

Step	Indicative Programme
Notification to the Examining Authority on the Proposed Change	6 May 2026
Targeted non-statutory consultation	6 May – 4 June 2026
Formal change application to be submitted to the Examining Authority	W/c 8 June 2026
Examining Authority decision on whether to accept the Proposed Change and how it should be examined	At the Examining Authority's discretion

# Appendix A - Location of the Proposed Change

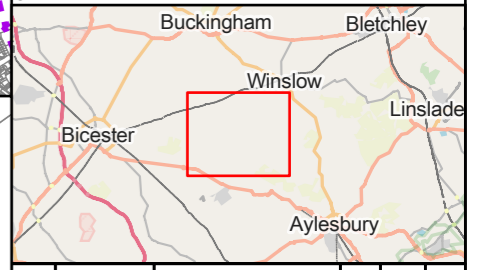




**LEGEND:**

- Order Limits
- Areas outside the Order Limits
- Public Rights of Way
- Existing Bridleway
- Existing Footpath

Coordinate System: British National Grid  
 Projection: Transverse Mercator  
 Datum: OSGB 1936  
 Units: Meter



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01	MAY 2026	PROPOSED CHANGE	LDA	LDA	EDF

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