

Rosefield Solar Farm

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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. This report supports a formal request to change the DCO Application submitted by the Applicant under section 37 of the Planning Act.

1.2. Proposal and Scope of the Change Request

1.2.1. Since the submission of the DCO Application, the Applicant has continued to engage with Interested Parties to listen and respond to feedback and comments while also continuing with detailed project development. This work has resulted in the identification of a minor change which is intended to enhance the Proposed Development.

1.2.2. The Applicant submitted a notification of a proposed changes to the DCO Application on 6 May 2026 [[CR1-001](#)] ("the Change Notification"), which represented Step 1 of the six-step process for making a change request to an accepted application as set out in the Planning Inspectorate's Guidance on changes to an application after it has been accepted for examination (the "Changes Guidance").

1.2.3. The Examining Authority ("ExA") confirmed receipt of the Change Notification and set out its response and advice on the procedural implications of the Proposed Change in a procedural decision dated 7 May [[PD-014](#)] (Step 2).

1.2.4. The Applicant carried out targeted non-statutory consultation (Step 3 of the Changes Guidance) on the Proposed Change between Wednesday 6 May 2026 and Thursday 4 June 2026 and has duly considered responses received prior to making this formal change request. More information can be found in Section 4 of this report.

1.2.5. This report, referred to throughout as the "Change Application", is submitted as part of Step 4 of the Guidance in which the 'Applicant makes a formal request to the ExA to change the application by providing the relevant information'. This report addresses each of the requirements under Step 4 of the Guidance which lists the information which applicants should include in the Change Application.

1.2.6. The change presented in this Change Application would require amendments to:

- Guide to the Application [EN010158/APP/1.2.9]
- Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans [EN010158/APP/2.4.4]
- Illustrative Layout Plans and Sections [EN010158/APP/2.6.4]
- Draft DCO [EN010158/APP/3.1.6]
- Explanatory Memorandum [EN010158/APP/3.2.4]
- Planning Statement [EN010158/APP/5.7.4]
- Design Approach Document [EN010158/APP/5.8.3]
- ES Volume 1, Chapter 3: Proposed Development Description [EN010158/APP/6.1.3]
- ES Volume 2, Chapter 14: Population [EN010158/APP/6.2.3]
- ES Volume 3, Figure 3.10: Existing and Proposed PRow and Permissive Footpaths [EN010158/APP/6.3.4]
- ES Volume 3, Figure 13.3: Operational Phase Noise Contours (without additional mitigation) [EN010158/APP/6.3.5]
- ES Volume 3, Figure 13.4: Operational Phase Noise Contours (with additional mitigation) [EN010158/APP/6.3.5]
- Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN010158/APP/7.6.4]
- Outline Rights of Way and Access Strategy [EN010158/APP/7.8.5]
- Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO [EN010158/APP/8.1.5].

1.2.7. The Proposed Change would not result in a materially different project (i.e., the development now being proposed is in substance the same as the development which was originally applied for) and the Applicant considers that there is sufficient time for this change to be accommodated in the Examination process (as addressed further at Section 1.3 of this report).

1.2.8. In addition, the Proposed Change does not alter the Applicant's confidence that the Proposed Development remains in accordance with National Policy Statement ("NPS") policy. The Applicant in fact considers that the planning balance in favour of the Proposed Development is improved as a result of this minor change.

1.2.9. The Applicant notes that no consents, permits or licences require update as a result of the Proposed Change and the Proposed Change does not impede the securing of any consents, permits or licences required to undertake the Proposed Development.

1.3. Accommodating the changes within the Examination statutory timescales

1.3.1. The Applicant has reviewed the timescales set out in the Rule 8 Letter [PD-009] issued by the ExA on 27 February 2026 and considers that the Proposed Change can be accommodated within the statutory timescales of the examination for the following reasons:

- a) the Proposed Change is not considered complex in nature;
- b) there are no likely materially new or different significant environmental effects compared to those reported in the Environmental Statement (“ES”) submitted with the DCO Application;
- c) the localised nature of the changes which affect a single landowner (who have been consulted in relation to impacts on their land);
- d) the limited extent of feedback received in relation to the majority of the Proposed Change;
- e) no consents, permits or licences require update as a result of the Proposed Change and the Proposed Change does not impede the securing of any consents, permits or licences required to undertake the Proposed Development;
- f) the Proposed Change does not alter compliance with 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 the minor change;
- g) the submission of the application at this stage provides sufficient time to review and examine any relevant stakeholder concerns relating to the Proposed Change; and
- h) there is sufficient time to address the procedural implications arising from the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (“the 2010 Regulations”).

1.3.2. The ExA confirmed in their procedural decision letter dated 7 May [PD-014], that they agreed with the Proposed Change timetable set out in the Change Notification.

- 1.3.3. They considered that the Applicant's proposed date of submission for this formal change request would allow for a decision to be made by the ExA on the change request and if accepted, the Applicant to update and submit revised application documents for discussion at the hearings scheduled in the examination timetable for w/c 6 July (if required) and/or the submission of comments by interested parties at Deadline 5 on 29 July 2026. The Applicant would then have the opportunity to respond to any comments at Deadline 6 on 12 August 2026 prior to the close of the examination.

2. The Proposed Change

2.1.1. In accordance with the requirements of the Changes Guidance, the below text provides a description of the Proposed Change and rationale and need for making the change during the examination period.

2.2. Description of the 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 report 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 0.9km long, of which the northern section of 0.6km follows the alignment of the proposed internal access track/permissive path and the southern section of which 0.3km 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 [REP3-008]** 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 has amended the definition of "permissive path" in Schedule 1 of the **draft DCO [EN010158/APP/3.1.6]** 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 (or, as has been achieved, a means to allow horseback riders to use the relevant paths) 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. Environmental Factor Assessment

- 2.3.1. The Applicant has undertaken an assessment of the environmental factors assessed in the ES to identify any potential changes in significant effects as a result of the proposed change.
- 2.3.2. The proposed change that would deliver a new bridleway link, which would be accessible during the operation (including maintenance) phase would not result in any materially new or materially different likely significant effects beyond those already reported in the Environmental Statement.
- 2.3.3. Given that the proposed change provides a clear benefit to the Proposed Development, no substantive amendments are required to the Environment Statement, other than minor updates to acknowledge this additional route. The relevant documents that form part of the Environmental Statement that have been identified as requiring an update are set out within Section 2.4 below.

2.4. Schedule of consequential amendments to DCO Application documents

- 2.4.1. The Applicant has identified the following DCO Application Documents as requiring a consequential amendment as a result of the proposed change. The documents in **Table 1** are provided with this Change Application.
- 2.4.2. Where a DCO Application Document is not included in this list it would not be affected by the Proposed Change.

Table 1 Proposed DCO Application Document changes

DCO Doc No.	DCO document name	Rev	Extent of change
EN010158/APP/2.4	Streets, Rights of Way and Access Plans	04	Components of proposed bridleway link added
EN010158/APP/2.6	Illustrative Layout Plans and Sections	04	Components of proposed bridleway link added
EN010158/APP/3.1	Draft DCO	06	Article 18, Article 21, Schedule 1(1) and Schedule 1(2)(I) updated to reflect changes required to secure proposed bridleway link

EN010158/APP/3.2	Explanatory Memorandum	04	Paragraphs 1.1.1, 1.4.6, 2.1.4, Table 1, 4.3.16, 4.3.17, 4.3.18, 4.4.1, 4.4.2 and 4.4.5 updated to reflect changes required to Draft DCO [EN010158/APP/3.1.6] to secure proposed bridleway link
EN010158/APP/5.7	Planning Statement	04	Paragraphs 3.3.2, 6.2.2, 6.1.12, 9.19.45, 9.23.23 and 10.1.27 updated to reflect proposed bridleway link
EN010158/APP/5.8	Design Approach Document	03	Key terms; paragraphs 1.1.2, 1.3.2, 5.5.19, 6.3.21, 6.10.9, 7.1.4 and p176 second para; Figures 5.6, 6.9, 6.10 and 6.20 updated to reflect components of proposed bridleway link.
EN010158/APP/6.1	ES Volume 1, Chapter 3: Proposed Development Description	03	Paragraphs 3.1.9, 3.13.18, 3.13.19, 3.13.22, 3.13.23 and 3.13.24
EN010158/APP/6.2	ES Volume 2, Chapter 14: Population	03	Paragraph 4.8.118
EN010158/APP/6.3	ES Volume 3, Figure 3.10: Existing and Proposed PRow and Permissive Footpaths	04	Components of proposed bridleway link added
EN010158/APP/6.3	ES Volume 3, Figure 13.3: Operational Phase Noise	05	Components of proposed bridleway link added

Contours (without additional mitigation)			
EN010158/APP/6.3	ES Volume 3, Figure 13.4: Operational Phase Noise Contours (with additional mitigation)	05	Components of proposed bridleway link added
EN010158/APP/6.4	ES Volume 4, Appendix 5.5: Health and Wellbeing Summary Statement	05	Paragraphs 3.6.12 and 6.1.27
EN010158/APP/7.6	Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan	04	Paragraphs 1.1.2, 3.1.8, 3.3.14, 3.3.17, 5.1.3 and Appendices 1, 2 and 5 updated to reflect components of proposed bridleway link.
EN010158/APP/7.8	Outline Rights of Way and Access Strategy	05	Paragraphs 1.1.2, 5.1.3, 5.1.5, 5.1.6, 8.1.1, 8.1.2, 9.1.1, section 7.2, and Plate 7.2 updated to reflect components of proposed bridleway link.
EN010158/APP/8.1	Schedule of Changes to the Draft DCO	05	To capture the changes made to the Draft DCO [EN010158/APP/3.1.6] to secure proposed bridleway link

3. New or different likely significant environmental effects

- 3.1.1. The Changes Guidance confirms that if a Proposed Change results in any new or different likely significant environmental effects, other environmental information should be provided as necessary together with confirmation that:
- a) the effects of the Proposed Change have been adequately assessed and that the environmental information has been subject to publicity to reflect the requirements of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017;
 - b) any consultation bodies who might have an interest in the Proposed Change have been consulted (reflecting the requirements of the EIA Regulations).
- 3.1.2. As set out in Section 2 of this report, the Proposed Change would not result in any new or different likely significant effects to those reported in the ES. Accordingly, this requirement of the Changes Guidance does not apply in this case.
- 3.1.3. However, whilst not a statutory requirement, the Applicant has consulted with the “consultation bodies”, where relevant, in relation to each of the changes. Further details are provided in Section 4 of this report and the **Change Application Consultation Report [EN010158/APP/8.21]** which accompanies it.

4. Engagement and consultation on the Proposed Change

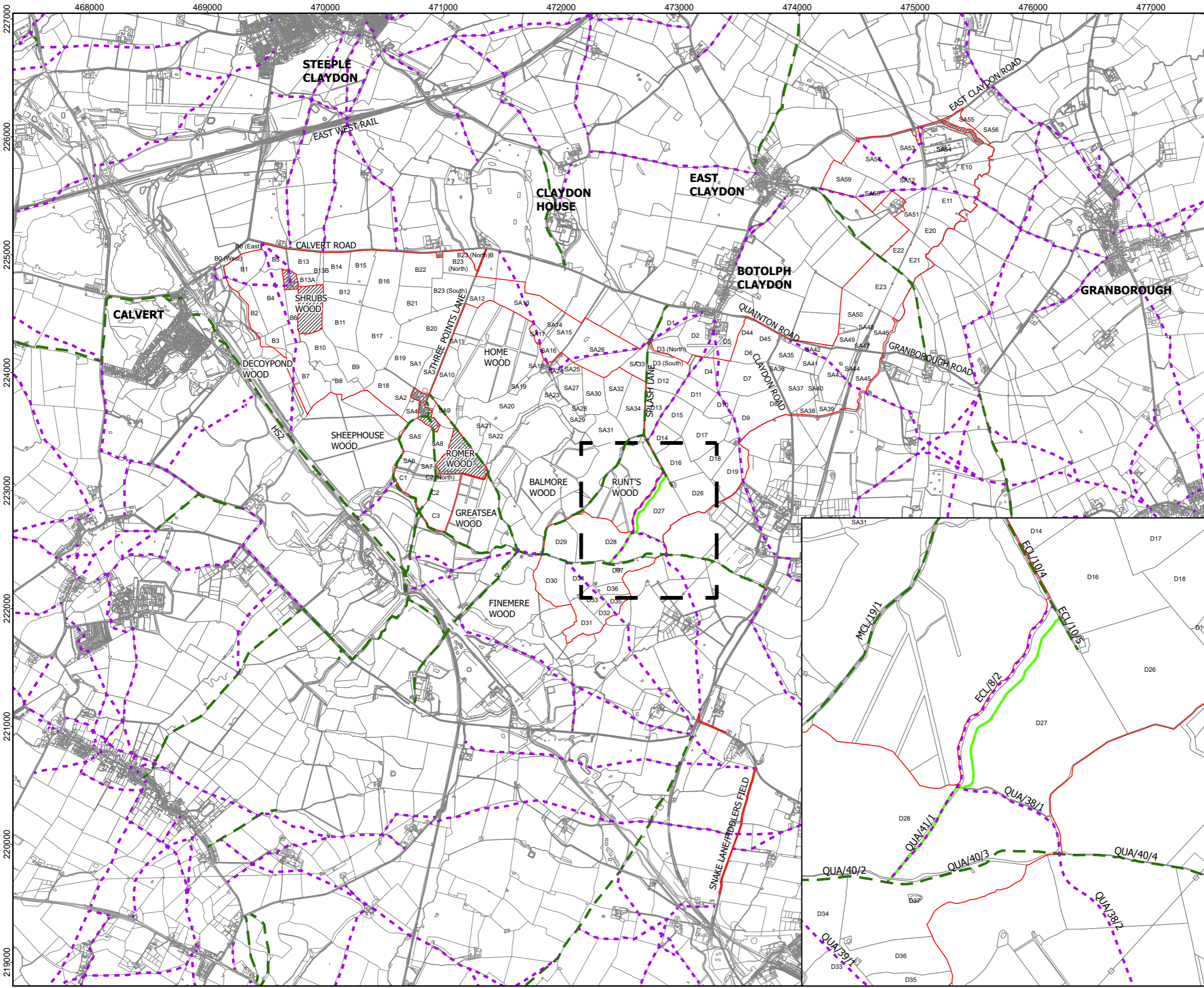
- 4.1.1. The Applicant has carried out a non-statutory consultation on the Proposed Change. This was targeted at persons identified as owning, occupying or having a legal interest in land that would be affected by the Proposed Change, as well as prescribed persons and relevant local authorities for the purposes of section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.
- 4.1.2. A period of 30 days from the receipt of the information about the Proposed Change was given for consultees to respond.
- 4.1.3. In accordance with the Changes Guidance, a separate Consultation Report has been duly prepared and submitted within this Change Application as Document Reference **[EN010158/APP/8.21]**. This contains the following information:
- a) confirmation of who was consulted in relation to the Proposed Change and why they were consulted;
 - b) details of how the Applicant has considered the content of the consultation responses received; and
 - c) copies of all consultation responses received (included as an annex to the consultation report).

5. Conclusion

- 5.1.1. The Proposed Change detailed in this Change Application is the product of ongoing landowner/stakeholder engagement and design development.
- 5.1.2. The Proposed Change would not be so substantial as to constitute a materially different project.
- 5.1.3. The Applicant considers that the early request for the Proposed Change towards the beginning of the examination process, and its minor nature, means that it is capable of being examined within the examination period.
- 5.1.4. The Applicant has reviewed the responses to the non-statutory consultation and set out a response to these in the **Change Application Consultation Report [EN010158/APP/8.21]**.

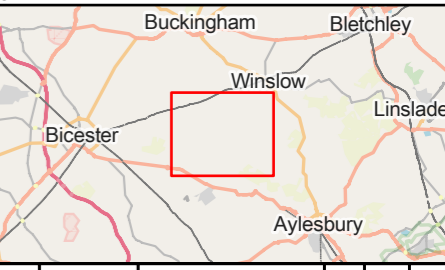
Appendix A





- LEGEND:**
- Order Limits
 - Areas outside the Order Limits
 - Public Rights of Way
 - Existing Footpath
 - Existing Bridleway
 - Proposed Bridleway Link

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



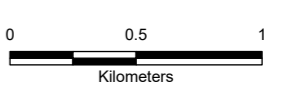
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