

Existing View

The view is open to the south and restricted in other direction by rising ground, hedges and woodland. To the south the view looks across a largely flat landscape of fields divided by hedges with trees towards Staythorpe Power Station and substation. Electricity infrastructure features prominently across the view; pylons converge towards the substation and wind turbines are also visible in the view. Buildings are seen set amongst trees across the view.

Predicted Changes to Views

During construction and early operation there would be open views of the BESS and 400kV substation being installed along with associated cable route installation. The BESS would remain visible once mitigation planting matures, with the outer edges enclosed by hedges with trees. In time, planting would mature to screen the substation, but given its height, this would only be likely to be achieved during the second half of the operational period. During decommissioning there would be open views of the BESS substation being removed, but the substation would remain, screened by tree belts. Once decommissioned, taller hedgerows and the mitigation planting would also remain. The proposed tree and hedgerow belts would be seen between the existing areas of woodland.

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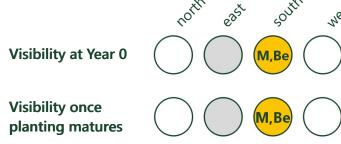
Kelham solar farm would be mostly screened by the nearby woodland to the east but a more distant part of the development would be seen in one of the fields to the right of the woodland. The SSE BESS and substation would be visible beyond the A617 to the south, set in front of the backdrop of pylons seen in this direction.

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GREAT NORTH ROAD SOLAR AND BIODIVERSITY PARK

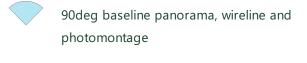
Viewpoint 38 Footpath near Flash Farm

Cardinal views analysis:



Key

- No solar areas visible from this viewpoint in this direction
 - Wireline indicates theoretical visibility but would not be discernible in practice
- Visibility of solar areas in this direction during summer and winter
- Visibility of solar areas in this direction during winter only
- S An intermediate substation is visible in this direction of the view, refer to text
- M The main 400kV substation is visible in this direction of the view
- Be The BESS is visible in this direction of the view



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