



Existing View
This view looks north across flat fields towards the nearby low hills. The fields are divided by hedges and trees; there are two large areas of woodland visible on the hills. Overhead pylons cross the view. There are similar channelled views along the A617 to the west with Micklebarrow Hill seen between the branches of conifers beyond road signs and streetlights.

Predicted Changes to Views
During construction and early operation the BESS and 400kV substation would be seen to the north and northeast, above and between roadside vegetation, with the substation mostly backdropped by woodland. Once fully grown, mitigation planting would screen both elements of the Development from view, though for the substation this may not be achieved until the second half of the operational life of the development. During decommissioning there may be views of vehicles entering or exiting the works areas, and views of works traffic on the adjacent road, but views of the decommissioning works would be unlikely to occur. Once decommissioned, hedges and tree belts would remain and would screen the retained main substation and reduce the openness of the fields to the north and northeast.

Cumulative
The SSE BESS may be seen nearby through gaps in the hedge along the south side of the A617, but would be almost entirely screened. Kelham solar farm would be visible as a narrow strip of solar arrays beyond the nearby fields to the northeast.

GREAT NORTH ROAD SOLAR AND BIODIVERSITY PARK

Viewpoint 49

A617 layby near Flash Farm

Cardinal views analysis:

Visibility at Year 0

Visibility once planting matures

Key

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2 km

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Coordinate System:			
OSGB36 / British National Grid			

north

east

south

west

M,Be

Be

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

An intermediate substation is visible in this direction of the view, refer to text

The main 400kV substation is visible in this direction of the view

The BESS is visible in this direction of the view

90deg baseline panorama, wireline and photomontage