

## **Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park**

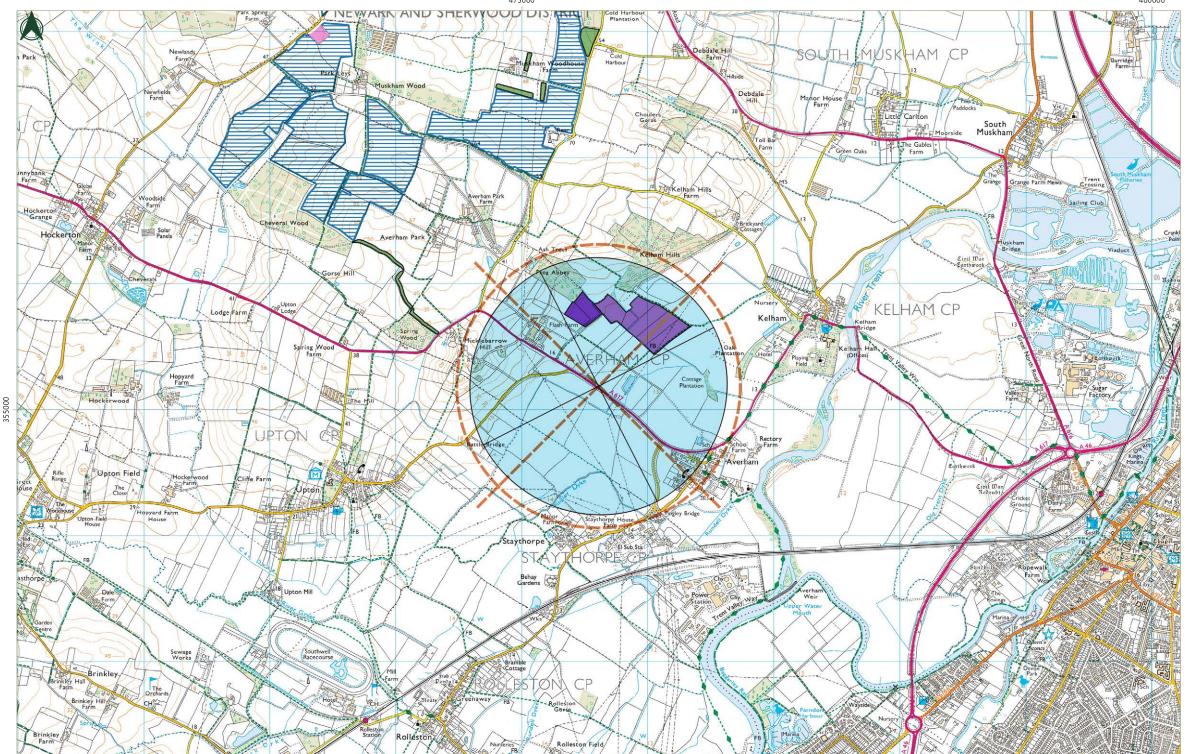
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#### Existing View

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 mature, tree belts would mostly screen both elements of the Development, with the top of the substation seen above trees and the BESS area visible only through a gap in planting around the entrance and under power lines. 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, tree belts would remain as would the retained main substation, which by this stage would be entirely screened.

#### 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.

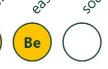
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## GREAT NORTH ROAD SOLAR AND BIODIVERSITY PARK

Viewpoint 49 A617 layby near Flash Farm

#### Cardinal views analysis:

Visibility at Year 0



Visibility once planting matures





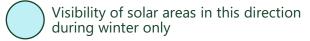




No solar areas visible from this viewpoint in this direction







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- M The main 400kV substation is visible in this direction of the view
- Be The BESS is visible in this direction of the view

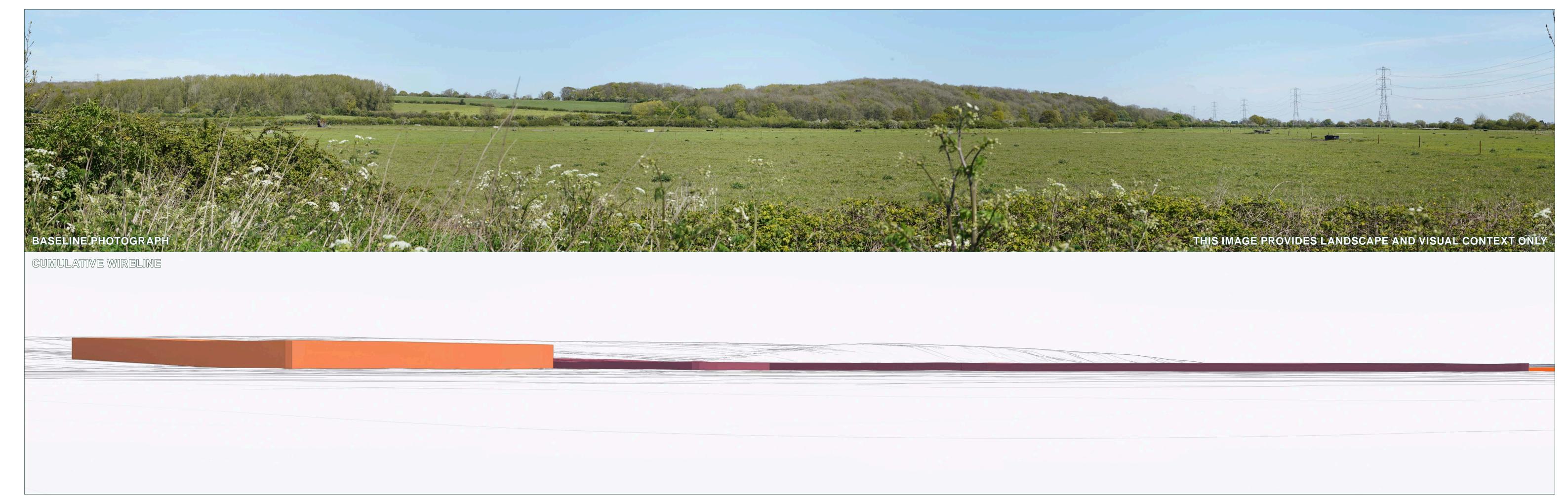


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GREAT NORTH ROAD SOLAR AND BIODIVERSITY PARK

Viewpoint 49 (A): A617 layby near Flash Farm



400 kV substation
BESS



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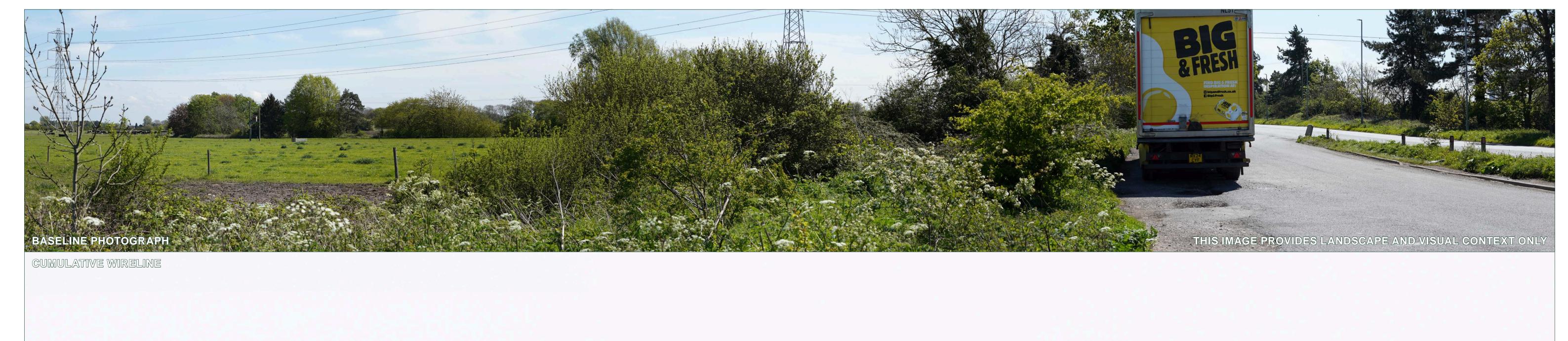
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GREAT NORTH ROAD SOLAR AND BIODIVERSITY PARK

Viewpoint 49 (B): A617 layby near Flash Farm

Development:

Solar arrays CCTV cameras Fences

Cumulative Developments:

SSE BESS Kelham solar farm 400 kV substation BESS Consented solar farms (Tuxford Road, Knapthorpe Lodge, and/or Muskham Wood)

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Sony ILCE-7C 50mm 1.5m AGL 01/05/2024







GREAT NORTH ROAD SOLAR AND BIODIVERSITY PARK

Viewpoint 49 (C): A617 layby near Flash Farm

Development:

Solar arrays CCTV cameras Fences

Cumulative Developments:

SSE BESS Kelham solar farm 400 kV substation BESS Consented solar farms (Tuxford Road, Knapthorpe Lodge, and/or Muskham Wood)

Date July 2025 Image Size 820 x 130mm Paper Size 840 x 297mm 0014 Visuals Document-1.indd

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Lens: Camera Height: Photography Date:

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#### Existing View

This viewpoint is located on a footpath through open arable fields. Views to the north are contained by higher ground and the nearby hedge. Views to the south are open and look across a valley towards Eakring and pylons at the training centre to the southwest, with wind turbines beyond. Views in other directions are of fields divided by hedges and trees, interspersed with woodland blocks and farms.

### Predicted Changes to Views

During construction and operation, solar arrays would be seen on the rising ground to the southwest in front of the pylons at the training centre. Smaller areas of solar arrays would be seen to either side of Parkhill Plantation along the skyline to the south. Mitigation planting and taller hedges would only slightly reduce visibility once mature and would remain after decommissioning.

# GREAT NORTH ROAD SOLAR AND BIODIVERSITY PARK

Viewpoint 50 Footpath near Park Farm

### Cardinal views analysis:

planting matures

Visibility once

### 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

90deg baseline panorama, wireline and photomontage



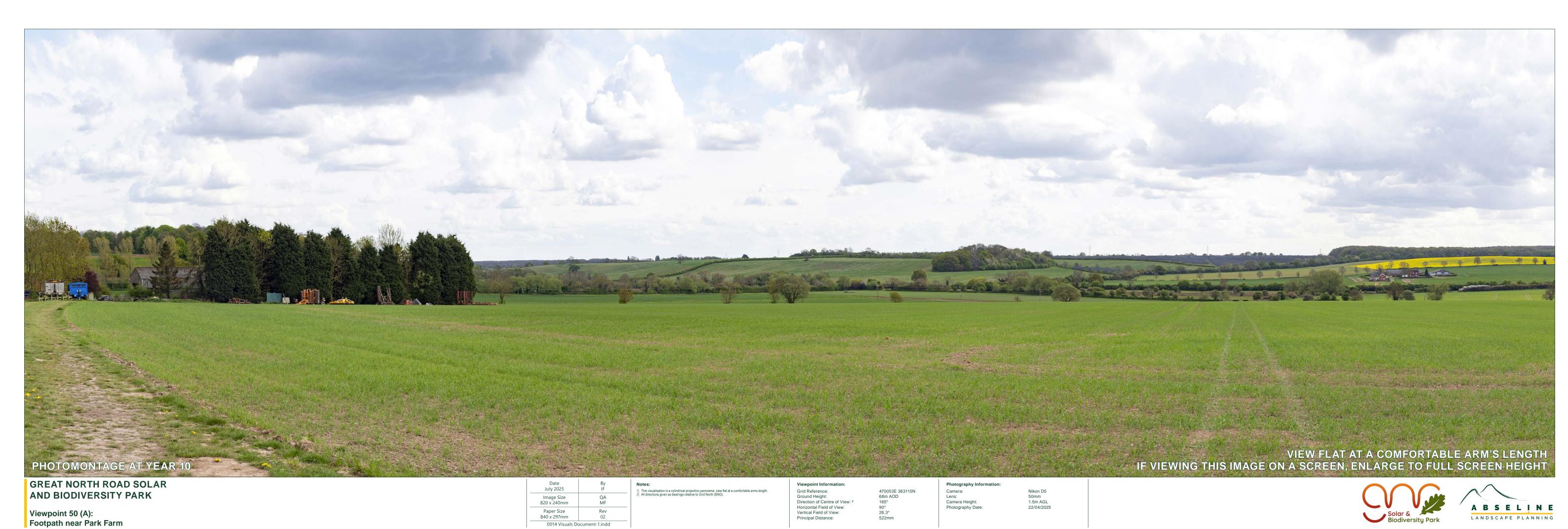
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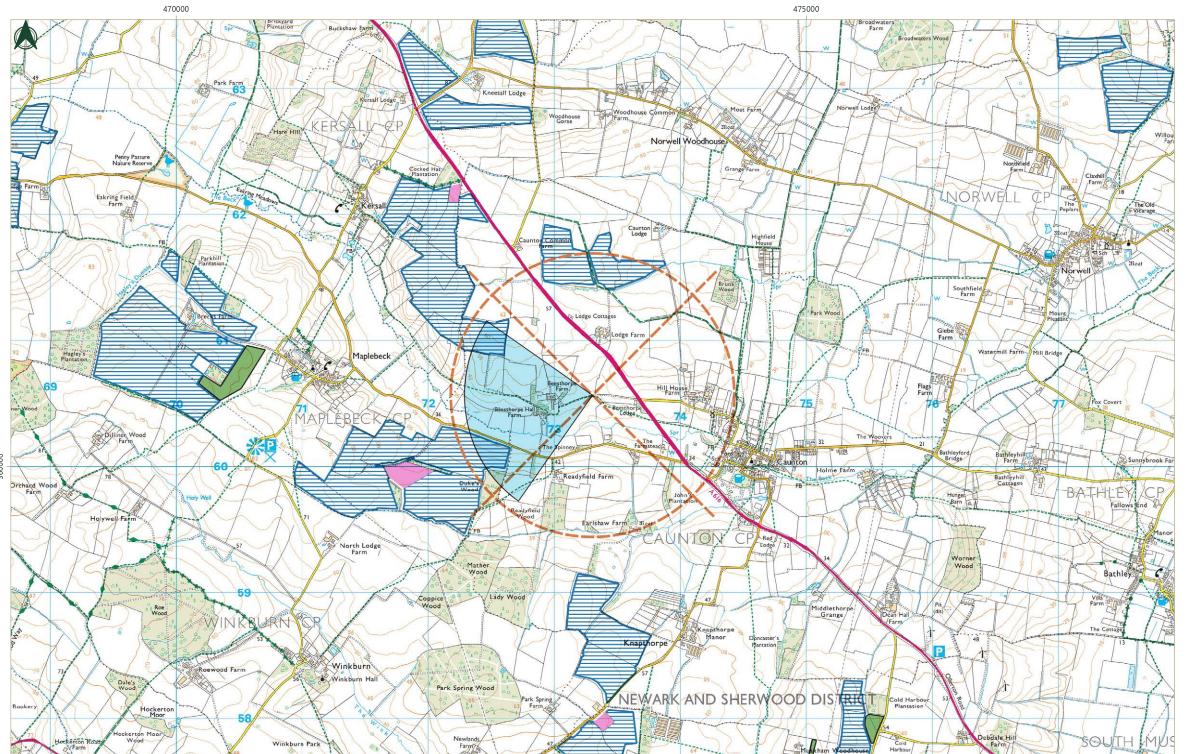












#### Existing View

This view is taken from a footpath which follows the driveway towards Beesthorpe Hall. Gently rising ground and/or trees curtail the views to areas of near or middle ground in most directions, focussing views towards the hall which is set among trees to the west.

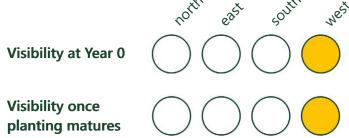
#### Predicted Changes to Views

During construction and operation a small section of solar arrays would be seen between Duke's Wood on the skyline to the southwest and the trees around Beesthope Hall, occupying the field in front of the pylon seen in this direction. The intermediate substation and most of the solar arrays shown by the wireline would be screened by vegetation. Mitigation planting would not notably reduce visibility once mature and would be barely noticeable after decommissioning.

## GREAT NORTH ROAD SOLAR AND BIODIVERSITY PARK

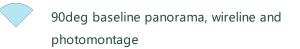
Viewpoint 51 Footpath near Beesthorpe Hall

#### 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





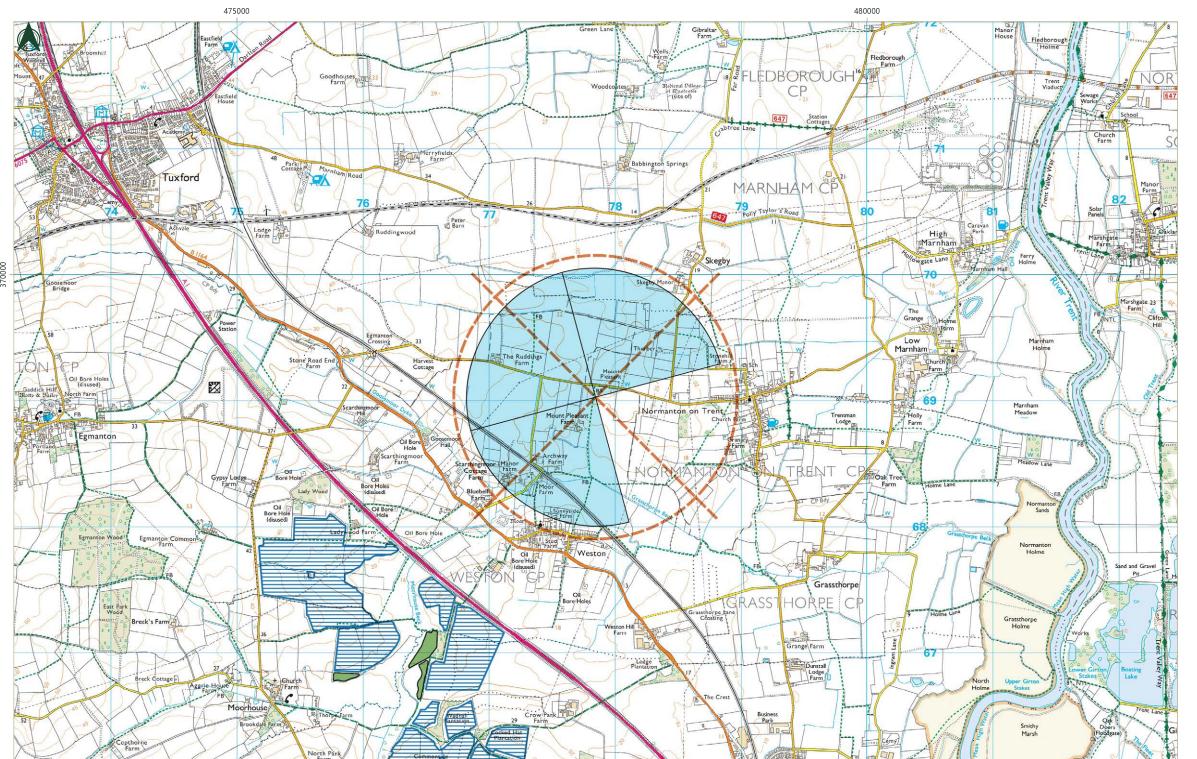












#### Existing Viev

This viewpoint is located on a footpath across an arable field. The view to the north is curtailed by nearby rising ground and a roadside hedge. There are panoramic views in other directions looking out over large arable fields divided by hedges and trees with farms and villages among these. Nearby pylon routes are distinctive linear features in the view and taller vehicles can be seen moving along the A1 to the south and southwest. Tuxford Road solar farm will be visible in fields nearby to the west once constructed.

### Predicted Changes to Views

During construction and operation, solar arrays and the Ossington Road substation would be visible in the distance in fields seen beyond the trees and buildings at Weston and in front of woodland on the skyline. The substation would be screened by a tree belt once it is mature. Taller hedges around the solar arrays would only slightly reduce the visibility once mature and would remain once decommissioned.

## GREAT NORTH ROAD SOLAR AND BIODIVERSITY PARK

Viewpoint 52 Footpath near Mount Pleasant Farm

#### Cardinal views analysis:

Visibility at Year 0

Visibility once planting matures

#### Key

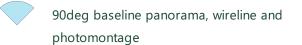
No solar areas visible from this viewpoint in this direction

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
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- Be The BESS is visible in this direction of the view





Coordinate System:











GREAT NORTH ROAD SOLAR AND BIODIVERSITY PARK

Viewpoint 52 (C): Footpath near Mount Pleasant Farm

Development:

Solar arrays CCTV cameras Fences 400 kV substation BESS

Cumulative Developments:

SSE BESS Kelham solar farm One Earth solar farm Consented solar farms (Tuxford Road, Knapthorpe Lodge, and/or Muskham Wood)

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90° 14.2° 522mm

Nikon D5 50mm 1.5m AGL 30/04/2025





#### Existing View

This view looks out from a hedge-lined bridleway which follows the driveway to a group of houses which are seen along the driveway to the west, with limited visibility beyond. Views to the north are limited by the hedge apart from a gap which looks out across the adjacent field and views to the east are channelled towards a nearby tree belt. There is a more open vista to the south and southeast across the valley of Moorhouse Beck to fields divided by hedges and trees with woodland beyond. A line of pylons crosses the view in this direction.

#### Predicted Changes to Views

During all stages of construction and operation, solar arrays would be seen in some of the fields on facing slopes beyond Moorhouse Beck, in front of the woodland to the south. The closer arrays to the east may be visible during construction and early operation in winter, through the tree belt and through the gap in the trees. After mitigation planting matures this group of arrays would be screened. After decommissioning, additional planting would remain, but would represent a very limited change to this view.

## GREAT NORTH ROAD SOLAR AND BIODIVERSITY PARK

Viewpoint 53 Hagg Lane

#### Cardinal views analysis:

Visibility at Year 0

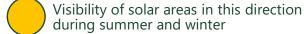
Visibility once planting matures



## Key

No solar areas visible from this viewpoint in this direction







- 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











GREAT NORTH ROAD SOLAR AND BIODIVERSITY PARK

Viewpoint 53 (A): Hagg Lane



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SSE BESS

Ameras

Kelham solar farm

Foxholes solar farm

One Earth solar farm

Consented solar farms (Tuxford Road, Knapthorpe Lodge,



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 Direction of Centre of View:
 80°

 Horizontal Field of View:
 90°

 Vertical Field of View:
 14.2°

 Principal Distance:
 522mm

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This view looks out from a minor road which passes over a small hill to the southwest of Sutton-on-Trent. There is an open outlook in all directions across arable fields divided by trees and hedges with a wide array of settlement and infrastructure (including pylons, the A1 and power stations, masts and turbines) visible extending into the distance.

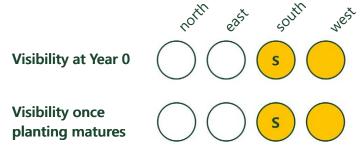
#### Predicted Changes to Views

During all stages of operation, solar arrays would be seen in the fields along the skyline to the southwest. They would be seen between the stud farm and Carlton Wood in front of the wind turbines and continuing in front of the woodland seen on the skyline to the right of the turbines, where the Ossington Road substation would also be visible beyond the solar arrays and backdropped by trees. As the tree belts around the substation mature, it would be increasingly screened. After decommissioning, mitigation planting would be barely noticeable within this expansive view.

## GREAT NORTH ROAD SOLAR AND BIODIVERSITY PARK

Viewpoint 54 Eaves Lane, Sutton on Trent

### Cardinal views analysis:



### Key

- No solar areas visible from this viewpoint in this direction
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- Visibility of solar areas in this direction during summer and winter
- Visibility of solar areas in this direction during winter only
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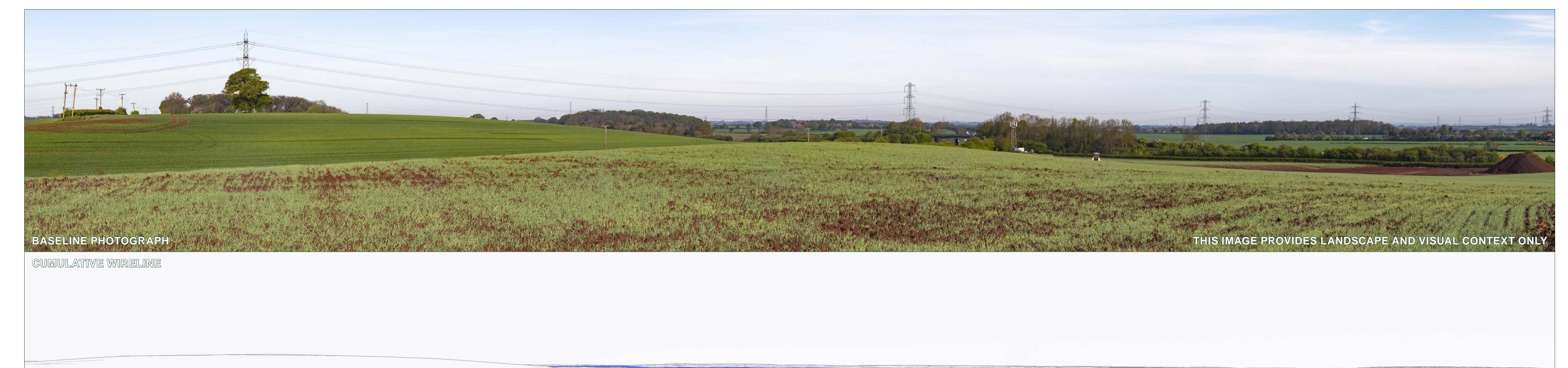


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Viewpoint 54 (B): Eaves Lane, Sutton on Trent

CCTV cameras Fences 400 kV substation BESS

Development:

Solar arrays

Cumulative Developments:

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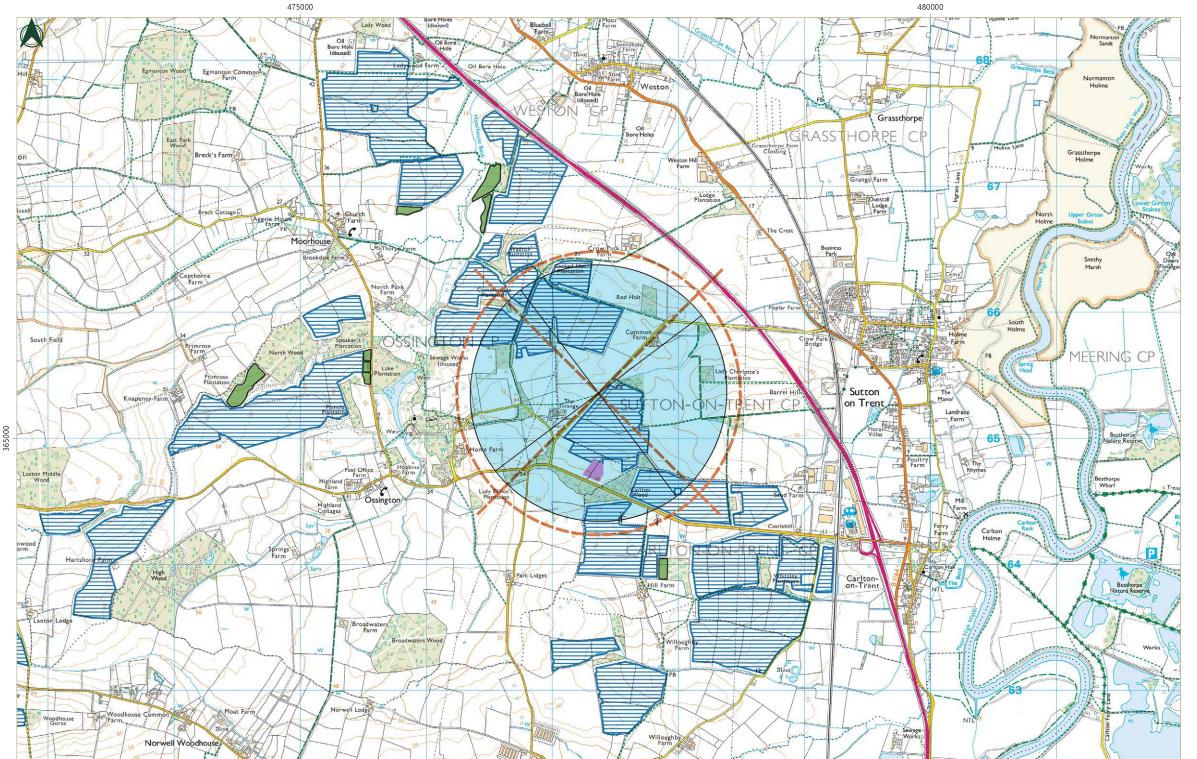
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#### Existing View

This view is on a local road which is mostly hedge lined, although the location of the viewpoint has a gap in the hedge to one side. The view looks out across nearby arable fields towards relatively close skylines across fields divided by low cut hedges with occasional trees. A line of pylons crosses the view on gently rising ground to the west and northwest and woodland forms the skyline to the south with small woodlands seen in other directions.

### Predicted Changes to Views

During construction and early operation, solar arrays would be seen in the field across the road above the roadside hedge. The Ossington Road substation would be visible beyond these arrays, backdropped by trees. To the northwest solar arrays would be seen in the sloping fields on the skyline. Once hedges have grown taller, the adjacent solar arrays would be largely screened, but with tops visible above the hedges and filtered visibility through the nearest section of hedge in winter. The arrays in the fields to the northwest would remain visible. The substation would be mostly screened by trees. After decommissioning, the taller hedge would continue to enclose views to the road and the retained substation would be screened by trees.

## GREAT NORTH ROAD SOLAR AND BIODIVERSITY PARK

Viewpoint 55 Ossington Lane near The Grange

### Cardinal views analysis:

Visibility at Year 0

Visibility once planting matures



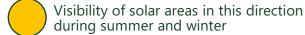






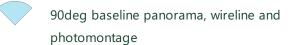
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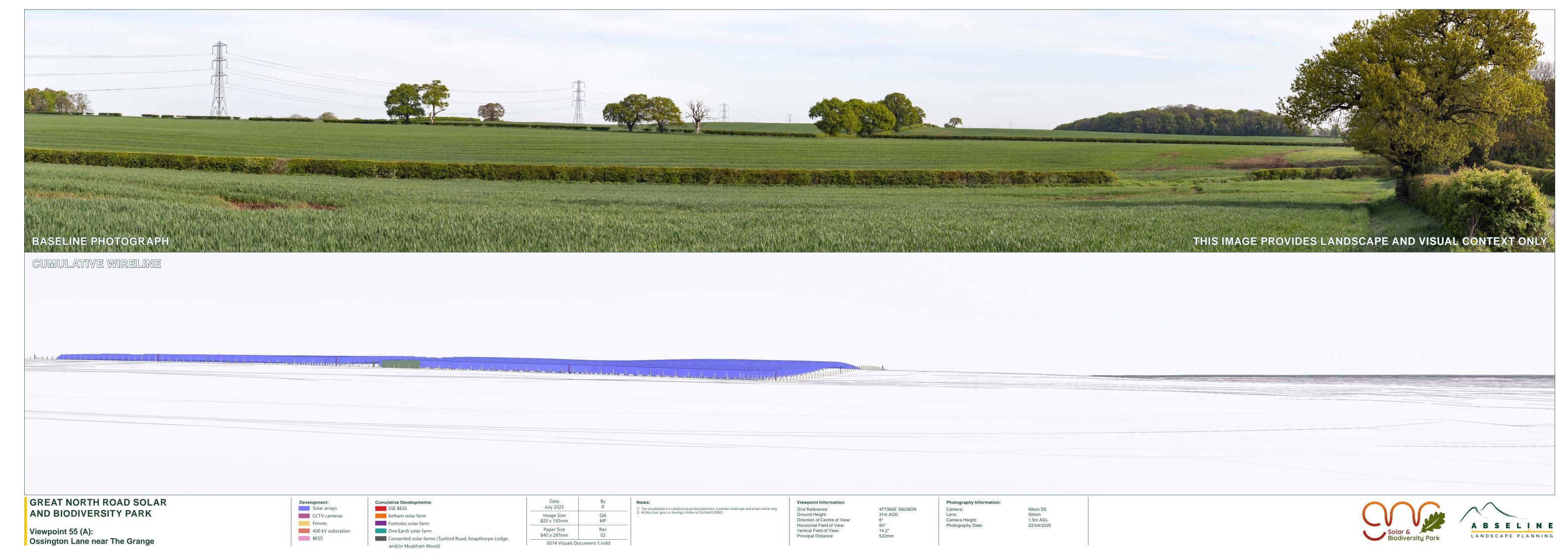
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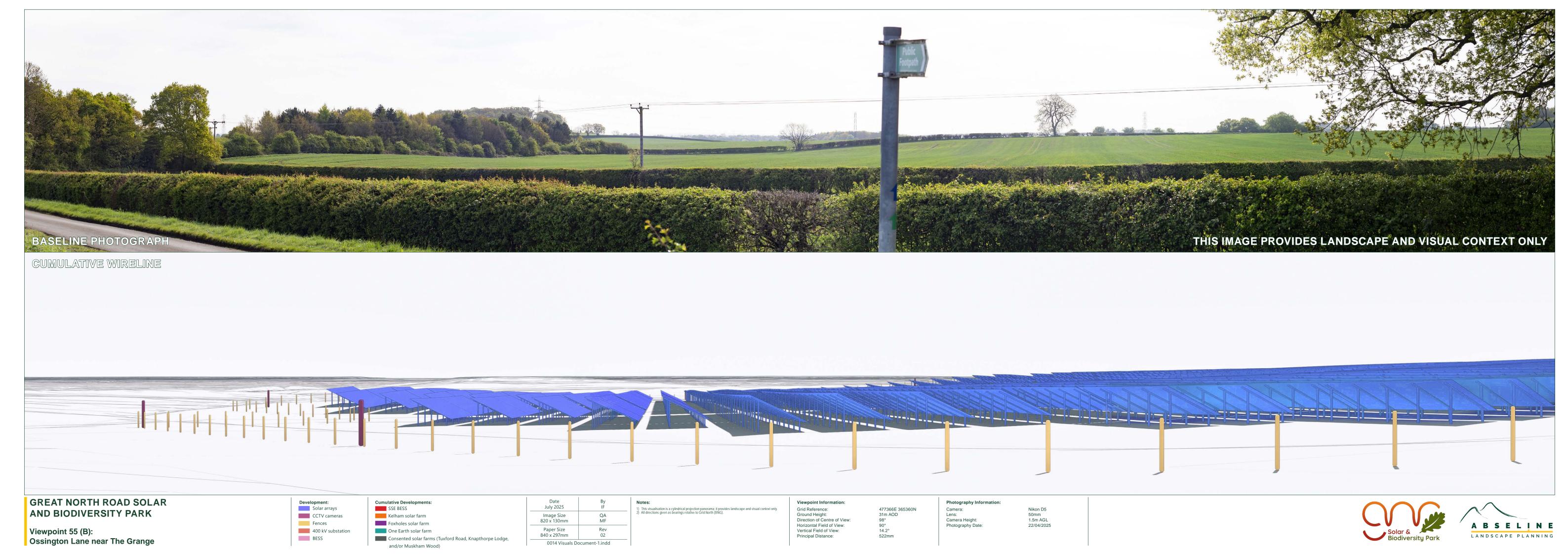








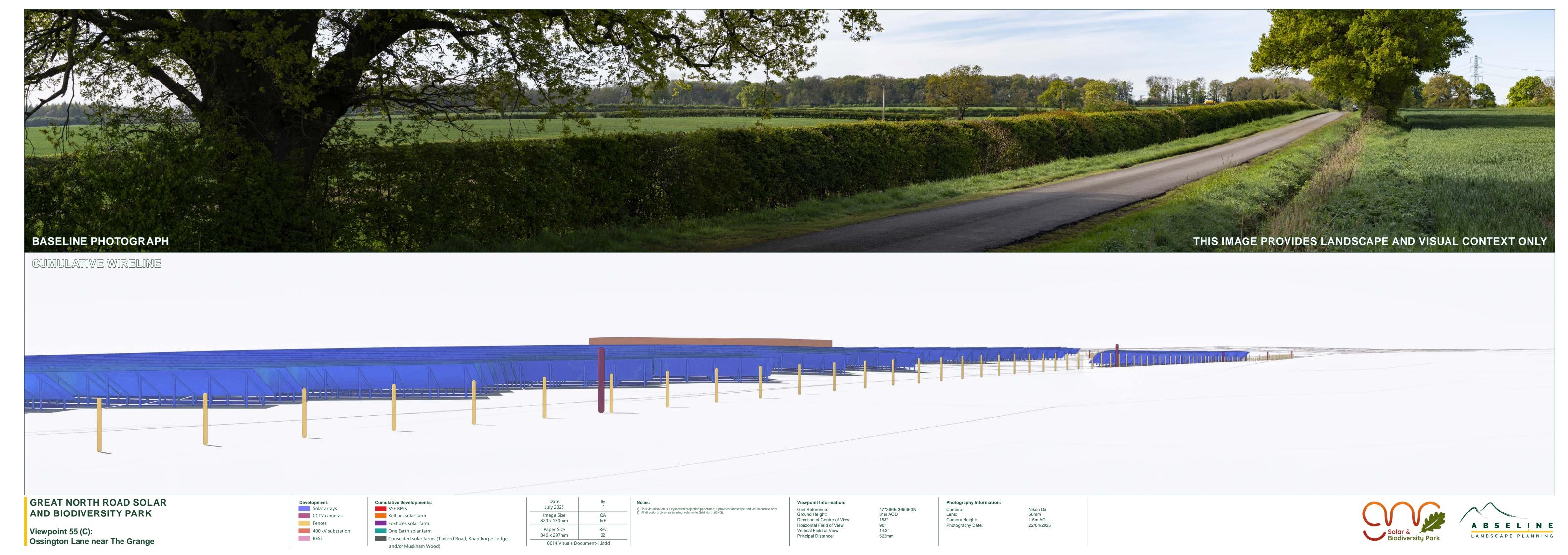








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Viewpoint 55 (D): Ossington Lane near The Grange

CCTV cameras Fences 400 kV substation BESS

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