

Yatton Keynell Parish Council Responses to Relevant Representations. (RR4941)

YKPC 001 - The draft Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) is missing information regarding the permanent & temporary changes required to the road network by location for construction traffic, excluding abnormal loads.

The CTMP makes a number of assumptions regarding construction workers modes of transport, we require these to be stress tested to assess the impact on the road network.

The CTMP does not recognize school traffic before 08:00 and the afternoon travel period for children returning from school between 15:00 & 17:00.

Given the location of Nursery/Preschool & Primary School facilities in the area there is considerable inter village traffic at the beginning and end of the school day. Specifically there is a Primary School on The Street (B4039) in Yatton Keynell. A construction traffic ban on this stretch of road has been recognized another solar farm constructor.

Older children(Aged 11 – 16) travel to secondary schools from the area to Chippenham using either school buses or private vehicles. The school buses to Chippenham leave the village at 08:00 having travelled around C roads to the north of Yatton Keynell.

The construction traffic movement restrictions should be extended to start at 07:30 in the morning and the afternoon extended to start at 15:00 and finish at 18:00.

YKPC 002 – The response from the applicant is requires further analysis:

The assessment confirms that land would be taken out of arable rotation during the operational period of the Scheme but would remain productive and would be reinstated and returned to agricultural use as far as practicable following decommissioning.

The Agricultural Lad Classification (ALC) should be based on historic data from recent arable rotation not a desk top exercise based on historic maps. The impact of sourcing arable crops lost from elsewhere should be taken into account assessing the projects impact.

How much land will be permanently lost from arable production given the statement - *as far as practicable*.

YKPC – 004 - Cumulative impact of solar farms in North Wiltshire - South Gloucestershire
Damage caused to local economy as a result of reduced tourism.

The response provided is inconsistent with a similar representation made by Grittleton Parish Council. Further work is required to show what the effects are on employment within the tourism sector in North Wiltshire.

Response to YKPC – 004 – *“Whilst the Scheme is anticipated to lead to some employment and economic losses to the tourism industry, these are not identified as significant adverse effects to the assessed 20 km economic Study Area”*

GPC - 009 - Impact on tourism during the construction period and going forward due to ruination of countryside, this will cause the loss of employment in the many tourist/hospitality businesses in the area.

Response to GPC- 009 -

The Applicant has assessed that there is a likely worst-case temporary loss of 50 FTE tourism industry jobs as a result of the Scheme, as set out in ES Volume 1, Chapter 16: Socio Economics, Tourism and Recreation [APP-068]. This accounts for less than 0.7% of tourism-based employment within 5 km of the Scheme (BRES, 2023 data), and approximately 0.17% of tourism employment across Wiltshire (29,000 estimate from Visit Wiltshire, 2021). Where losses to tourism have been identified, these are worst-case estimates based on likely significant effects from the Scheme and do not include for additional mitigation measures being applied. This is also a temporary effect, anticipated to occur during construction, with recovery to tourism businesses anticipated to begin as soon as construction works are complete. During the Scheme's operational phase, the reduction in tourism compared to current conditions is anticipated to be equivalent to a loss of 11 FTE tourism-dependent jobs.