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Landscape and Visual Effects of the Removal of Solar Infrastructure from the Southern Part of Field A1

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1 Landscape and Visual Effects of the Removal of Solar Infrastructure from the Southern Part of Field A1

- 1.1.1 Following a meeting with a representative from the Cotswold National Landscape Board (CNLB) on 12 August 2026, the Applicant has agreed to remove panels from the southern section of Field A1. This results in no infrastructure now being proposed within A1. The whole of Field A1 is now proposed for Diverse Wildflower Meadow. As the northern half of A1 is within the setting of the Cotswold National Landscape (CNL), it provides additional positive enhancement within the setting of the CNL. It was agreed that the proposed woodland belt dividing the field would no longer be included with a historic hedgerow proposed to be reinstated along the northern boundary of Field A2 to provide mitigation of views of panels within Field A2. Panels within Field A2 have been shifted further to the south to accommodate the necessary buffer between panels and the new hedgerow.
- 1.1.2 The removal of panels from A1 results in the removal of potential significant effects to receptors on the edge of the CNL aligning with the position taken to remove panels from Field C9 (also at the request of the CNLB).
- 1.1.3 The removal of panels from the southern section of Field A1 results in changes to the assessment of effects on the Visual Receptors set out in Table 1-1.

Table 1-1 - Changes to the assessment of effects on TR043, TR143 and TP097

	Phase			
	Construction	Year 1	Year 15	Decommissioning
TR043 Ford Road & Widleys Road Junction East C93 to Bottom of Bustlers Hill, Sherston				
Pre A1 Removal	Moderate Adverse Significant	Moderate Adverse Significant	Minor Neutral (Not Significant)	No Effect
Post A1 Removal	Minor Adverse (Not Significant)	Minor Adverse (Not Significant)	Minor Adverse (Not Significant)	No Effect
TR143 Commonwood Lane				
Pre A1 Removal	Moderate Adverse Significant	Moderate Adverse Significant	Minor Neutral	No Effect

	Phase			
	Construction	Year 1	Year 15	Decommissioning
			(Not Significant)	
Post A1 Removal	Moderate / Minor Adverse (Not Significant)	Moderate / Minor Adverse (Not Significant)	Minor Neutral Adverse (Not Significant)	No Effect
TP097 Bridleway WT SHER 16 This PRoW runs along the eastern side of Field A1 and into Field A2 and beyond. Significant Adverse Effects will remain for users of this route where it passes through the array and so removal of A1 will not reduce the overall level of effect experienced on this route – no change to assessment.				
Pre A1 Removal	Major/Moderate Adverse Significant	Major/Moderate Adverse Significant	Moderate Adverse Significant	Moderate Adverse Significant
Post A1 Removal	Major/Moderate Adverse Significant	Major/Moderate Adverse Significant	Moderate Adverse Significant	Moderate Adverse Significant

- 1.1.4 The removal of panels from the southern part of A1 does not result in any new or different adverse environmental effects and does not materially change the conclusions presented in the Environmental Statement. The change does, however, result in the removal of significant construction and operational Year 1 landscape and visual effects previously identified at Ford Road and Widleys Road Junction, Sherston and Commonwood Lane. These changes are reflected in the updated LVIA Appendices (Appendix 8-3-2-1 Visual Assessment Sheets Non Significant, Appendix 8-3-2-2 Landscape and Visual Assessment Sheets (Significant), Appendix 8-3-3 Summary of Visual Effects) submitted at Deadline 6. The removal of panels does not affect the nature of the rights sought over Plots 01-026, 01-027 and 01-028, which are located in the southern part of A1. Accordingly, no amendments are required to the **Land Plan [REP5-005]** or the **Book of Reference [REP5-018]**.
- 1.1.5 Removal of the southern section of Field A1, while not contributing to enhancement because it is not considered to be within the setting of the CNL, increases the buffer between proposed infrastructure within the Scheme, (with the nearest infrastructure now proposed within Field A2) and the boundary of the CNL. This helps push development away from the CNL, reducing the Scheme's appreciation within the landscape to the south of Sherston and further protecting the setting of the CNL. Despite

this, the magnitude of change is not of a degree that results in the Scheme's effects on Landscape Character reducing, and these would remain as previously reported within the **LVIA [REP3-025]** and the **Limestone Lowlands Character Assessment [REP5-103]**.

Annex A Summary of Vegetation Gains and Losses

Table A-1-2 - Summary of Vegetation Gains and Losses

Losses			
	Solar PV Sites	Cable Route Corridor	Total permanent loss
Hedgerows	346m within PV Sites	54m of permanent loss. Approximately 1.4km of 'temporary' loss.	400m
Trees	3 (1 group, 2 Trees)	201 (69 Groups, 132 Trees)	204
Temporary loss of Agricultural Land to Hardstanding	Access Tracks: 109,412m2 Substations: 98,131m2 BESS: 27,058m2 Conversion Units: 6,450m2 Total: 24.1ha		0
Gains – All located within Solar PV Areas			
Hedgerows	16.29km		
Trees	(up to) 110,291		
Ground Cover	702.55ha (the ground cover calculations exclude the Access Tracks, Substations and BESS)		
Reintroduction of Historic Ponds and New Ponds	14		
Residual			
Hedgerows	15.84km		
Trees	(up to) 110,087		
Ground Cover	701.91ha		
Reintroduction of Historic Ponds and New Ponds	14		

