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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Context

- 1.1.1 This document has been prepared at the request of the Examining Authority during Issue Specific Hearing 2 and 3.
- 1.1.2 Section 2 provides a response to the following actions from Issue Specific Hearing 2 with regard to ancient woodland:
- Further information has been provided in regard to Action Item 1 of Issue Specific Hearing 2 **[EV4-008]** for the Applicant to “review and clarify the location of work numbers within ancient woodland buffer zones”; and
  - Action Item 2 of Issue Specific Hearing 2 **[EV4-008]** for the Applicant to “produce a signposting document for the mitigation measures relating to ancient woodland to demonstrate the measures are consistent and identify any areas of inconsistency”.
- 1.1.3 Section 3 provides a response to the following further actions from Issue Specific Hearing 2:
- Action Item 3 of Issue Specific Hearing 2 **[EV4-008]** for the Applicant to “provide a summary of how the assessment of hedgerow importance has been undertaken”; and
  - Action Item 4 of Issue Specific Hearing 2 **[EV4-008]** for the Applicant to “confirm the details of the assessment of impacts from a BESS fire on ancient woodland”.
- 1.1.4 Section 4 provides a response to the following action from Issue Specific Hearing 3:
- Action Item 13 of Issue Specific Hearing 3 **[EV5-006]** for the Applicant to “signpost where each element of work no. 6 is secured for approval under the requirements”.
- 1.1.5 This document should be read in conjunction with the following:
- Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C) **[REP3-024]** (DCO);
  - Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Revision A) **[REP1-131]** (OCEMP);
  - Outline Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy (Revision A) **[REP1-139]** (OEPMS); and
  - ES Appendix 19.2: Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Outline Arboricultural Method Statement **[APP-171]** (AIA and OAMS).





## 2 Matters in Relation to Ancient Woodland

### 2.1 Ancient Woodland Context

2.1.1 Potential impacts to Ancient Woodland have been considered within the following chapters of the environmental statement:

- ES Chapter 9: Ecology and Biodiversity (Revision A) **[REP1-033]**;
- ES Chapter 19: Arboriculture **[APP-056]**; and
- ES Appendix 19.2: Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Outline Arboricultural Method Statement **[APP-171]** (AIA and OAMS).

2.1.2 There are five areas of ancient woodland within 50 m of the Order Limits, being:

- Sywell Wood, outlined in **Figure 19.2.10 [APP-510]**;
- Horn Wood outlined in **Figure 19.2.26 [APP-526]**;
- Threshire Wood outlined in **Figure 19.2.29 [APP-529]**;
- Nun Wood outlined in **Figure 19.2.29 [APP-529]**; and
- Barslay Spinney outlined in **Figure 19.2.30 [APP-530]**.

### 2.2 Authorised Development

2.2.1 As recorded in the Action Points for Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) Environmental Matters **[EV4-008]**, the Applicant was requested:

*“To review and clarify the location of work numbers within ancient woodland buffer zones.”*

2.2.2 **Appendix A** outlines areas where authorised development as outlined on the **Works Plans (Revision C) [REP3-008]** overlaps the 30 m Ancient Woodland buffer as determined for ecology. The descriptions of works are further detailed in the **Draft DCO (Revision C) [REP3-024]**.

2.2.3 It should be noted that the 30 m Ancient Woodland buffer implemented for the Scheme and in particular, ecology considerations, as set out in the **OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]**, is defined to mitigate against harms to ecological receptors within ancient woodlands. This exceeds the 15 m Ancient Woodland buffer zone, as set out in **AIA and OAMS [APP-171]**, which reflects the Government’s standing advice ‘*Ancient woodland, and ancient and veteran trees: advice for making planning decisions*’ published by Natural England and Forestry Commission (Ref.1). The 15 m buffer for ancient woodland is recommended by Natural England and the Forestry Commission to protect ancient woodland; therefore, the provision of up to 30 m for this Scheme demonstrates that where practicable, the Scheme delivers protection beyond established good practice for ancient woodland.

2.2.4 Paragraph 3.3.7 of the OEPMS **[REP1-139]** confirms that no site personnel or machinery will enter the buffer zones and no equipment will be stored therein. However, this is not an absolute prohibition and exceptions will be made where access for essential or unavoidable operations have been agreed in advance with



the Ecological Clerk of Works. This allows flexibility in circumstances where it is necessary to carry out works within the buffer zones whilst ensuring any such works are subject to the highest level of supervision and ecological mitigation.

- 2.2.5 Where environmental or engineering constraints necessitate works within the 30 m buffer, such works must be agreed in advance with, and undertaken under the supervision of, the Ecological Clerk of Works (EcoCoW) and/or the Arboricultural Clerk of Works (ACoW). As outlined in **Table 2.1** below, works may be required between 15 and 30 m from ancient woodland. Where this occurs, the least disruptive activities will be prioritised closest to the edge of the 15 m buffer. All works will be carried out in accordance with the OEPMS [REP1-139], OAMS [APP-171] and OCEMP [REP1-131]. Where works are approved within the 15-30 m buffer, the OEPMS [REP1-139] will be updated accordingly to identify these specific areas and reflect the agreed approach with the relevant local planning authority.
- 2.2.6 Proposed works within 15 m of ancient woodland will be permitted only in exceptional circumstances. This is restricted to the upgrading of access tracks through the use of a 'no-dig' solution and provision of permissive paths that utilise existing tracks or connect to existing Public Rights of Way located within the buffer zone.
- 2.2.7 Where any such works are required within 15 m, the OAMS (secured through the OCEMP) will be updated to set out the necessary mitigation measures and supervision requirements as agreed with the relevant local planning authority.
- 2.2.8 This hierarchy approach ensures that the 30 m buffer is applied as the primary mitigation measure, while allowing limited flexibility for works where unavoidable in the 15 to 30 m buffer with very limited circumstances for works in the 15 m buffer. All such works will remain subject to the final detailed design and the agreement of the relevant local planning authority, with the associated requirements to be set out in the relevant management plan.

**Table 2.1: Description of Works within Ancient Woodland Buffers**

Work No.	Description of Works	Further Information
<b>Sywell Wood</b>		
Work No. 1(d)	1 - a ground mounted solar photovoltaic generating station with a gross electrical output capacity of over 50 megawatts including  (d) electrical and communications cabling connecting Work No. 1(c) to Work Nos. 3A, 3B and 3C.	This relates solely to the northwestern corner of field CF5, where a strip of less than 5 m in width lies within the 30 m buffer zone.  Works included in Work No. 1(d) are subject to the 30 m offset from ancient woodland for any development, as set out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b> , while mitigation measures in the <b>OCEMP (Revision A) [REP1-131]</b> and <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b> will be implemented to reduce



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		<p>noise, light and airborne pollution to Sywell Wood.</p> <p>As such, the Applicant commits to revise the extent of Work No 1(d) in this location to ensure it is entirely removed from the 30 m buffer zone from Sywell Wood an update to Works Plans will be completed and issued at Deadline 5.</p>
Work No. 5B	5B - works to lay electrical cables up to 132 kV.	<p>A 50 m Cable Route Corridor runs alongside the boundary of Sywell Wood with Sywell Aerodrome. This routing was selected to minimise disruption to Sywell Aerodrome.</p> <p>Physical works to lay cabling (such as trenching, drilling works, and laying of haul routes) will be prioritised to the Cable Route Corridor areas outside the 30 m buffer zone for ecology, with no physical works undertaken within the 15 m buffer for arboriculture in line with the Government's standing advice.</p> <p>Works undertaken between 15 and 30 metres of the Ancient Woodland will only be undertaken if unavoidable (for example, laying of topsoil from trenching), and supervised by the EcoCoW and ACoW as necessary, as set out in out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139] and OCEMP (Revision A) [REP2-131]</b>.</p> <p>Works will be carried out in line with the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139] and OCEMP (Revision A) [REP2-131]</b>.</p>
Work No. 5B (vi)	5B - works to lay electrical cables up to 132 kV.  (vi) Temporary construction and decommissioning laydown areas	<p>This relates to Construction Compound 1 (CC1), located south of Kettering Road.</p> <p>The whole field between Sywell Wood and the A43 is included for Works No. 5B(vi) to ensure that the landowner is not left with any isolated or inaccessible (landlocked) areas during the construction of the Scheme.</p>



Work No.	Description of Works	Further Information
		Works included in Work No. 5B(vi) are subject to the 30 m offset from ancient woodland for any development, as set out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b> , while mitigation measures in the <b>OCEMP (Revision A) REP1-131</b> and <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b> will be implemented to reduce noise, light and airborne pollution to Sywell Wood.
Work No. 6	<p>6 - Works including—</p> <p>(a) fencing, gates, boundary treatment and other means of enclosure;</p> <p>(b) works for the provision of security and monitoring measures including CCTV columns, lighting columns and lighting, cameras, weather stations, communication infrastructure, and perimeter fencing;</p> <p>(c) landscaping and biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures including planting;</p> <p>(d) improvement, maintenance and use of existing private tracks;</p> <p>(e) laying down of internal access tracks, ramps, bridges, means of access and footpaths;</p> <p>(f) temporary footpath diversions, signage and information boards;</p> <p>(g) earthworks;</p> <p>(h) sustainable drainage system ponds, runoff outfalls, general drainage and irrigation infrastructure and improvements or extensions to existing drainage and irrigation systems;</p> <p>(i) acoustic barriers;</p>	<p>This relates solely to the northwestern corner of field CF5, where a strip of less than 5 m in width lies within the 30 m buffer zone.</p> <p>Works 6 (c) is permitted within the 30 m Ancient Woodland buffer zone provided it is carried out in accordance with the <b>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP3-062]</b> as secured by requirement 7 of schedule 2 to the <b>Draft DCO [REP3-024]</b>.</p> <p>Remaining works included in Work No. 6 are subject to the 30 m offset from ancient woodland for any development, as set out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b>, while mitigation measures in the <b>OCEMP (Revision A) [REP1-131]</b> and <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b> will be implemented to reduce noise, light and airborne pollution to Sywell Wood.</p> <p>Any works within the 30 m Ancient Woodland buffer should only be undertaken if unavoidable, and agreed by the EcoCoW and ACoW as necessary, as set out in out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b> and <b>OCEMP (Revision A) [REP2-131]</b>.</p>





Work No.	Description of Works	Further Information
	<p>(j) electricity and telecommunications connections; and</p> <p>(k) secondary temporary construction and decommissioning laydown areas.</p>	
Work No. 9	9 - Works to create and maintain habitat management areas.	<p>This relates to fields CF1 and CF2, which have been set aside for habitat management and as emergency landing space for users of Sywell Aerodrome.</p> <p>Works No. 9 is permitted within the 30 m Ancient Woodland buffer zone provided it is carried out in accordance with the <b>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP3-062]</b> as secured by requirement 7 of schedule 2 to the <b>Draft DCO [REP3-024]</b>.</p>
<b>Horn Wood</b>		
Work No. 1(d)	<p>1 - a ground mounted solar photovoltaic generating station with a gross electrical output capacity of over 50 megawatts including</p> <p>(d) electrical and communications cabling connecting Work No. 1(c) to Work Nos. 3A, 3B and 3C.</p>	<p>This relates to fields FF28, FF29, FF32, FF33, and the cable connection between fields FF32 and FF33, where they lie within the 30 m buffer zone.</p> <p>Works included in Work No. 1(d) are subject to the 30 m offset from ancient woodland for any development, as set out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b>, while mitigation measures in the <b>OCEMP (Revision A) [REP1-131]</b> and <b>OEPMS</b> will be implemented to reduce noise, light and airborne pollution to Horn Wood.</p> <p>Physical works to lay cabling between fields FF32 and FF33 (such as trenching or drilling works) will be prioritised to the areas outside the 30 m buffer zone, with no physical works undertaken within the 15 m buffer in line with the standing advice (Ref.1). Works between 15 and 30 metres of the Ancient Woodland will only be undertaken if unavoidable (for example, laying of topsoil from</p>



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		<p>trenching, or providing a no-dig access track for construction), and supervised by the EcoCoW and ACoW as necessary, as set out in out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139] and OCEMP (Revision A) [REP2-131]</b>.</p> <p>Works will be carried out in line with the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139] and OCEMP (Revision A) [REP2-131]</b>.</p>
Work No. 6	<p>6 - Works including—</p> <p>(a) fencing, gates, boundary treatment and other means of enclosure;</p> <p>(b) works for the provision of security and monitoring measures including CCTV columns, lighting columns and lighting, cameras, weather stations, communication infrastructure, and perimeter fencing;</p> <p>(c) landscaping and biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures including planting;</p> <p>(d) improvement, maintenance and use of existing private tracks;</p> <p>(e) laying down of internal access tracks, ramps, bridges, means of access and footpaths;</p> <p>(f) temporary footpath diversions, signage and information boards;</p> <p>(g) earthworks;</p> <p>(h) sustainable drainage system ponds, runoff outfalls, general drainage and irrigation infrastructure and improvements or extensions to existing drainage and irrigation systems;</p> <p>(i) acoustic barriers;</p>	<p>This relates to fields FF28, FF29, FF32, FF33, and the cable connection between fields FF32 and FF33, where they lie within the 30 m buffer zone.</p> <p>Works 6 (c) is permitted within the 30 m Ancient Woodland buffer zone provided it is carried out in accordance with the <b>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP3-062]</b> as secured by requirement 7 of schedule 2 to the <b>Draft DCO [REP3-024]</b>.</p> <p>Remaining works included in Work No. 6 are subject to the 30 m offset from ancient woodland for any development, as set out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b>, while mitigation measures in the <b>OCEMP (Revision A) [REP1-131]</b> and <b>OEPMS</b> will be implemented to reduce noise, light and airborne pollution to Horn Wood.</p> <p>Any works within the 30 m Ancient Woodland buffer will only be undertaken if unavoidable, and agreed by the EcoCoW and ACoW as necessary, as set out in out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139] and OCEMP (Revision A) [REP2-131]</b>.</p>



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	(j) electricity and telecommunications connections; and  (k) secondary temporary construction and decommissioning laydown areas.	
Work No. 8B	8 - works to facilitate access to Work Nos. 1 to 7 and 9 to 10 including  8B - works to facilitate permanent access to Work Nos. 1 to 6 and 9 to 10.	<p>This relates to access to Green Hill F taken from the A509.</p> <p>The existing farm access track within the 30 m offset should only be used by small vehicles (less than 3 tonnes) during ordinary operational and maintenance activity.</p> <p>Any upgrade/enhancement measures will be constructed using a 'no-dig' solution, and all excavation within these buffer zones will be avoided, as secured Table 3.13 in the <b>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [REP1-131]</b> and accidental physical damage to the woodland would be avoided via installation of protective fencing during construction, as per the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b>.</p> <p>For large vehicles required for construction, replacement, and decommissioning, access to Green Hill F will be provided by a temporary access track located outside the 30 m Ancient Woodland buffer.</p>
Work No. 9	9 - Works to create and maintain habitat management areas.	<p>This relates to field FF28, which has been set aside for habitat management.</p> <p>Works No. 9 is permitted within the 30 m Ancient Woodland buffer zone provided it is carried out in accordance with the <b>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP3-062]</b> as secured by requirement 7 of schedule 2 to the <b>Draft DCO [REP3-024]</b>.</p>
Work No. 10A	10 - creation of permissive paths including -	This relates to permissive paths provided in fields FF28 and FF32 to



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Work No. 10B	<p>10A - creation of permissive paths for the exclusive use of pedestrian users.</p> <p>10B - creation of permissive paths for the exclusive use of pedestrian and equestrian users comprising.</p>	<p>improve connectivity for PROW users.</p> <p>Any works included in Work No. 10 within the 30 m Ancient Woodland buffer should only be undertaken as agreed with the EcoCoW and ACoW as necessary, as set out in out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b> and <b>OCEMP (Revision A) [REP2-131]</b>.</p> <p>Any works within the 15 m Ancient Woodland buffer must only be undertaken if unavoidable and in accordance with the measures set out in <b>ES Appendix 19.2: AIA and OAMS [APP-171]</b> and supervised by the ACoW as necessary, as set out in out in the <b>OCEMP (Revision A) [REP2-131]</b>.</p> <p>The permissive path in this location will utilise an existing track and connect to the bridleway that passes through the ancient woodland. The works required to implement the permissive path are anticipated to be minimal, non-intrusive and capable of being undertaken without affecting the ancient woodland and will be supervised by the ACoW.</p>
<b>Threshire Wood</b>		
Work No. 1(d)	<p>1 - a ground mounted solar photovoltaic generating station with a gross electrical output capacity of over 50 megawatts including</p> <p>(d) electrical and communications cabling connecting Work No. 1(c) to Work Nos. 3A, 3B and 3C.</p>	<p>This relates to fields GF2 and GF9, where they lie within the 30 m ancient woodland buffer zone.</p> <p>Works included in Work No. 1(d) are subject to the 30 m offset from ancient woodland for any development, as set out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b>, while mitigation measures in the <b>OCEMP (Revision A) [REP1-131]</b> and <b>OEPMS</b> will be implemented to reduce noise, light and airborne pollution to Threshire Wood.</p>
Work No. 6	6 - Works including—	<p>This relates to fields GF2 and GF9 where they lie within the 30 m buffer zone.</p>





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	<p>(a) fencing, gates, boundary treatment and other means of enclosure;</p> <p>(b) works for the provision of security and monitoring measures including CCTV columns, lighting columns and lighting, cameras, weather stations, communication infrastructure, and perimeter fencing;</p> <p>(c) landscaping and biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures including planting;</p> <p>(d) improvement, maintenance and use of existing private tracks;</p> <p>(e) laying down of internal access tracks, ramps, bridges, means of access and footpaths;</p> <p>(f) temporary footpath diversions, signage and information boards;</p> <p>(g) earthworks;</p> <p>(h) sustainable drainage system ponds, runoff outfalls, general drainage and irrigation infrastructure and improvements or extensions to existing drainage and irrigation systems;</p> <p>(i) acoustic barriers;</p> <p>(j) electricity and telecommunications connections; and</p> <p>(k) secondary temporary construction and decommissioning laydown areas.</p>	<p>Works 6 (c) is permitted within the 30 m Ancient Woodland buffer zone provided it is carried out in accordance with the <b>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP3-062]</b> as secured by requirement 7 of schedule 2 to the <b>Draft DCO [REP3-024]</b>.</p> <p>Remaining works included in Work No. 6 are subject to the 30 m offset from ancient woodland for any development, as set out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b>, while mitigation measures in the <b>OCEMP (Revision A) [REP1-131]</b> and <b>OEPMS</b> will be implemented to reduce noise, light and airborne pollution to Threshire Wood.</p> <p>Any works within the 30 m Ancient Woodland buffer will only be undertaken if unavoidable, and agreed by the EcoCoW and ACoW as necessary, as set out in out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b> and <b>OCEMP (Revision A) [REP2-131]</b>.</p>
Work No. 10A	<p>10 - creation of permissive paths including -</p> <p>10A - creation of permissive paths for the exclusive use of pedestrian users.</p>	<p>This relates to the permissive paths provided in GF2 to improve connectivity for PROW users.</p> <p>Any works included in Work No. 10 within the 30 m Ancient Woodland buffer should only be undertaken as</p>



Work No.	Description of Works	Further Information
		<p>agreed with the EcoCoW and ACoW as necessary, as set out in out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b> and <b>OCEMP (Revision A) [REP2-131]</b>.</p> <p>Any works within the 15 m Ancient Woodland buffer must only be undertaken if unavoidable and in accordance with the measures set out in <b>ES Appendix 19.2: AIA and OAMS [APP-171]</b> and <b>OCEMP (Revision A) [REP2-131]</b>.</p> <p>The works required to implement the permissive path are anticipated to be minimal, non-intrusive and capable of being undertaken without affecting the ancient woodland, and will be supervised by the ACoW and EcoCoW.</p>
<b>Barsley Spinney</b>		
Work No. 1(d)	<p>1 - a ground mounted solar photovoltaic generating station with a gross electrical output capacity of over 50 megawatts including</p> <p>(d) electrical and communications cabling connecting Work No. 1(c) to Work Nos. 3A, 3B and 3C.</p>	<p>This relates to fields GF3 and GF10, where they lie within the 30 m buffer zone.</p> <p>Works included in Work No. 1(d) are subject to the 30 m offset from ancient woodland for any development, as set out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b>, while mitigation measures in the <b>OCEMP (Revision A) [REP1-131]</b> and <b>OEPMS</b> will be implemented to reduce noise, light and airborne pollution to Barsley Spinney. That notwithstanding, these works are physically separated from Barsley Spinney by the A509 road.</p>
Work No. 5B	5B - works to lay electrical cables up to 132 kV.	<p>The Cable Route Corridor is aligned to the field boundary north of Barsley Spinney to minimise the effects of the cable easement on the remaining land and to ensure that the landowner is not responsible for an isolated or inaccessible (landlocked) area of land during construction.</p> <p>Physical works to lay cabling (such as trenching, drilling works, and laying of haul routes) will be prioritised to the</p>



Work No.	Description of Works	Further Information
		<p>Cable Route Corridor areas outside the 30 m buffer zone for ecology, with no physical works undertaken within the 15 m buffer for arboriculture in line with the Government's standing advice.</p> <p>Works undertaken between 15 and 30 metres of the Ancient Woodland will only be undertaken if unavoidable (for example, laying of topsoil from trenching, or where necessitated for undertaking trenchless crossing of the A509), and supervised by the EcoCoW and ACoW as necessary, as set out in out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139] and OCEMP (Revision A) [REP2-131]</b>.</p> <p>Works will be carried out in line with the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139] and OCEMP (Revision A) [REP2-131]</b>.</p>
Work No. 6	<p>6 - Works including—</p> <p>(a) fencing, gates, boundary treatment and other means of enclosure;</p> <p>(b) works for the provision of security and monitoring measures including CCTV columns, lighting columns and lighting, cameras, weather stations, communication infrastructure, and perimeter fencing;</p> <p>(c) landscaping and biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures including planting;</p> <p>(d) improvement, maintenance and use of existing private tracks;</p> <p>(e) laying down of internal access tracks, ramps, bridges, means of access and footpaths;</p> <p>(f) temporary footpath diversions, signage and information boards;</p>	<p>This relates to fields GF3 and GF10, where they lie within the 30 m buffer zone.</p> <p>Works 6 (c) is permitted within the 30 m Ancient Woodland buffer zone provided it is carried out in accordance with the <b>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [REP3-062]</b> as secured by requirement 7 of schedule 2 in the <b>Draft DCO [REP3-024]</b>.</p> <p>Remaining works included in Work No. 6 are subject to the 30 m offset from ancient woodland for any development, as set out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b>, while mitigation measures in the <b>OCEMP (Revision A) [REP1-131]</b> and <b>OEPMS</b> will be implemented to reduce noise, light and airborne pollution to Barslay Spinney. That notwithstanding, these works are physically separated from Barslay Spinney by the A509 road.</p> <p>Any works within the 30 m Ancient Woodland buffer should only be</p>



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	<p>(g) earthworks;</p> <p>(h) sustainable drainage system ponds, runoff outfalls, general drainage and irrigation infrastructure and improvements or extensions to existing drainage and irrigation systems;</p> <p>(i) acoustic barriers;</p> <p>(j) electricity and telecommunications connections; and</p> <p>(k) secondary temporary construction and decommissioning laydown areas.</p>	<p>undertaken if unavoidable, and agreed by the EcoCoW and ACoW as necessary, as set out in out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b> and <b>OCEMP (Revision A) [REP2-131]</b>.</p> <p>.</p>
Work No. 8A	<p>8 - works to facilitate access to Work Nos. 1 to 7 and 9 to 10 including</p> <p>Work No. 8A — works to facilitate temporary construction, maintenance and decommissioning access to Work Nos. 1 to 7 and 9 to 10.</p>	<p>This relates to access to the cable route corridor from the A509.</p> <p>Works included in Work No. 8A are subject to the 30 m offset from ancient woodland for any development, as set out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b>, while relevant mitigation measures in the <b>OCEMP (Revision A) [REP1-131]</b> and <b>OEPMS</b> will be implemented to reduce noise, light and airborne pollution to Barslay Spinney.</p> <p>The access to the Cable Route Corridor is located north of Barslay Spinney, significantly beyond the 30 m buffer area. As such, works under Work No.8A proposed in this location are predominantly temporary traffic regulation measures rather than physical works.</p> <p>Any works within the 30 m buffer should only be undertaken if unavoidable, and agreed by the EcoCoW and ACOW as set out in out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b> and <b>OAMS [APP-171]</b>.</p>





## 2.3 Mitigation Measures

2.3.1 As recorded in the Action Points for Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) Environmental Matters **[EV4-008]**, the Applicant was requested:

*“To produce a signposting document for the mitigation measures relating to ancient woodland to demonstrate the measures are consistent and identify any areas of inconsistency.”*

2.3.2 The following **Table 2.2** identifies the mitigation measures proposed for ancient woodlands and their respective securing mechanisms. This table also identifies where specific mitigation measures apply, and the extent to which arboriculture-led measures and ecology-led measures interact.

**Table 2.2: Register of Environmental Commitments**

Commitment	Description	Securing Mechanism	Further Information
30 m buffer to Ancient Woodland	<p>Key infrastructure associated with the Scheme (Work Nos. 1(a) to 1(c), 2 to 4, and 7) is located outside the 30 m buffer.</p> <p>Minor exceptions apply for limited elements of the Scheme, such as internal access tracks, where exclusion from the buffer is unavoidable. In these cases, the works may be necessary to minimise other impacts (for example, avoiding cable easements through the middle of fields) or to deliver additional benefits, such as permissive paths that connect to existing Public Rights of Way within the buffer areas.</p> <p>The buffer is measured from the outer edge of the woodland.</p>	Secured through Requirement 8: Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C) [REP3-024]</b> .	<p>The Applicant acknowledges that there are instances as outlined in <b>Table 2.1</b> above where works may or will be required within the 30 m buffer.</p> <p>Refer to Method Statement 2: Installation of Biodiversity Protection (Buffer) Fencing of the OEPMS <b>[REP1-139]</b> for further information on implementation of the 30 m buffer.</p> <p>Any works within the 30 m Ancient Woodland buffer should only be undertaken if unavoidable, with works sited to avoid and/or minimise potential impacts on the woodland and other ecological features, and will be agreed by the EcoCoW and</p>



			<p>ACoW prior to works commencing as set out in out in the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b> and <b>OAMS [APP-171]</b>.</p> <p>The detailed EPMS (prepared post-consent) will be updated accordingly to identify these specific areas and reflect the agreed approach with the relevant local planning authority.</p> <p>Works will be carried out in line with the <b>OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b> and <b>OCEMP (Revision A) [REP2-131]</b>.</p> <p><b>The OEPMS (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b> has been updated to reflect this approach.</p>
15 m buffer to Ancient Woodland	<p>A 15m buffer zone for ancient woodland whereby no development should occur. The buffer is measured from the outer edge of the woodland.</p> <p>No works shall be carried out within the 15 m buffer except for non-intrusive works which are unavoidable such as upgrades to an existing track and provision of permissive paths and undertaken under supervision of project ACoW.</p>	Approval of detailed design	<p>The 15 m buffer has been applied to protect ancient woodland, as set out in the <b>Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Outline Arboricultural Method Statement [APP-171]</b> (Section 3: Tree Constraints Mapping), in accordance with the Government's standing advice '<i>Ancient woodland, and ancient and veteran trees: advice for making planning decisions</i>' published by Natural England and the Forestry Commission (Ref.1).</p>



Construction Phase			
Toolbox Talks	Works within the proximity of ancient woodland will be preceded by a toolbox talk to site contractors by the EcoCoW. The talk will highlight the whereabouts and sensitivity of the various ecological features present within or close to the working area, the role of the EcoCoW, and what to do if protected species/ecological constraints are encountered during works.	Secured through Requirement 8: Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C)</b> [REP3-024].	Full details are provided in Method Statement 1: Toolbox Talks of the <b>Outline Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy (Revision A)</b> [REP1-139].
Biodiversity Protection Fencing	The installation of protective fencing will be conducted at the onset of construction, in line with the 30 m ancient woodland buffer extent as far as possible, or otherwise immediately adjacent to the working area if one is required within the ancient woodland 30 m buffer. Exceptions to this for essential or unavoidable operations will be agreed in advance with the EcoCoW.	Secured through Requirement 8: Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C)</b> [REP3-024].	Full details of Biodiversity Protection Fencing are provided in Method Statement 2: Installation of Biodiversity Protection (Buffer) Fencing of the <b>Outline Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy (Revision A)</b> [REP1-139].
Pollution Prevention Measures	A variety of measures will be implemented during the construction phase to minimise the risk of pollution events occurring. These include measures when working in prolonged dry or wet weather, measures to minimise water and sediment run-off, measures to minimise the risk of groundwater contamination in the	Secured through Requirement 8: Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy and Requirement 13: Construction Environmental Management Plan of the <b>Draft Development</b>	Pollution prevention measures in relation to sensitive ecological features (including ancient woodland) are outlined in Method Statement 3: Pollution Prevention Measures of the <b>Outline Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy (Revision A)</b> [REP1-139], and measures are



	event of a fire, and the safe use and storage of chemicals, fuels and oils.	<b>Consent Order (Revision C) [REP3-024].</b>	detailed further in the <b>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Revision A) [REP1-132].</b>
Dust management	Dust management measures for open cut trenching near ancient woodlands.	Secured through Requirement 13: <b>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [REP1-131]</b> of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C) [REP3-024].</b>	Measures to limit the dust generating activities, such as when working in dry conditions; to mitigate the risk of airborne contamination, a dust suppression and management system will be implemented, as outlined in Table 3.13 of the <b>OCEMP [REP1-131].</b>
Control of Construction Phase Lighting	Measures have been outlined to avoid or minimise the risk of artificial light spill into ancient woodland and other ecologically sensitive habitats during the construction phase.	Secured through Requirement 8: Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C) [REP3-024].</b>	An Outline Ecologically Sensitive Lighting Strategy is provided in Method Statement 4: Construction Phase Lighting of the <b>Outline Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy (Revision A) [REP1-139].</b>
Specific Measures to Safeguard Protected Species Within Ancient Woodlands (and other habitats)	The <b>Outline Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy [REP1-139]</b> contains a suite of measures designed to avoid or minimise the risk of impacts occurring on a wide variety of protected and notable species, which may be present within ancient woodlands and other habitats across the Scheme, such as badgers,	Secured through Requirement 8: Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C) [REP3-024].</b>	Full details of measures relating to protected and notable species are provided in the following Method Statements in the <b>Outline Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy (Revision A) [REP1-139]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Method Statement 5 - identifying measures required during permanent habitat</li> </ul>





	roosting bats, nesting birds, reptiles and amphibians.		removal within the solar and BESS Sites; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Method Statement 6 – identifying measures required during temporary habitat removal and reinstatement works associated with the installation of the Cable Route; and</li><li>• Method Statement 8 – identifying measures specific to the protection of badgers and their setts.</li></ul>
Construction traffic	Construction traffic will not use access tracks within the Veteran Tree/Ancient Woodland Buffer Zones in order to avoid the pruning of veteran trees/trees within ancient woodland to achieve clearance heights for tall vehicles or machinery. Instead, construction traffic will be routed outside of Veteran Tree/Ancient Woodland Buffer Zones.	Secured through Requirement 13: <b>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [REP1-131]</b> of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C) [REP3-024]</b> .	As outlined in <b>ES Chapter 9: Ecology and Biodiversity (Revision A) [REP1-033]</b> and <b>Chapter 19: Arboriculture [APP-056]</b> , construction traffic will not use access tracks located within Veteran Tree/Ancient Woodland Buffer Zones. Instead, construction traffic will be routed outside these buffer zones, as secured in the Table 3.13 <b>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Revision A) [REP1-131]</b> . During construction Biodiversity Protection Fencing will be installed to protect the ancient woodland as secured in the <b>Outline Ecological Protection and Mitigation</b>



			<b>Strategy (Revision A) [REP1-140]</b> section 3.3.
Construction Phase Ecological Monitoring	Regular monitoring by the Site Environmental Manager and EcoCoW will be conducted through the construction phase to ensure compliance with the measures detailed in the <b>Outline Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b> . These include the correct installation of biodiversity protection fencing and appropriate safeguarding of retained habitats (including as the offsite ancient woodlands). Following monitoring visits, written proformas will be provided identifying any remedial actions required.	Secured through Requirement 8: Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C) [REP3-024]</b> .	Full details of the commitments relating to ecological monitoring during the construction phase are provided in Method Statement 11: Construction-Phase Monitoring of the <b>Outline Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b> .
Construction Phase Arboricultural Monitoring	An arboricultural clerk of works (ACoW) will provide supervision during construction within the Sites and Cable Corridor to ensure tree protection measures are being correctly implemented, such as Tree Protection Barriers, ground protection and stem protectors as appropriate, are used and correctly installed to safeguard retained trees during construction.	Secured through Requirement 13: <b>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [REP1-131]</b> of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C) [REP3-024]</b> .  Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Outline Arboricultural Method Statement <b>[APP-171]</b> .	Full details of the commitments relating to arboricultural monitoring during the construction phase are provided in the <b>OCEMP [REP1-131]</b> (Table 3.13) and the <b>OAMS [APP-171]</b> (section 7.5).



Construction Compounds	Temporary Construction Compounds will be sited away from arboricultural features and outside of RPAs and canopy spreads.	Secured through Requirement 13: <b>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [REP1-131]</b> of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C) [REP3-024]</b> .	Full details of the commitments relating to siting of construction compounds during the construction phase are provided in the <b>OCEMP [REP1-131]</b> (Table 3.13). This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Temporary Construction Compounds will be sited outside the 30 m buffer implemented by the Scheme for ancient woodland.</li><li>• Specifically temporary Construction Compounds will be sited outside of the RPAs of adjacent trees and woodlands as well as the canopy spreads of adjacent trees and woodlands.</li><li>• Adjacent trees will be protected for the duration the temporary Construction Compounds is in use by Tree Protection Fencing and ground protection as necessary as per section 7.8 and 7.9 respectively of the <b>OAMS [APP-171]</b>.</li></ul>
Arboricultural Method Statement	A detailed Arboricultural Method Statement, based on post-DCO detailed design, will be produced prior to construction commencing	Secured through Requirement 13: <b>Outline Construction Environmental</b>	A detailed Arboricultural Method Statement, based on post-DCO detailed design, will be produced prior to construction commencing.



		<b>Management Plan [REP1-131] of the Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C) [REP3-024].</b>	<p>This will include a Tree Protection Plan detailing site-specific mitigation measures to ensure adequate protection of retained arboricultural features.</p> <p>An outline arboricultural method statement has been submitted <b>[APP-171]</b> (Section 7 of the Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Outline Arboricultural Method Statement).</p> <p>The <b>OAMS [APP-171]</b> will be secured through and appended to the <b>OCEMP [REP1-131]</b>.</p>
<b>Operational Phase</b>			
No-dig access track design within ancient woodland buffer zones	Any access tracks (for use during operation) situated within Veteran Tree/Ancient Woodland Buffer Zones will be constructed using a 'no-dig' solution and all excavation within Veteran Tree/Ancient Woodland Buffer Zones will be avoided.	<p>Secured through Requirement 13: <b>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [REP1-131] of the Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C) [REP3-024].</b></p> <p><b>Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Outline Arboricultural Method Statement [APP-171].</b></p>	Full details of the commitments relating to constructing no-dig access' during the construction for use during the operational phase are provided in the <b>OCEMP [REP1-131] (Table 3.13)</b> and the <b>OAMS [APP-171]</b> (section 7.12).
Preservation and enhancement of habitat	All of the ancient woodland parcels lie entirely outside of the Order Limits,	Secured through Requirement 7: Landscape	Full details of woodland planting and management prescriptions



connectivity between ancient woodlands and other woodlands.	<p>and therefore the Applicant will not have control over the management of these habitats during the operational phase. However, through the retention of woodland and hedgerows within the Sites wherever practicable, existing habitat connectivity between ancient woodlands and other woodlands will be preserved through the operational phase, and enhanced wherever practicable through the sensitive management of these habitats.</p> <p>A total of 14.4ha of new woodland planting and 15.5km of new hedgerow planting is proposed across the Scheme. These habitats (in conjunction with the other newly created or enhanced habitats across the Scheme) will likely strengthen the connectivity of the local landscape for species which utilise woodland habitats (including the offsite ancient woodlands), such as bats.</p>	and Ecological Management Plan of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C) [REP3-024]</b> .	for the operational phase are provided in Section 4.4: Woodland Copses and Shelterbelts of the <b>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Revision C) [REP3-062]</b> . Hedgerow planting and management prescriptions are provided in Section 4.3.
Operational Phase Ecological Monitoring	Regular ecological monitoring surveys will be carried out by suitably qualified ecologists throughout the operational phase to assess compliance with the planting and management prescriptions provided in the final Landscape and Ecological	Secured through Requirement 7: Landscape and Ecological Management Plan of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C) [REP3-024]</b> .	An Outline Ecological Monitoring Strategy is provided in Section 5: Ecological Monitoring of the <b>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Revision C) [REP3-062]</b> .



	Management Plan, and identify any remedial measures which may be required.		
<b>Decommissioning Phase</b>			
Pre-Decommissioning Ecological Surveys	As the ecological value of the Sites will change during the operational phase of the Scheme, no more than twelve months prior to intended date to commence decommissioning, the Sites will be subject to detailed ecological surveys to ascertain the ecological baseline for works associated with the decommissioning phase, and identify potential ecological constraints.	Secured through Requirement 21: Decommissioning and Restoration of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C)</b> [REP3-024].	Measures are outlined in Table 3.1 of the <b>Outline Decommissioning Statement (Revision A)</b> [REP1-135].
Ecological Clerk of Works (EcoCoW)	An EcoCoW will be appointed prior to the commencement of decommissioning works, to ensure that work is completed in accordance with the required mitigation measures outlined in the <b>Outline Decommissioning Statement (Revision A)</b> [REP1-135], and other ecological mitigation measures which will be included in the Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (DEMP) when this is produced.	Secured through Requirement 21: Decommissioning and Restoration of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C)</b> [REP3-024].	Measures are outlined in Table 3.1 of the <b>Outline Decommissioning Statement (Revision A)</b> [REP1-135].
Pollution Prevention Measures	As with the construction phase, a variety of measures will be implemented during the	Secured through Requirement 21: Decommissioning and	Pollution prevention measures in relation to sensitive ecological features (including ancient





	decommissioning phase to minimise the risk of pollution events occurring. These include measures when working in prolonged dry or wet weather, measures to minimise water and sediment run-off, measures to minimise the risk of groundwater contamination in the event of a fire, and the safe use and storage of chemicals, fuels and oils.	Restoration of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C) [REP3-024]</b> .	woodland) are outlined in Method Statement 3: Pollution Prevention Measures of the <b>Outline Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy (Revision A) [REP1-139]</b> , and measures are detailed further in the <b>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (Revision A) [REP1-132]</b> . Given that potential impacts are likely to be similar to the construction phase during the decommissioning phase, these measures also apply to works completed during the decommissioning phase. These measures are therefore also referenced in Table 3.1 of the <b>Outline Decommissioning Statement (Revision A) [REP1-135]</b> .
Specific Measures to Safeguard Protected Species Within Ancient Woodlands (and other habitats)	A variety of measures have been outlined in the Outline Decommissioning Statement <b>(Revision A) [REP1-135]</b> to safeguard protected and notable species during the decommissioning phase. These are likely to be similar to the measures implemented during the construction phase, and will include measures to avoid/mitigate potential impacts on	Secured through Requirement 21: Decommissioning and Restoration of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C) [REP3-024]</b> .	Measures are outlined in Table 3.1 of the <b>Outline Decommissioning Statement (Revision A) [REP1-135]</b> .



	nesting birds, badgers, bats, reptiles and amphibians. These measures include the implementation of protective ecological buffers around sensitive features (including ancient woodlands), a sensitive approach to habitat clearance to avoid impacts on ground-dwelling animals such as reptiles and amphibians, and the sensitive timing of works, to avoid impacts on nesting birds, for example.		
Pre-Decommissioning Arboricultural Surveys	Prior to decommissioning of the Scheme, a tree survey must be undertaken in accordance with BS 5837:2012 (or most recent updated standard and industry guidelines) of the Study Area. An Arboricultural Impact Assessment must be produced alongside an Arboricultural Method Statement to guide the decommissioning works and ensure potential tree impacts are identified, mitigated and compensated for where appropriate	Secured through Requirement 21: Decommissioning and Restoration of the <b>Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C)</b> [REP3-024].	Measures are outlined in Table 3.1 of the <b>Outline Decommissioning Statement (Revision A)</b> [REP1-135].



### 3 Other Matters Related to Issue Specific Hearing 2

#### 3.1 Important Hedgerows

- 3.1.1 As recorded in the Action Points for Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) Environmental Matters **[EV4-008]**, the Applicant was requested at Action Point No.3:

*“To provide a summary of how the assessment of hedgerow importance has been undertaken.”*

- 3.1.2 Please refer to the post-hearing note on PDF page 9 of **[REP3-075]** where a detailed summary of how the assessment of hedgerow importance has been undertaken is provided.

- 3.1.3 The importance of hedgerows within the Order Limits, as indicated on **ES Figure 3.2: Important Hedgerows [APP-192]** and on the **Hedgerow and Tree Protection Order Plan (Revision C) [REP3-022]**, have been designated on the basis of their heritage, landscape and ecological value, as defined by the criteria in Part II of Schedule 1 to the Hedgerows Regulations 1997.

#### 3.2 BESS Fire Impacts on Ancient Woodland

- 3.2.1 As recorded in the Action Points for Issue Specific Hearing 2 (ISH2) Environmental Matters **[EV4-008]**, the Applicant was requested:

*“To confirm the details of the assessment of impacts from a BESS fire on ancient woodland.”*

- 3.2.2 Please refer to Appendix A within **[REP3-075]** where the Applicant has confirmed details of the assessment of impacts from a BESS fire on ancient woodland.



## 4 Matters in Relation to Work No.6

4.1.1 As recorded in the Action Points for Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) Draft Development Consent Order Matters **[EV5-006]**, the Applicant was requested:

*“To signpost where each element of work no. 6 is secured for approval under the requirements.”*

4.1.2 **Table 3.1** below outlines each element of Work No. 6 and how it is secured under Schedule 2, requirements in the **Draft Development Consent Order (Revision C) [REP3-024]**.

**Table 3.1 Means of Securing Works under Work No.6**

Description of Works under Work No. 6	Schedule 2 Requirements
(a) fencing, gates, boundary treatment and other means of enclosure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requirement 10 – Fencing and other means of enclosure.</li><li>• Requirement 13 – Construction environmental management plan.</li><li>• Requirement 14 – Operational environmental management plan.</li></ul>
(b) works for the provision of security and monitoring measures including CCTV columns, lighting columns and lighting, cameras, weather stations, communication infrastructure, and perimeter fencing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requirement 10 – Fencing and other means of enclosure.</li><li>• Requirement 13 – Construction environmental management plan.</li><li>• Requirement 14 – Operational environmental management plan.</li></ul>
(c) landscaping and biodiversity mitigation and enhancement measures including planting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requirement 7 – Landscape and ecological management plan.</li><li>• Requirement 8 – Ecological Protection and Mitigation Strategy.</li><li>• Requirement 9 – Biodiversity net gain.</li></ul>
(d) improvement, maintenance and use of existing private tracks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requirement 5 – Detailed design approval.</li><li>• Requirement 13 – Construction environmental management plan.</li></ul>
(e) laying down of internal access tracks, ramps, bridges, means of access and footpaths.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requirement 5 – Detailed design approval.</li><li>• Requirement 13 – Construction environmental management plan.</li></ul>
(f) temporary footpath diversions, signage and information boards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requirement 15 – Construction traffic management plan.</li><li>• Requirement 18 – Public rights of way and permissive paths.</li></ul>



Description of Works under Work No. 6	Schedule 2 Requirements
(g) Earthworks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requirement 5 – Detailed design approval.</li><li>• Requirement 7 – Landscape and ecological management plan.</li><li>• Requirement 13 – Construction Environmental Management Plan.</li></ul>
(h) sustainable drainage system ponds, runoff outfalls, general drainage and irrigation infrastructure and improvements or extensions to existing drainage and irrigation systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requirement 11 – Surface and foul water drainage.</li></ul>
(i) acoustic barriers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requirement 5 – Detailed design approval.</li><li>• Requirement 13 – Construction Environmental Management Plan.</li><li>• Requirement 17 – Operational noise.</li></ul>
(j) electricity and telecommunications connections.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requirement 5 - Detailed design approval.</li></ul>
(k) secondary temporary construction and decommissioning laydown areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requirement 5 – Detailed design approval.</li><li>• Requirement 13 – Construction environmental management plan.</li><li>• Requirement 21 – Decommissioning and restoration.</li></ul>



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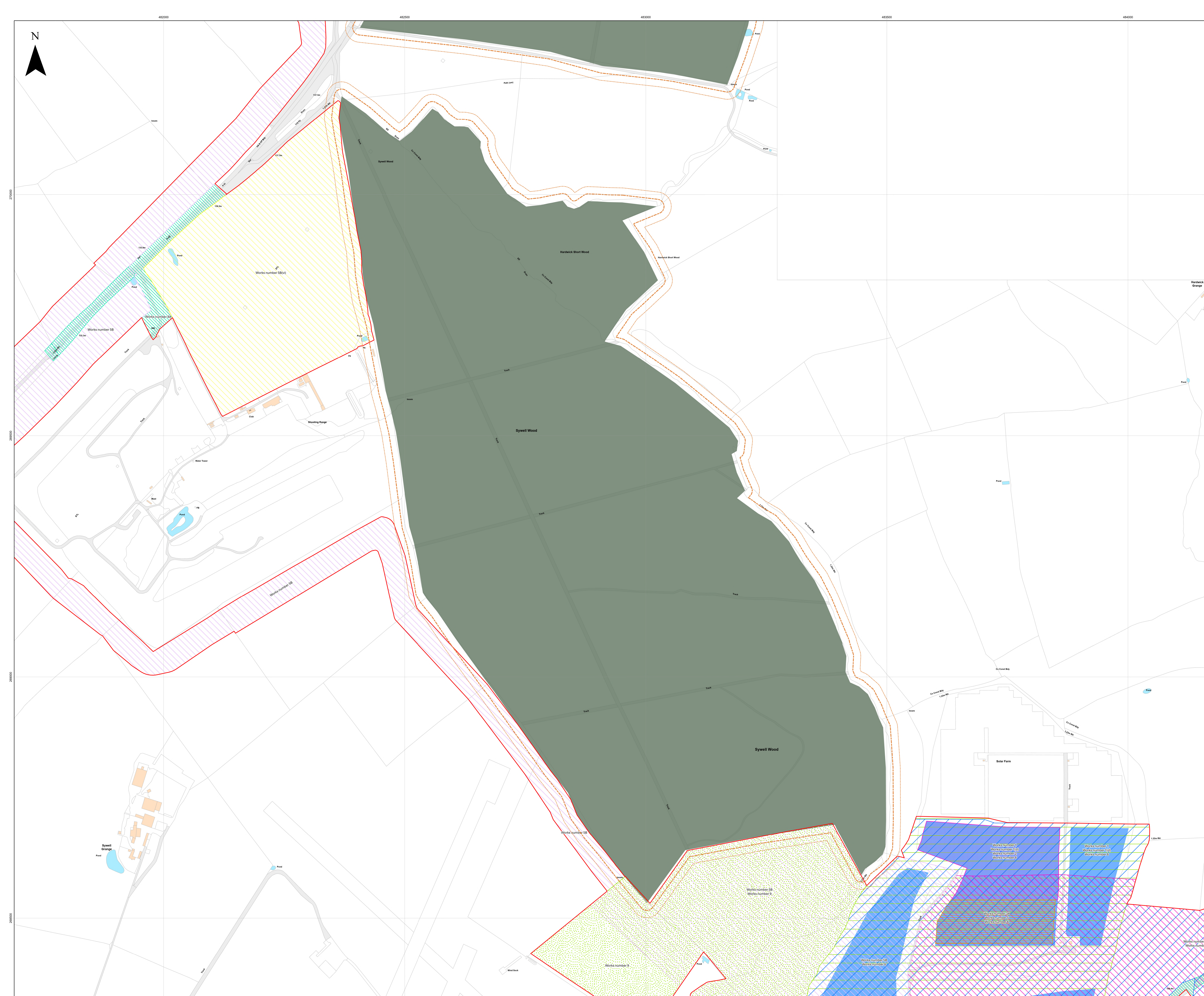
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## **Appendix A – Figures Outlining Works No.s and Ancient Woodland Buffers**





**Key**

- Works Number**
- 1
  - 1(d)
  - 2
  - 3A
  - 5
  - 5B
  - 5B(vi)
  - 6
  - 8A
  - 9

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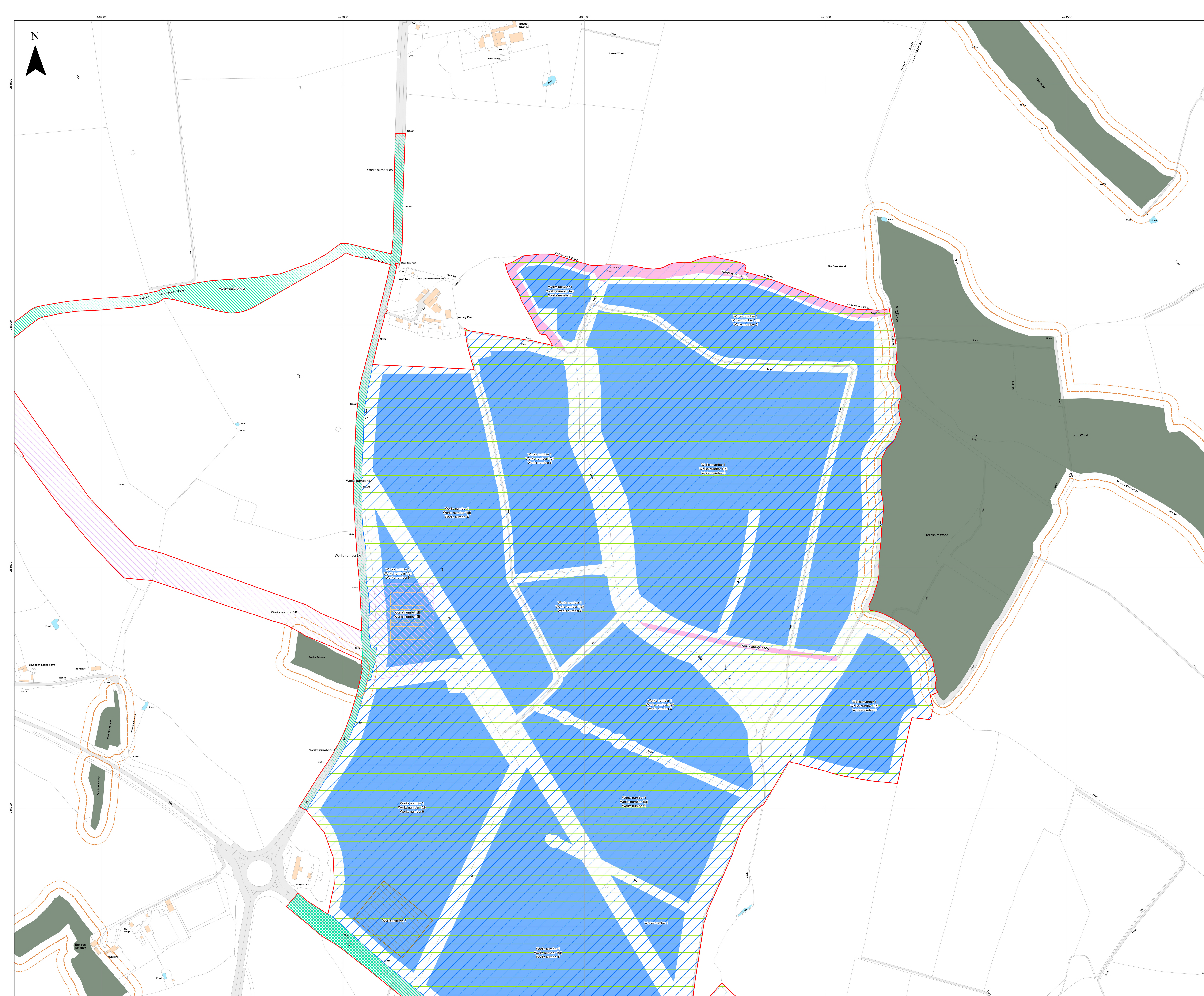
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**Key**

-  Order Limits
-  Ancient Woodland
-  15m from Ancient Woodlands
-  30m from Ancient Woodland

**Works Number**

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|  | 1    |
|  | 1(d) |
|  | 3B   |
|  | 5B   |
|  | 6    |
|  | 7    |
|  | 8A   |
|  | 8B   |
|  | 10A  |

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