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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of the Document

1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared as part of the proposed Green Hill Solar Farm Development Consent Order (the Application) made by Green Hill Solar Farm Limited (the Applicant) to the Secretary of State for Energy Security & Net Zero (the Secretary of State) pursuant to the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008).

1.1.2 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information that is available elsewhere within the Application documents. All documents are available on the Planning Inspectorate's website.

1.1.3 This SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority (ExA) the matters on which agreement has been reached between the parties, and where agreement has not yet been reached. SoCGs are an established means in the DCO consenting process, of allowing all parties to identify and focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the examination.

## 1.2 Parties to this Statement of Common Ground

1.2.1 This SoCG has been prepared by (1) Green Hill Solar Farm Ltd. as the Applicant and (2) Milton Keynes City Council. Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC) is one of three host authorities for the Application, and is specifically the host authority for Green Hill G, and part of the cable route.

1.2.2 Collectively, Green Hill Solar Farm Ltd. and Milton Keynes City Council are referred to as 'the parties'.

## 1.3 Terminology and Referencing

1.3.1 In the Tables in Section 3 of this SoCG below:

- "Agreed" indicates where the issue has been resolved;
- "Not Agreed" indicates a final position; and
- "Under discussion" indicates where these points will be the subject of ongoing discussion to resolve, where possible or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties.

## 1.4 Topic Referencing for All Matters

1.4.1 All matters agreed, under discussion and not agreed have been given unique references which relate to the topic matter. The referencing system is defined as follows:

**~~Table 1.1~~Table 1.1 Topic Referencing**

| Topic | Unique Identifying Code |
|---|---|
| Scheme Description | SD |
| Energy Need | EN |
| Planning Statement | PS |
| Alternatives and Design Evolution | ALT |

| | |
|---|---|
| Assessment Methodology | AM |
| Residual Effect | RE |
| Climate Change | CC |
| Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment | LVIA |
| Ecology and Biodiversity | EB |
| Hydrology Flood Risk and Drainage | HYD |
| Minerals | MIN |
| Cultural Heritage | CH |
| Transport and Access | TA |
| Noise and Vibration | NV |
| Glint and Glare | GG |
| Air Quality | AQ |
| Socio-Economics Tourism and Recreation | STR |
| Human Health | HH |
| Arboriculture | ARB |
| Agricultural Circumstances | ALC |
| Electromagnetic Fields | EMF |
| Ground Conditions and Contamination | GCC |
| Major Accidents and Disasters | MAD |
| Other Environmental Matters | OEM |
| Cumulative Effects | CE |

# 2 Record of Engagement

## 2.1 Summary of Consultation

2.1.1 The parties have been engaged in consultation since March 2024.

2.1.2 A non-statutory consultation process ran from March to May 2024. The statutory consultation process took place between 7th November and 19th December 2024.

2.1.3 A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between Green Hill Solar Farm Ltd and Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC in relation to the Application is outlined in **Table 2.1**~~**Table 2.1**~~ below.

**Table 2.~~1~~1: Record of Engagement**

| Date | Form of Correspondence | Key Topics Discussed and Key Outcomes |
|---|---|---|
| **Project Wide Matters/ Principle, Scope and Description of Development** | | |
| 29th August 2024 | Meeting (virtual via Teams) | Meeting to introduce the scheme, providing an overview of the sites, timescales, constraints and opportunities |
| Monthly meetings | Meetings (virtual via Teams) with Planning Officers | Regular meetings to discuss any project and programme updates since September 2024. |
| 9th July 2025 | Site Visit | Site visit with the Planning, Landscape and Ecological Officer to view Site G. |
| 8th January 2026 | Meeting (virtual via Teams) | The Applicant held a meeting with representatives of the Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFA) from each of the Host Authorities to discuss the disapplication of provisions of the Land Drainage Act 1991. The Applicant is preparing a draft set of protective provisions to share with each of the LLFA's to allow agreement of the disapplication. This meeting was held to address action point 4 of Issue Specific Hearing 3. |
| **Landscape and Visual Impact** | | |
| 21st January 2025 | Meeting (virtual via Teams) | Meeting to introduce the scheme, works completed to date and approach to assessment. |
| 6th November 2025 | Meeting (virtual via Teams) | Meeting with the Landscape Officer and Planning Officers as an orientation exercise through the landscape DCO documents. |
| **Ecology and Biodiversity** | | |
| 19th December 2024 | Meeting (virtual via Teams) | The Applicant introduced the project and Clarkson and Wood's expertise. The meeting focused on the survey scope and design evolution as well as scoping responses. |

| Date | Form of Correspondence | Key Topics Discussed and Key Outcomes |
|---|---|---|
| | | Various queries on species, mitigation, and survey methodologies were addressed. |
| 20th January 2026 | Meeting (virtual via Teams) | Meeting with the LPA Ecologist and council to discuss items not agreed. |
| **Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage** | | |
| 16th December 2024 | Meeting (virtual via Teams) | Meeting to discuss 1. Trial trenching WSI and trench locations in Site G. |
| **Cultural Heritage** | | |
| 26th June 2024 | Meeting (virtual via Teams) | Meeting to introduce the Scheme, provide a high-level review of identified heritage assets and discuss proposed methodology. |
| 28th February 2025 | Meeting (virtual via Teams) with Conservation Officer | Meeting to discuss methodology and approach to assessment and detail finding with relation to Green Hill G. |
| 07th May 2025 | Meeting (virtual via Teams) with Archaeologist | Meeting to discuss archaeological evaluation and mitigation options. |
| 11th February 2026 | Meeting (virtual via Teams) with Archaeologist | Meeting to discuss the proposals included in Change Application 2. |

2.1.4 It is agreed that this is an accurate record of the key meetings and consultation undertaken between (1) Green Hill Solar Farm Ltd and (2) Milton Keynes City Council in relation to the issues addressed in this SoCG.

# 3 Matters of Discussion

## 3.1 Overview

3.1.1 ~~Table 3.1 to Table 3.19~~Table 3.1~~Table 3.1~~ to Table 3.19~~Table 3.19~~ below detail by topic the matters agreed, under discission, or not agreed with Milton Keynes City Council at the point of this document being published.

## 3.2 Scheme Description

**~~Table 3.1~~Table 3.1 Scheme Description**

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SD -01 | Site Description | **ES Chapter 3: The Development Site [REP1-029]**. | The description of the Sites set out in **ES Chapter 3: The Development Site [REP1-029]** is accurate. | The Council are in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| SD -02 | Scheme Description | **ES Chapter 4: Scheme Description [REP1-031]**. | The Scheme description set out in **ES Chapter 4: Scheme Description [REP1-031]** is provided with sufficient detail to inform assessments. | The Council are in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

## 3.3 Energy Need

**~~Table 3.2~~Table 3.2 Energy Need**

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EN-01 | Energy Need | **Statement of Need [APP-556]** | The principle of the need for large scale solar projects is established in national planning policy, as detailed in Section 4 of **Planning Statement [~~EX4/GH7.15_B~~REP4-012]** and **Statement of Need [APP-556]** and the principle that large scale solar is an essential part of the UK's generation mix which will bring benefits to national | The Council are in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
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| | | | decarbonisation and energy security agendas as well as support the affordability of clean electricity is supported by Milton Keynes City Council. | | |

## 3.4 Planning Statement

**~~Table 3.3~~Table 3.3 Planning Statement**

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PS-01 | Local planning policy | **Planning Statement [~~EX4/GH7.15_B~~REP4-012]** | The Applicant has identified the planning policy documents in Section 5.4 of the **Planning Statement [~~EX4/GH7.15_B~~REP4-012]** as being relevant and important in relation to the area of the Application. The compliance with relevant local policies is accurately set out in **Policy Compliance Document [~~EX4/GH7.23_B~~REP4-014]** | Table 13 Plan:MK (2019):<br>The applicants have assessed all the relevant policies that MKCC have considered in its LIR. In general, it is considered to be an accurate policy analysis of the relevant policies in Plan:MK, subject to the specific comments in MKCC's LIR being taken into account, which relate to Policies CT2, NE2 and NE5 (transport, ecology and landscape).<br>Table 14 Emerging MK City Plan (Regulation 18 version, 2024):<br>It is noted that the applicant has thoroughly considered the Regulation 18 version of the | Matter Agreed, though subject to update with regard to weight applied to Reg 19 MKCP |

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| | | | | emerging Milton Keynes City Plan, and it is considered to be an accurate policy assessment, subject to the specific comments in the LIR being taken into account, which relate to Policies GS10, CEA9, CEA10, CES12 (transport, ecology and landscape).<br><br>Regulation 19 Version should be reviewed as of 7th November 2025 however it is noted that the council has not given indication of weight to be given to any policies at this stage.<br><br>Table 15 MK Minerals Local Plan (2017):<br><br>This table contains an accurate assessment of local minerals policy.<br><br>Table 16 MK Waste Development Plan Document (2008) contains an accurate assessment of local waste policy.<br><br>Table 18 Lavendon Neighbourhood Plan (2020):<br><br>The applicants have assessed all the relevant policies that MKCC | |

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
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| | | | | have considered in its LIR. In general, it is considered to be an accurate policy analysis of the Lavendon Neighbourhood Plan, subject to the specific comments in MKCC's LIR being taken into account, which relate to Policies E2 and HT1 (ecology and transport). | |

## 3.5 Alternatives and Design Evolution

**Table 3.4 Alternatives and Design Evolution**

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ALT-01 | Site Selection | **ES Chapter 5: Alternatives and Design Evolution - Appendix 5.1 Site Selection Assessment [REP1-037]** | The methodology used in **ES Chapter 5: Alternatives and Design Evolution - Appendix 5.1 Site Selection Assessment [REP1-037]** is appropriate for ~~the Scheme~~fields GF1 to GF8, GF10 to GF12.<br><br>~~The outline design parameters~~**Applicants Response to Consultee**<br><br>It is acknowledged by Officers at MKCC that Site G, including fields GF9 and GF13 are located in an area identified as a | Object to inclusion of fields GF9 and GF13 – reference should be made to the SLA at page 35-36 in reference to LVIA. | Matter Under Discussion |

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
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| | | | suitable location for solar development, set out in EMKLP Policy GS7.<br><br>The design development of the ~~**Concept Design Parameters and Principles [REP1-151]** are considered~~Scheme recognises the need for careful siting, design and mitigation, and the importance of an iterative approach to design to ensure appropriate ~~and secured by a Requirement in the **Draft DCO [REP3-024]**~~.design solutions are reached. The Scheme has been designed to be sympathetic to local character and setting, helping to protect and enhance the landscape through the landscape- led design. The Applicant has submitted a formal response to the proposed SLA during the Reg 19 Consultation. | | |
| ALT-02 | Concept Design Parameters and Principles | **ES Chapter 5: Alternatives and Design Evolution - Appendix 5.1 Site Selection Assessment [REP1-037]** | The outline design parameters set out in the **Concept Design Parameters and Principles [REP1-151]** are considered appropriate and secured by a Requirement in the **Draft DCO [EX5/GH3.1_D]**. | Waiting for comments from the Council | Matter Under Discussion |

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
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| ALT-03 | Design Approach | **Design Approach Document [APP-560]** | The process which the design development has taken and how it incorporates technical, functional and safety -led design requirements that have been established through the consultation periods is set out in the **Design Approach Document [APP-560]** and is acceptable for fields GF1 to GF8, GF10 to GF12. | Agree with description as set out in 3.2.80 onwards, and access for Site G (page 52). Objection to inclusion of GF9 and GF13 as above. | Matter Under Discussion |
| ALT-~~02~~03 | Site Selection and Design Approach | **ES Chapter 5: Alternatives and Design Evolution - Appendix 5.1 Site Selection Assessment [REP1-037]**<br><br>**Design Approach Document [APP-560]** | The methodology used in **ES Chapter 5: Alternatives and Design Evolution - Appendix 5.1 Site Selection Assessment [REP1-037]** is appropriate for fields GF9 and GF13.<br><br>The process which the design development has taken and how it incorporates technical, functional and safety -led design requirements that have been established through the consultation periods is set out in the **Design Approach Document [APP-560]** and is acceptable~~.~~ for fields is appropriate for fields GF9 and GF13.<br><br>**Applicants Response to Consultee**<br><br>It is acknowledged by Officers at MKCC that Site G, including fields GF9 and GF13 are located in an area identified as a | ~~Agree with description as set out in 3.2.80 onwards, and access for Site G (page 52).~~ Objection to inclusion of GF9 and GF13~~ as above.~~ , their assessment as Special Landscape Areas is not recognised or mentioned in the process of site selection and design approach. | Matter Under Discussion |

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | suitable location for solar development, set out in EMKLP Policy GS7.<br><br>The design development of the Scheme recognises the need for careful siting, design and mitigation, and the importance of an iterative approach to design to ensure appropriate design solutions are reached. The Scheme has been designed to be sympathetic to local character and setting, helping to protect and enhance the landscape through the landscape- led design. The Applicant has submitted a formal response to the proposed SLA during the Reg 19 Consultation.<br><br>The MKCP is currently at Reg 19 Consultation where emerging policies carry minimum weight. | | |

## 3.6 EIA Methodology

**~~Table 3.5~~Table 3.5 EIA Methodology**

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| AM-01 | Assessment Methodology | **ES Chapter 2_EIA Process and Methodology [APP-039]**<br>**ES Chapter 7 to 23 [APP-039 to APP-060]** | The assessment methodology adopted within the environmental topic assessments mentioned in the technical chapters of the ES **[APP-039 to APP-060]** have been derived from the information obtained through consultation with stakeholders and by reviewing relevant guidance and studies and is considered acceptable. | The Council are in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| AM-02 | Assessment methodology – Professional judgement | **ES Chapter 2_EIA Process and Methodology [APP-039]**<br>**ES Chapter 7 to 23 [APP-039 to APP-060]** | The identification of likely significant effects on sensitive features and receptors has been informed by professional judgement and the views of the relevant technical specialists, where necessary.<br>The application of professional judgement by specialists within the environmental topic assessments is outlined in the technical chapters of the **ES Chapter 7 to 23 [APP-039 to APP-060]** are appropriate and robust. | The Applicant awaits the Council's comments. | Matter Under Discussion |

## 3.7 Residual Effects

**~~Table 3.6~~Table 3.6 Residual Effects**

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| RE-01 | Impacts and Effects | **ES Chapter 7 to 23 [APP-039 to APP-060]** | The assessment findings for the environmental topics mentioned in the following technical chapters of the ES are considered not significant or of beneficial significance and therefore is considered acceptable:<br>• ES Chapter 15: Glint and Glare **[APP-052]**<br>• ES Chapter 16: Air Quality **[APP-053]**<br>• ES Chapter 18: Human Health **[APP-055]**<br>• ES Chapter 21: Electromagnetic Fields **[APP-058]**<br>• ES Chapter 22: Ground Conditions and Contamination **[REP1-025]**<br>• ES Chapter 23: Major Accidents and Disasters **[APP-060] [APP**<br><br>**Applicant Response to Consultee Position**<br>~~The Applicant is happy to separate matters relating to human health out, so that detail on the Community Liaison Officer can be addressed specifically. The Applicant can discuss this directly with MK health team if useful or via the monthly Applicant-MK planning call.4]~~The Applicant confirms that mental health considerations have been central to the assessment of human health impacts, and to the design of mitigation | Concerns raised in LIR relating to human health and the lack of detail on the Community Liaison Officer.<br><br>Matter agreed subject to discussions on the appointment of the Community Liaison Officer | Matter Under Discussion |

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| | | | measures set out in the management documents. The provision of a Community Liaison Manager heading a community liaison group is secured through the **Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan Revision B [EX5/GH7.1_B]** and secured through Requirements 4 and 13 of Schedule 2 to the d**raft DCO Revision D [EX5/GH3.1_D].**<br><br>The temporal scope of this role is from prior to construction, throughout construction works and until the Scheme is fully commissioned. The role of the Community Liaison Manager will be to: disseminate information relating to construction works, particularly those that effect activities; be a full-time community contact for ongoing consultation; and to be an intermediary between the public and site operators to ensure complaints or non-compliances reported by the public are actioned by the onsite construction contractors | | |

## 3.8 Climate Change

**~~Table3.7~~Table 3.7 Climate Change**

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CC--1 | Methodology and Assessment | **ES Chapter 7: Climate Change [APP-044]** | The assessment methodology detailed within Sections 7.4 and 7.5 of **ES Chapter 7: Climate Change [APP-044]** is considered acceptable. | The Council are in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| CC-02 | Baseline Conditions | **ES Chapter 7: Climate Change [APP-044]** | The baseline conditions detailed within Section 7.6 of **ES Chapter 7: Climate Change [APP-044]** are considered representative of the baseline site conditions and therefore acceptable. | The Council are in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| CC-03 | Mitigation | **ES Chapter 7: Climate Change [APP-044]** | Section 7.9 of **ES Chapter 7: Climate Change [APP-044]** has not identified the need for any additional mitigation or enhancement measures. | The Council are in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| CC-04 | Construction Outcomes | **ES Chapter 7: Climate Change [APP-044]** | GHG emissions from the construction of the Scheme are considered to have a Minor Adverse significant effect on the climate. The overall effect from Construction is considered not significant in EIA terms as set out within Section 7.8 of **ES Chapter 7: Climate Change [APP-044].**<br><br>The assessment finding for climate change is considered acceptable. | The Council are in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| CC-05 | Operational Outcomes | **ES Chapter 7: Climate Change [APP-044]** | During the operational phase it is considered that the overall GHG impact of the Scheme is beneficial and significant effect on GHG emissions by reducing reliance on fossil fuels and supporting the trajectory towards net zero as set out within | The Council are in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

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| | | | Section 7.8, paragraph 7.8.68 and 7.8.69 of **ES Chapter 7: Climate Change [APP-044].**<br>The assessment finding for climate change is considered acceptable. | | |

## 3.9 Landscape and Visual Impact

**~~Table 3.8~~Table 3.8 Landscape and Visual Impact**

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| LVIA-01 | Meetings and Workshops | **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]**<br>**ES Chapter 8 Appendix 8.6 Landscape Consultation [APP-083]** | The meetings and workshops with statutory consultees set out within Section 8.2 of **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** and **ES Chapter 8 Appendix 8.5 Landscape Consultation [APP-083]** have been effective in informing decision making and monitoring the LVIA assessment process of the Scheme to date. The engagement has been timely and has been a valuable tool in seeking understanding and | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~<br>Online meetings held on:<br>28.01.2026<br>06.11.2025<br>Links from this document to the ES documents which are specific to Site G only would be more useful than simply stating the ES document numbers in future iterations of the SoCG. | Matter Under Discussion |

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| | | | agreement about the key issues.<br><br>**Applicant Response to Consultee Position**<br>The Applicant has previously provided links to the consultee and directed them to Site G specific documents. The DCO documents are for the Scheme in its entirety and are not separated by local authority. | | |
| LVIA-02 | Baseline Conditions | **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]**<br>**ES Chapter 8 Appendix 8.3.1 LVIA Assessment Sheets [APP-081]** | The description of the existing baseline landscape and visual conditions set out within Section 8.6 of **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** and **ES Chapter 8 Appendix 8.3.1 LVIA Assessment Sheets [APP-081]** is representative of the baseline site conditions and therefore acceptable to inform the assessment. | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~ The description of the existing baseline landscape and visual conditions is agreed. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~Agreed |
| LVIA-03 | Appendices and Figures | **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** | The Appendices and Figures listed within Section 8.1 of **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and** | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~ The approach taken is | Matter Under Discussion |

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
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| | | | **Visual [APP-045]** are presented in sufficient detail to inform the baseline, underpin the LVIA process and to identify the likely significant effects of the Scheme.<br>**Applicant Response to Consultee Position**<br>LVIA-03 directly refers to the presentation of the Appendices and Figures rather than the findings of the LVIA.<br>The findings of the LVIA are discussed in LVIA-13 Landscape Assessment and LVIA14 – Visual Assessment. | acceptable for the purposes of the Examination. However, some of the detail results contained within the links to tables is not agreed. Such as Table 8.23: Significant Residual Landscape Effects on Landscape Fabric. | |
| LVIA-04 | Study Area/Scope of Assessment | **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** | The Study Areas and Scope of Assessment set out within Section 8.5 of **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** is sufficient to inform the assessment baseline conditions. | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~ The study area and scope of assessment is agreed. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~Agreed |

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| LVIA-05 | Assessment Methodology | **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]**<br>**ES Chapter 8 Appendix 8.1 LVIA Methodology [~~APP-078~~EX5/GH6.3.8.1_A]** | The methodology adopted within Section 8.4 of **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** and **ES Chapter 8 Appendix 8.1 LVIA Methodology [~~APP-078~~EX5/GH6.3.8.1_A]** follows the 'Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment' Third Edition (GLVIA3) and derived from consultation and engagement with stakeholders and by reviewing relevant guidance and studies and is considered acceptable in so far as it relates to those elements of the Scheme within Milton Keynes City Council jurisdiction.<br>**Applicant Response to Consultee Position**<br>LVIA-05 directly refers to the LVIA Methodology contained within Appendix 8.1, this being the approach that underpins the LVIA process itself rather than published documents / reports used to inform the consideration of | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~The methodology adopted has not included reviewing all of the relevant studies relating to locally valued landscapes in Milton Keynes borough:<br>The historical Bucks County Council designation of AAL [Areas of Attractive Landscape]<br>The updated published Special Landscape Areas. | Matter Under Discussion |

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| | | | landscape and visual Baseline. LVIA Baseline is set out within LVIA-02 and LVIA-06. | | |
| LVIA-06 | Landscape Character Assessments | **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]**<br>**ES Chapter 8 Appendix 8.4 Landscape Character Area Descriptions [APP-082]**<br>**ES Chapter 8 Appendix 8.2 Landscape Receptor [APP-080]** | The published landscape character assessments that are relied upon at the national, regional, and local level and set out within Section 8.6 of **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** and **ES Chapter 8 Appendix 8.4 Landscape Character Area Descriptions [APP-082]** and **ES Chapter 8 Appendix 8.2 Landscape Receptor [APP-080]** are considered acceptable to inform the assessment baseline conditions.<br><br>**Applicant's Response to Consultee Position**<br>The local planning Policies are set out in section 8.3 7 of **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** which include relevant policies for | Also, at this stage we would note here that the ES list of reference documents only makes reference to Northamptonshire County Council. (2010). Current Landscape Character Assessment and the Northamptonshire County Council. (2017). Minerals and Waste Local Plan. The equivalent documents for MK have not been included and should be.<br>Also, the Special Landscape Area designations which exist in Northamptonshire are not mentioned in the Landscape Designation section and there is no mention of the equivalent historical landscape AAL [Area of Attractive | Matter Under Discussion |

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| | | | Milton Keynes**.** The landscape character assessments are set out in **ES Chapter 8 Appendix 8.4 Landscape Character Area Descriptions [APP-082].**<br>The MK references contained within the LVIA [APP-045] includes:<br>• Milton Keynes Local Plan - Plan: MK, 2019<br>• MK City Plan 2050<br>• Milton Keynes Landscape Character Assessment, 2022<br>There are no current SLA designations within the Study Area. Historic SLA designations, which no longer form existing policy have not been included within the 'existing policy' driven baseline identification within the LVIA.<br>The emerging MK Local Plan is at Reg 19. The Applicant has provided commentary on its position to this emerging | Landscape] designation for MK or the proposed Special Landscape Area designation and policy being put forward in the MK local plan review. The relevant reference document is the Milton Keynes Review of Local Landscape Designations report May 2024 which is the evidence base for the local plan review and has not been accounted for.<br>Comments as per LIR.<br>Paragraph 8.6.17 says: A full suite of landscape characteristics and sensitivities of the relevant Character areas within the Outer 5km Study Area have been included. However, the published Special Landscape Areas in MKCC are not mentioned and should be considered and recorded and | |

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| | | | Local Plan as part of the Local Authority Consultation.<br>At the point at which the LVIA was undertaken the emerging Local Plan and its evidence base was at Reg 18, with minimal weight applied. | reference made to Policy CEA12 in Reg 19 MK City Plan 2050. | |
| LVIA-07 | Visual Receptors: Assessment Viewpoints for the Sites | **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** | The viewpoints set out within Table 8.5 in section 8.7 of **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** and **ES Chapter 8: Figure 8.10 [APP-308]** are considered acceptable to inform the assessment baseline conditions.<br><br>**Applicant's Response to the Consultee**<br>The viewpoints have been submitted at Deadline 5 **[EX5/GH8.2.15 and EX5/GH8.2.16]** and **[CR2-019 and CR2-020]** | Requested ~~an~~ additional ~~viewpoint or two at the site visit~~viewpoints were discussed on ~~9th July 2025, but no further viewpoint information has been provided to review at this stage.~~28th January 2026 and are acceptable. Photomontages of additional VPs are not yet shown on Figure 8.10 [APP-308]. | Matter Under Discussion |
| LVIA-08 | Visual Receptors: Additional Assessment | **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** | The viewpoints set out within Table 8.5 in section 8.7 of **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** and **ES** | ~~As above~~There are no viewpoints proposed specifically considering the cable route corridor | Matter Under Discussion |

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| | Viewpoints for the Cable Route Corridor | | **Chapter 8: Figure 8.10 [APP-308]** are considered acceptable to inform the baseline conditions for the Cable Route Corridor and Substations.<br>**Applicant's Response to the Consultee**<br>It is assumed therefore that this matter can be agreed please could MKCC confirm. | section within the MKCC boundary. None are requested. | |
| LVIA-09 | Landscape Receptors: Value | **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** | The judgements on value for the landscape receptors, as set out within Section 8.9 of **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** are considered acceptable to inform the assessment baseline conditions.<br>**Applicant's Response to the Consultee**<br>The Applicant will seek further clarification as to whether the Consultee is able to set out where it has come to differing value judgements for Landscape Receptors. | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~ This matter remains under review and subject to further discussion. | Matter Under Discussion |

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| LVIA-10 | Embedded Design Mitigation | **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** | The approach and proposals for embedded mitigation set out within Section 8.8 of **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]**, considers the landscape and visual matters associated with the Scheme as part of an iterative process.<br><br>MKCC also acknowledge establishing planting will add a positive element to this landscape. Vegetation removal, as shown on the Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Plans [**REP3-042, REP3-044, APP-~~207 to~~ 209, REP3-046, APP-211, REP3-048, REP3-050, APP-214, APP-215, REP3-052, APP-217, REP3-054, APP-219]** is relatively minimal.<br><br>**Applicant's Response to the Consultee**<br><br>The LVIA does not conclude that the proposed landscape mitigation would result in a positive effect to landscape | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~ It is considered that the effectiveness of planting in reducing character effects has been overstated. MKCC do not acknowledge that establishing planting will add a positive effect across all areas of landscape character. The landscape design treatment to address the issue of screening a solar farm will impose a particular local landscape character that will not be in keeping with areas assessed as special landscape. We disagree that the solar farm development would enhance the landscape character of areas assessed as special landscape. | Matter Under Discussion |

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| | | | character during the lifetime of the development, only that the planting would go so far as to mitigate the significant adverse effects associated with the proposals within the Local Study Area – it is important to note that mitigation does not remove adverse effects to landscape character, with Moderate / Minor Adverse effects to landscape character anticipated beyond Year 15 for the remainder of the lifetime of the scheme. | | |
| LVIA-11 | Presentation of Assessment Findings | **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** | The approach to the assessment is considered acceptable as set out in Section 8.6 of **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045].** This non-technical summary is to assist readers understand the conclusions of the LVIA and contains a list of potentially affected receptors with summarising narrative to provide context and identify what the key issues are. | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~ Beneficial effects on landscape character are overstated, the landscape character changes will not be reversed and there will forever be the imprint of the solar farm development on the local landscape character and existing views currently enjoyed over open countryside from public | Matter Under Discussion |

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| | | | **Applicant's Response to the Consultee**<br>LVIA-11 directly refers to the presentation of the assessment findings, and not the content of those findings.<br>The findings of the LVIA are discussed in LVIA-13 Landscape Assessment and LVIA14 – Visual Assessment. | rights of way will be lost to screening buffers. | |
| LVIA-12 | Landscape and Ecological Management Plan: Landscape and Ecological Improvements | **Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Plans (Figures 4.10-4.20) [REP3-042, REP3-044, APP-209, REP3-046, APP-211, REP3-048, REP3-050, APP-214, APP-215, REP3-052, APP-217, REP3-054, APP-219]**<br>**Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [~~REP3-062~~EX5/GH7.4_D]** | The landscape and ecological improvements are set out in the **Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Plans (Figures 4.10 to 4.20)**. The **Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [~~REP3-062~~EX5/GH7.4_D]**<br>Following further development of the Scheme, more detailed planting plans including detail of areas of landscape mitigation, location and types of planting (species), as well as number, density and specification will be provided prior to any works | This matter remains under review and subject to further discussion.<br>Requests made for further enhancements (as per LIR) | Matter Under Discussion |

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| | | | commencing. The detailed landscape proposals will consist of the area and extent of the Scheme shown on **Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Plans (Figures 4.10-4.20)**. The **Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [~~REP3-062~~EX5/GH7.4_D]** (the 'OLEMP') is secured by Requirement 7 of Schedule 2 of **Draft Development Consent Order Revision [~~REP3-024~~]EX5/GH3.1_D]**<br><br>**Applicant's Response to the Consultee**<br><br>Woodland planting has been implemented to enhance screening between GF12 and GF13 where Three Shires Way intersects Green Hill G off the A428. The additional woodland planting in this area will be implemented under both design options (A and B) | | |

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| | | | for Green Hill G. ES Figure 4.20: Landscape and Ecology Mitigation Plan G (Revision A) **[CR2/GH6.4.4.20_A]** and Figure 8.2.14 Landscape and Ecology Mitigation Plan G (Option B) **[CR2/GH8.2.14]** have been updated to reflect this change. | | |
| LVIA-13 | Landscape Assessment | **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** | The Landscape Assessment set out in **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** are considered acceptable<br><br>**Applicant's Response to the Consultee**<br><br>The LVIA does not conclude that the proposed landscape mitigation would result in a positive effect to landscape character during the lifetime of the development, only that the planting would go so far as to mitigate the significant adverse effects associated with the proposals within the Local Study Area – it is important to note that mitigation does not remove | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~ The proposed Landscape and Ecology Mitigation and Enhancement Plans primarily function as mitigation rather than landscape character enhancement and would not fully outweigh the landscape fabric change arising from the introduction of introduced buffer planting, solar infrastructure, fencing, access tracks, substations and other associated paraphernalia. As such, it is the Council's judgement that there will still be an | Matter Under Discussion |

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| | | | adverse effects to landscape character, with Moderate / Minor Adverse effects to landscape character anticipated beyond Year 15 for the remainder of the lifetime of the scheme. | adverse effect to Landscape Fabric at Year 15 and for the duration of the scheme. The landscape design treatment to address the issue of screening a solar farm will impose a particular local landscape character that will not be in keeping with areas assessed as special landscape. We disagree that the solar farm development would enhance the landscape of areas assessed as special landscape. | |
| LVIA-14 | Visual Assessment | **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** | The Visual Assessment set out in **ES Chapter 8: Landscape and Visual [APP-045]** are considered acceptable~~-~~. | The Applicant awaits the Council's comments. | Matter Under Discussion |

## 3.10 Ecology and Biodiversity

**~~Table 3.9~~Table 3.9 Ecology and Biodiversity**

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
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| EB-01 | Methodology | **ES Chapter 9: Ecology and Biodiversity [REP1-033]** | The methodology adopted within Section 9.4 of **ES Chapter 9 Ecology and Biodiversity [REP1-033]** has been derived from the information obtained through consultation and engagement with stakeholders and by reviewing relevant guidance and studies and is considered acceptable in so far as it relates to those elements of the Scheme within Milton Keynes City Council. | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~ The methodology is agreed. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~Agreed |
| EB-02 | Baseline Conditions | **ES Chapter 9: Ecology and Biodiversity [REP1-033]** | The methodology adopted within Section 9.6 of **ES Chapter 9 Ecology and Biodiversity [REP1-033]** are representative of the baseline site conditions in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Milton Keynes City Council. | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~ The methodology is agreed. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~Agreed |

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| EB-03 | Mitigation | **ES Chapter 9: Ecology and Biodiversity [REP1-033]** | The proposed mitigation measures set out within Section 9.8 of **ES Chapter 9 Ecology and Biodiversity [REP1-033]** ~~are~~for skylarks acceptable in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Milton Keynes City Council.<br><br>**Applicant's Response to Consultee**<br><br>This matter was discussed in a meeting between the MKCC ecologist and the Applicant's ecologists on 20/01/2026.<br><br>Given that there remains a residual adverse effect on skylark through a net loss of territories, it is understood from the MKCC ecologist that this matter would have to remain disagreed between the Applicant and MKCC.<br><br>Responses on this matter have been outlined in the | Set out in LIR<br><br>The proposed compensation strategy mitigating for the loss of Skylark territories would result in the displacement of 55.5% of recorded Skylark species across the whole application site. No information appears to have been gathered to establish whether surrounding land would be capable of absorbing the displaced pairs or whether this would have additional impacts on the wider population. It cannot be assumed that surrounding land would be capable of absorbing the displaced pairs.<br><br>The assumption that the loss of nesting opportunities will be offset by the increase in foraging opportunities is strongly disputed as both foraging and nesting opportunities are of equal importance for the survival of the population. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~Disagreed |

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| | | | Applicants responses to MKCC Local Impact Report **[REP2-049]** and the Applicants responses to Local Impacts Report Responses **[REP4-018]**.<br><br>All other mitigation measures are covered in EB-04 below. | **Updated comment**: Skylark mitigation is a matter not agreed but the remaining mitigation measures for other protected species are agreeable. | |
| EB-04 | Mitigation | **ES Chapter 9: Ecology and Biodiversity [REP1-033]** | The proposed mitigation measures set out within Section 9.8 of **ES Chapter 9 Ecology and Biodiversity [REP1-033]** (excluding measures associated with Skylarks) are acceptable in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Milton Keynes City Council. | Mitigation measures for other protected species (excluding skylarks) are agreeable. | Matter Agreed |
| EB-~~04~~05 | Residual Effects | **ES Chapter 9: Ecology and Biodiversity [REP1-033]** | The judgements on the likely residual effects and conclusions for the effects to ecology set out within Section 9.9 of **ES Chapter 9 Ecology and Biodiversity [REP1-033]** are considered acceptable in so far as they relate to those elements of | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~ The residual effects and conclusions are agreed. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~Agreed |

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| | | | the Scheme within Milton Keynes City Council. | | |
| EB-~~05~~06 | Habitat Regulation Assessment | **ES Chapter 9: Ecology and Biodiversity [REP1-033]**<br>**Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) [~~REP1-153~~EX5/GH7.21_B]** | A Habitat Regulation Assessment screening has been carried out and outlined in **Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) [~~REP1-153~~EX5/GH7.21_B]** with impacts discussed in **ES Chapter 9: Ecology and Biodiversity [REP1-033].** The methodology is considered acceptable and the assessment is considered to have been carried out appropriately. | The ~~Applicant awaits the Council's comments~~methodology and assessment is agreed. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~ Agreed |
| EB-~~06~~07 | Biodiversity Net Gain | **Appendix 9.13: Biodiversity Net Gain [REP1-043]** | The approach to assessing and securing BNG as stated in **Appendix 9.13: Biodiversity Net Gain [REP1-043]** was acceptable. | The ~~Applicant awaits the Council's comments~~approach to BNG is agreed. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~ Agreed |
| EB-~~07~~08 | Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan | **Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [~~REP1-137~~EX5/GH7.4_D]** | The measures in the **OLEMP [~~REP1-137~~EX5/GH7.4_D]** are correctly identified and appropriate | The ~~Applicant awaits the Council's comments~~OLEMP measures are agreed. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~ Agreed |

## 3.11 Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage

~~Table 3.10~~ Table 3.10 **Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage**

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| HYD-01 | Methodology | **ES Chapter 10: Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage [~~REP1-023~~EX5/GH6.2.10_B]** | The methodology adopted within Section 10.4 of **ES Chapter 10: Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage [~~REP1-023~~EX5/GH6.2.10_B]** has been derived from the information obtained through consultation with stakeholders and by reviewing relevant guidance and studies and is considered acceptable. | The ~~Applicant awaits the Council's comments~~methodology is agreed. | Matter Agreed |
| HYD-02 | Baseline Conditions | **ES Chapter 10: Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage [~~REP1-023~~EX5/GH6.2.10_B]** | The baseline conditions which are detailed within Section 10.5 of **ES Chapter 10: Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage [~~REP1-023~~EX5/GH6.2.10_B]** are representative of the baseline site conditions within Milton Keynes City Council. | In Table 10.2 on Lavendon Parish Council (pg 19) it states "*Conversations undertaken during the consultation events suggest that this Flood Alleviation Scheme is no longer going ahead, therefore this has not been considered further within our flood risk assessments.*" We are not sure where this has come from or in what respect - the LLFA are seeking to develop OBC on | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~Agreed |

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| | | | **Applicant Response to Consultee Position**<br>At the time of assessment, it was understood from discussions during consultation (including with the LLFA) that funding for the Flood Alleviation Scheme had been reallocated and that the scheme was not programmed. In any event, the flood risk assessment does not rely on the delivery of off-site flood alleviation measures unless they are confirmed and constructed, and the Scheme is designed to avoid any increase in flood risk beyond the Order Limits. | FAS for Lavendon. Perhaps the applicant is referring to the 2017 earlier investigations? | |
| HYD-03 | Mitigation | **ES Chapter 10: Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage [~~REP1-023~~EX5/GH6.2.10_B]** | The proposed mitigation measures set out within Section 10.8 of **ES Chapter 10: Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage [~~REP1-023~~EX5/GH6.2.10_B]** are acceptable. | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~ The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~Agreed |

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| HYD-04 | Surface Water | **ES Chapter 10: Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage [~~REP1-023~~EX5/GH6.2.10_B]** | It is agreed that Surface Water Flood Risk is appropriately addressed at this stage as set out in **ES Chapter 10: Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage Appendix 10.1 Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy Report [REP1-053]**. | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~ The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~Agreed |
| HYD-05 | Drainage | **ES Chapter 10: Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage [~~REP1-023~~EX5/GH6.2.10_B]** | As agreed, **ES Chapter 10: Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage [~~REP1-023~~EX5/GH6.2.10_B]** will detail maintaining of the existing surface water run-off regime by utilising permeable surfacing for the site accesses, linear infiltration trenches around any proposed infrastructure (substations and batteries) and wildflower planting at the leeward edge of solar panels will ensure that the Scheme is unlikely to generate surface water runoff rates beyond the baseline scenario.<br><br>The proposed drainage design set out in the included **ES Appendix 10.1: Flood Risk** | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~ The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~Agreed |

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| | | | **Assessment and Drainage Strategy [REP1-053]** is appropriate and is secured through Requirement 11, 'Surface and Foul Water Drainage' is included within **Draft Development Consent Order [~~REP3-024~~EX5/GH3.1_D].** Additional detail regarding the proposed surface water drainage strategies in accordance with SuDS principles for proposed areas of hardstanding will need to be provided to ensure greenfield run-off rates are maintained.<br><br>Requirement 11 of the DCO secures written details of the surface water drainage scheme and (if any) foul water drainage scheme through an appropriate plan which must be substantially in accordance with the outline drainage strategy. | | |
| HYD-06 | Local Lead Flood | **Draft Development Consent Order** | The LLFA has agreed to the DCO disapplying the requirement for ordinary | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~ | Matter Under Discussion |

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| | Authority (LLFA) | **[~~REP3-024~~EX5/GH3.1_D]** | watercourse consent under the Land Drainage Act 1991.<br>The Applicant held a meeting with representatives of the Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFA) from each of the Host Authorities on 8 January 2026 to discuss. The Applicant is preparing a draft set of protective provisions to share with each of the LLFA's to allow agreement of the disapplication. | Comments outstanding, comments to be provided as part of the "comments on the DCO" submission. | |

## 3.12 Minerals

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| MIN-01 | Methodology | **ES Chapter 11: Minerals [APP-048]** | The methodology adopted within Section 11.4 of **ES Chapter 11: Minerals [APP-048]** has been derived from the information obtained through consultation with | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

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| | | | stakeholders and by reviewing relevant guidance and studies and is considered acceptable. | | |
| MIN-02 | Baseline Conditions | **ES Chapter 11: Minerals [APP-048]** | The baseline conditions which are detailed within Section 11.6 of **ES Chapter 11: Minerals [APP-048]** are representative of the baseline site conditions within Milton Keynes City Council. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| MIN-03 | Mitigation | **ES Chapter 11: Minerals [APP-048]** | The proposed mitigation measures set out within Section 11.9 of **ES Chapter 11: Minerals [APP-048]** are acceptable. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| MIN-04 | Construction/Operational/Decommissioning Impacts and Effects<br>Sand and Gravel mineral safeguarding | **ES Chapter 11: Minerals [APP-048]** | It is agreed that the impact on mineral safeguarding resources will be no more than a temporary sterilisation effect. The magnitude of impact is low and minor significance of effect. The assessment of impacts and effects as set out in Section 11.8 of **ES Chapter 11: Minerals [APP-048]** is accurate. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| MIN-05 | Construction/Operational/Decommissioning Impacts and Effects<br>Limestone resources | **ES Chapter 11: Minerals [APP-048]** | It is agreed that the impact on mineral safeguarding resources will be no more than a temporary sterilisation effect. The magnitude of impact is low and minor | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

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| | | | significance of effect. The assessment of impacts and effects as set out in Section 11.8 of **ES Chapter 11: Minerals [APP-048]** is accurate. | | |
| MIN-06 | Mitigation Measures: Cable Route Corridor | **ES Chapter 11: Minerals [APP-048]** | The scheme has been designed to enable impacts on operational quarries to be minimised or avoided. Mitigation set out within Section 11.7 and 11.9 of **ES Chapter 11: Minerals [APP-048]**.<br><br>The proposed mitigation measures set out within Section 11.9 of ES Chapter 11: Minerals [**APP-048**] are acceptable. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

## 3.13 Cultural Heritage

**~~Table 3.12~~Table 3.12 Cultural Heritage**

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| CH-01 | Methodology | **ES Chapter 12: Cultural Heritage [APP-049]** | The methodology adopted within **ES Chapter 12: Cultural Heritage [APP-049]** has been derived from the information obtained through consultation with stakeholders and by | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

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| | | | reviewing relevant guidance and studies and is considered acceptable. | | |
| CH-02 | Baseline Conditions | **ES Chapter 12: Cultural Heritage [APP-049]** | The baseline conditions which are detailed within **ES Chapter 12: Cultural Heritage [APP-049]** are representative of the baseline site conditions Milton Keynes City Council. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| CH-03 | Mitigation | **ES Chapter 12: Cultural Heritage [APP-049]** | The proposed mitigation measures set out within **ES Chapter 12: Cultural Heritage [APP-049]** are acceptable. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| CH-04 | Heritage Assessment | **ES Chapter 12: Cultural Heritage [APP-049]** | The heritage assessment provided in **ES Chapter 12: Cultural Heritage [APP-049]** is supported by:<br>• 12.1: Heritage Statement [**APP-120]**<br>The heritage assessment sufficiently assesses potential impacts to heritage assets. Where impacts have been identified these have been appropriately mitigated. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| CH-05 | Archaeological Assessment | **ES Chapter 12: Cultural Heritage [APP-049]** | The archaeological assessment provided in **ES Chapter 12: Cultural Heritage [APP-049]** is supported by the results of a programme of archaeological evaluation see the following ES appendices:<br>• 12.2: Archaeological Desk – Based Assessments [**APP-121-127]**<br>• 12.3: Aerial Photographic and LiDAR mapping and interpretation [**APP-128]** | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

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| | | | • 12.4: Archaeological Geophysical Survey Reports [**APP-129]**<br>• 12.5: Archaeological Evaluation (interim reports) [**APP-130]** | | |
| CH-06 | Archaeological Assessment | **ES Chapter 12: Cultural Heritage [APP-049]** | ES Chapter 12: Cultural Heritage **[APP-049]**~~-~~ is supported by the results of a Geophysical Survey and trial trench evaluation.<br>Geophysical surveys were undertaken within all areas of the Scheme that were suitable for survey (for example, excluding roads and areas of woodland) and where land access was permitted. The results of the geophysical survey are provided in **Appendix 12.4 [APP-129]**. Evaluation trial trenching was undertaken to test the results of the geophysical survey. Interim reports detailing the results of the evaluation trial trenching are provided in **Appendix 12.5 [APP-130]**. Archaeological evaluation works were undertaken in line with a Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) agreed with the Local Authority's Planning Archaeologists.<br>Archaeological evaluation has been undertaken inline with Paragraph 5.9.10 of NPS EN1, Paragraphs 2.10.113 and 2.10.115 of NPS EN3 and Paragraph 207 of NPPF to ensure the level of detail provided as part of the assessment is proportionate to the assets' importance and no more than is sufficient to understand the potential impact of the proposal on their significance. Archaeological evaluation was not undertaken in areas where it was either not possible (i.e. as a | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

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| | | | result of woodland, arboriculture and ecological considerations or access issues) or not safe to do so (i.e. due to livestock or overhead electricity cables / buried utilities). | | |
| CH-07 | Further Archaeological Evaluation | **ES Chapter 12: Cultural Heritage [APP-049]** | Appendix 12.6: Archaeological Mitigation Strategy (AMS) [**~~EX4/GH6.3.12.6_A~~CR2-006**] details the mitigation measures to safeguard archaeological assets including preservation in situ (using a non-intrusive construction methodology) and mitigation by record (including strip, map and sample and archaeological monitoring) and is considered acceptable.<br><br>~~The draft AMS sets out the scope and guiding principles for the planning and implementation of further evaluation surveys and proposed archaeological mitigation works to be undertaken.~~<br><br>An **Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation [EX5/GH8.2.17]** has been prepared and is submitted at Deadline 5. This has been agreed with the County Archaeologist The final mitigation strategies will be set out in the Final AMS secured through Requirement 12 of the Draft DCO. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

## 3.14 Transport and Access

**~~Table 3.13~~Table 3.13 Transport and Access**

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TA-01 | Methodology | **ES Chapter 13: Transport and Access [REP2-003]** | The methodology adopted within **ES Chapter 13: Transport and Access [REP2-003]** has been derived from the information obtained through consultation with stakeholders and by reviewing relevant guidance and studies and is considered acceptable. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| TA-02 | Baseline Conditions | **ES Chapter 13: Transport and Access [REP2-003]** | The baseline conditions which are detailed within **ES Chapter 13: Transport and Access [REP2-003]** are representative of the baseline site conditions within Milton Keynes City Council. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| TA-03 | Mitigation | **ES Chapter 13: Transport and Access [REP2-003]** | The proposed mitigation measures set out within **ES Chapter 13: Transport and Access [REP2-003]** are acceptable. | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~The Council is in agreement with regard to the impact on Milton Keynes. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~Agreed |
| TA-04 | Abnormal Load Routes | **ES Chapter 13: Transport and Access [REP2-003]** | The routes identified for the delivery of abnormal loads, as set out in Table 13.14 of Chapter 13: Transport and Access and the Transport Assessment **[REP2-003]** are acceptable. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

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| TA-05 | HGV Routes | **ES Chapter 13: Transport and Access [REP2-003]** | All HGVs associated with the construction phase of the Scheme will follow the designated routes as illustrated in figures 13.13 to 13.17 and are summarised in ES Chapter 13: Transport and Access [**REP2-003]** Table 13.10.<br><br>**Applicant response to consultee position.**<br><br>The vehicle movements figures provided are the peak or maximum daily numbers which might occur. Movements at other times within this construction period will be expected to be lower. Movements are also spread across the day rather than compressed into arrival and departure periods. The access (CR24) is also expected to operate as a left-in / left-out arrangement, minimising turning movements on the A509 by removing opportunity for right turn movements across traffic.<br><br>The access will be available for the majority of the construction period but with varying degrees of usage as described above. The Applicant will | The Applicant has now provided vehicle numbers for the cable route corridor access on the A509. These would be 11 arrivals per day during the haul road construction period although it is noted not all would be articulated vehicles. This number, whilst not excessive is not insignificant as it represents 22 movements 2 way. The Council would therefore request an estimate of the haul road construction period before making a final comment.<br><br>Matter now agreed. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~Agreed |

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| | | | look to provide further detail on construction period by Deadline 5. | | |
| TA-06 | PRoW | **ES Chapter 13: Transport and Access [REP2-003]** | ES Chapter 13: Transport and Access **[REP2-003]** identifies and proposes measures to address the potential impacts and likely significant effects of the Scheme on Transport and Access during the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning phases, including PRoW.<br>The residual effects and conclusions for impacts on PRoW are considered acceptable in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Milton Keynes City Council. | The Applicant awaits the Council's comments. Effects on PRoW are agreed in accordance with LIR comments. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~Agreed |
| TA-07 | Permissive Paths | **ES Chapter 13: Transport and Access [REP2-003]** | Permissive paths are identified and proposed as part of the Scheme. Refer to the **Outline Public Rights of Way and Permissive Paths Management Plan [REP3-066]** which is considered a benefit of the Scheme. | Supported by the PRoW Team. | Matter Agreed |
| TA-08 | Site and Cable Route Corridor Accesses | **ES Chapter 13: Transport and Access [REP2-003]** | A total of 47 access points across the Scheme are proposed for construction and operation purposes for the Sites, Cable Route Corridor and Cable Construction Compounds. The access locations for the northern, central and southern area of the Study Area are | Concerns raised in LIR relating to access improvements. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~Agreed |

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| | | | presented in Figures 13.13 to 13.17 [**APP-432 to APP-438**] and summarised in Table 13.10 are considered appropriate.<br><br>The LIR made comments relating to the Site G access from the A428. A revised drawing showing how a vehicle may access and egress the site at the same time has been prepared to address the comment raised by MKCC.<br><br>**Applicant response to consultee position.**<br><br>Please see Green Hill G - Access 1 - Revised General Arrangement [~~EX4/GH8.2.10~~REP4-024]. | In response to the revised arrangements plan, this matter can now be agreed. | |
| TA-09 | Traffic and Access Impacts | **ES Chapter 13: Transport and Access [REP2-003]** | ES Chapter 13: Transport and Access **[REP2-003]** presents an assessment of the impacts of the construction traffic resulting from the Scheme on sensitive receptors. The associated Transport Assessment **[APP-151]** considers whether the Scheme will be acceptable in transport and highway terms. The assessment concludes that, following the implementation of | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

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| | | | mitigation measures, the residual effect would be not significant and is acceptable. | | |

## 3.15 Noise and Vibration

**~~Table 3.14~~Table 3.14 Noise and Vibration**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| NV-01 | Methodology | **ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration [APP-051] and ES Addendum Chapter 14 Noise and Vibration [REP1-168]** | The methodology adopted within **ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration [APP-051] and ES Addendum Chapter 14 Noise and Vibration [REP1-168]** has been derived from the information obtained through consultation with stakeholders and by reviewing relevant guidance and studies and is considered acceptable. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| NV-02 | Baseline Conditions | **ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration [APP-051] and ES Addendum Chapter 14 Noise and Vibration [REP1-168]** | The baseline conditions which are detailed within **ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration [APP-051] and ES Addendum Chapter 14 Noise and Vibration [REP1-168].**<br>The baseline noise monitoring detailed within **ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration [APP-051] and ES Addendum Chapter 14 Noise and Vibration [REP1-168]** is representative of the sound levels in the vicinity of the Sites and experienced by nearby sensitive receptors. The selected sensitive receptors represent | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

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| | | | those locations which would potentially be worst affected by noise and vibration. | | |
| NV-03 | Mitigation | **ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration [APP-051] and ES Addendum Chapter 14 Noise and Vibration [REP1-168]** | The proposed mitigation measures set out within **ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration [APP-051] and ES Addendum Chapter 14 Noise and Vibration [REP1-168]** are acceptable. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| NV-04 | Conclusion | **ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration [APP-051] and ES Addendum Chapter 14 Noise and Vibration [REP1-168]** | The conclusion within **ES Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration [APP-051] and ES Addendum Chapter 14 Noise and Vibration [REP1-168]** has been derived from the information obtained through consultation with stakeholders and by reviewing relevant guidance and studies and is considered acceptable. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

## 3.16 Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation

**~~Table 3.15~~Table 3.15 Socio-Economics, Tourism and Recreation**

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
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| STR-01 | Methodology | **ES Chapter 17: Socio-Economics [APP-054]** | The methodology adopted within **ES Chapter 17: Socio-Economics [APP-054]** has been derived from the information obtained through consultation with stakeholders and by reviewing relevant guidance and studies and is considered acceptable. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
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| STR-02 | Baseline Conditions | **ES Chapter 17: Socio-Economics [APP-054]** | The baseline conditions which are detailed **ES Chapter 17: Socio-Economics [APP-054]** are representative of the baseline site conditions within Milton Keynes City Council. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| STR-03 | Mitigation | **ES Chapter 17: Socio-Economics [APP-054]** | The proposed mitigation measures set out within **ES Chapter 17: Socio-Economics [APP-054]** are acceptable. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| STR - 04 | Conclusion | **ES Chapter 17: Socio-Economics [APP-054]** | The conclusion within **ES Chapter 17: Socio-Economics [APP-054]** has been derived from the information obtained through consultation with stakeholders and by reviewing relevant guidance and studies and is considered acceptable. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

## 3.17 Arboriculture

**~~Table 3.16~~Table 3.16 Arboriculture**

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ARB-01 | Methodology | **ES Chapter 19: Arboriculture [APP-056]** | The methodology adopted within Section 19.4 of **ES Chapter 19 Arboriculture [APP-056]** has been derived from the information obtained through consultation and engagement with stakeholders and by reviewing relevant guidance and studies and is considered acceptable in so far as it relates to those elements of | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

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| | | | the Scheme within Milton Keynes City Council. | | |
| ARB-02 | Baseline Conditions | **ES Chapter 19: Arboriculture [APP-056]** | The methodology adopted within Section 19.6 of **ES Chapter 19 Arboriculture [APP-056]** are representative of the baseline site conditions in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Milton Keynes City Council. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| ARB-03 | Assessment Outcomes | **ES Chapter 19: Arboriculture [APP-056]** | The assessment outcomes adopted within **ES Chapter 19 Arboriculture [APP-056]** are acceptable in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Milton Keynes City Council. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| ARB-04 | Mitigation | **ES Chapter 19: Arboriculture [APP-056]** | The proposed mitigation measures set out within Section 19.8 of **ES Chapter 19 Arboriculture [APP-056]** are acceptable in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Milton Keynes City Council. | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~ The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~Agreed |
| ARB-05 | Residual Effects | **ES Chapter 19: Arboriculture [APP-056]** | The judgements on the likely residual effects and conclusions for the effects to ecology set out within Section 19.9 of **ES Chapter 19 Arboriculture [APP-056]** are considered acceptable in so far as they | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~ The Council is in | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~Agreed |

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| | | | relate to those elements of the Scheme within Milton Keynes City Council. | agreement on this matter.. | |
| ARB-06 | Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan | **Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [~~REP1-137~~EX5/GH7.4_D]** | The measures in the **OLEMP [~~REP1-137~~EX5/GH7.4_D]** are correctly identified and appropriate | ~~The Applicant awaits the Council's comments.~~ The OLEMP measures are agreed. | Matter ~~Under Discussion~~Agreed |

## 3.18 Agricultural Circumstances

**~~Table 3.17~~Table 3.17 Agricultural Circumstances**

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
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| ALC-01 | Methodology | **Chapter 20 Agriculture Land Classification [APP-057]** | The assessment methodology detailed within Section 20.4 of **ES Chapter 20 Agriculture Land Classification [APP-057]** is considered acceptable. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| ALC-02 | Baseline Conditions | **Chapter 20 Agriculture Land Classification [APP-057]** | The baseline conditions detailed within Section 20.6 of **ES Chapter 20 Agriculture Land Classification [APP-057]** and within **ES Chapter 20 - Appendix 20.1 Agricultural Land Classification Technical Report** are representative of the site conditions within Milton Keynes City Council. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

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| ALC-03 | Impacts to ALC graded land and soil quality | **Chapter 20 Agriculture Land Classification [APP-057]** | Natural England document Agricultural Land Classification: protecting the best and most versatile agricultural land (TIN049) https://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/35012 explains the Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) system and its use in informing land use planning decisions for agricultural land. The Applicant has submitted an ALC assessment for agricultural land within the Sites and Cable Route Corridor showing it is predominantly ALC Grade 3a, which is classed as best and most versatile agricultural land. The land within 15km of Grendon Substation is predominantly Grade 3 and it was not feasible to avoid land that was potentially BMV when undergoing the site selection.<br><br>The Scheme will not result in the loss of best and most versatile (BMV) agricultural land because:<br><br>• The Scheme will be decommissioned at the end of its operational life and restored to previous conditions.<br><br>• Land will retain its existing Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) grade baseline after decommissioning of the Scheme as set out at Section 20.6 of **ES Chapter 20 Agriculture Land Classification [APP-057].**<br><br>• The residual effect on soil function would be the same as in the operational phase, the Scheme would have Moderate to Major beneficial effect on soil functions (especially on soil carbon), which is Significant.<br><br>A Soil Management Plan (SMP) will be included within the agreed Construction, Operational and Decommissioning Environmental Management Plans (CEMP, OEMP, DEMP) with the aim of conserving the soil resource and its functional capacity for support | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

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| | | | of agricultural production as set out at paragraph 20.8.18 of **ES Chapter 20 Agriculture Land Classification [APP-057]** which is considered acceptable**.** | | |
| ALC-04 | Mitigation | **Chapter 20 Agriculture Land Classification [APP-057]** | The proposed mitigation measures set out within Section 20.9 of **ES Chapter 20 Agriculture Land Classification [APP-057]** are acceptable in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Milton Keynes City Council. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| ALC-05 | Residual Effects | **Chapter 20 Agriculture Land Classification [APP-057]** | The judgements on the likely residual effects and conclusions for the effects to agricultural land set out within Section 20.10 of **ES Chapter 20 Agriculture Land Classification [APP-057]** are considered acceptable in so far as they relate to those elements of the Scheme within Milton Keynes City Council. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

## 3.19 Other Environmental Matters

**~~Table 3.18~~Table 3.18 Other Environmental Matters**

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
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| OEM-01 | Light Pollution | **Chapter 24 Other Environmental Matters [REP1-027]** | The information provided within paragraphs 24.3.1 to 24.3.4 of **ES Chapter 24 Other Environmental Matters [REP1-027]** is sufficient and the good practice measures which will be employed during the construction, operation and maintenance and decommissioning are set out in **Outline** | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

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| | | | **Construction Environmental Management Plan [~~REP1-131~~EX5/GH7.1_B]** and **Outline Decommissioning Statement [~~REP1-137~~EX5/GH7.4_D] and** are acceptable. | | |
| OEM-02 | Waste Production | **Chapter 24 Other Environmental Matters [REP1-027]** | The information provided Section 24.4 of **ES Chapter 24 Other Environmental Matters [REP1-027]** is sufficient.<br><br>The applicable waste policy is set out within paragraphs Section 24.4 of **ES Chapter 24 Other Environmental Matters [REP1-027]** is the relevant and applicable planning policy.<br><br>The scope of the assessment undertaken within **ES Chapter 24 Other Environmental Matters [REP1-027]** including the identification of likely significant effects has been carried out in a robust and proportionate manner and is considered acceptable.<br><br>The proposed embedded and additional mitigation measures as set out within Section 24.4 of **ES Chapter 24 Other Environmental Matters [REP1-027]** are considered proportionate and acceptable. | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| OEM-03 | Waste Management | **Chapter 24 Other Environmental Matters [REP1-027]** | The preparation of a Site Waste Management Plan which will describe how materials will be managed and stored efficiently and disposed of legally during the construction phase. This is secured through the **Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [~~REP1-131~~EX5/GH7.1_B].** | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

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| | | | A Waste Management Strategy will be developed and agreed with the authority prior to commencement of the operation (including maintenance) as part of the detailed **OEMP [~~EX4~~EX5/GH7.2_~~B].~~ C].**<br><br>The decommissioning of the Scheme will adhere to the measures and procedures outlined in the **ODS [~~REP1-137~~EX5/GH7.3_B],** secured through the Development Consent Order (DCO) and this is considered proportionate and acceptable. A Decommissioning Resource Management Plan (DRMP) will be developed by the appointed contractor and will set out how to manage the disposal of waste in accordance with relevant legislative and policy requirements at the time of decommissioning. | | |
| OEM-04 | Telecommunication, Utilities and Television | **Chapter 24 Other Environmental Matters [REP1-027]** | The information set out within Section 24.5 of ES **Chapter 24 Other Environmental Matters [REP1-027]** is sufficient, and the protective mitigation measures set out in the **Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [~~REP1-131~~EX5/GH7.1_B]** and **Crossing Schedule [APP-562]** are appropriate and therefore acceptable.<br><br>Protective provisions for the protection of electricity, gas, water and sewerage undertakers and operators of electronic communications code networks are included in Parts 1 and 2 of Schedule 16 to the | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

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| | | | **Draft Development Consent Order [~~REP3-024~~EX5/GH3.1_D]** and, where relevant, bespoke protective provisions are being negotiated or have been agreed to protect the assets of statutory undertakers that interface with the Scheme. | | |

## 3.20 Assessment of Cumulative Effects

**~~Table 3.19~~Table 3.19 Assessment of Cumulative Effects**

| | Matter | Details of Matters for Discussion | Applicant Position | Consultee Position | Status |
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| CE-01 | Examination of Cumulative Effects | **ES Chapter 25: Cumulative Effects and Effect Interactions [APP-062]** | The Applicant discussed the cumulative developments with Milton Keynes City Council through the scoping opinion, the statutory consultation and as part of the regular catch-up meetings and these are agreed as set out in **ES Chapter 25: Cumulative Effects and Effect Interactions [APP-062].** | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |
| CE-02 | Cumulative Effects | **ES Chapter 25: Cumulative Effects and Effect Interactions [APP-062]** | An assessment of the cumulative effects of the Scheme along with these other developments is presented in each technical chapter [**APP-44 to APP-062**]. ES Chapter 25: Cumulative Effects and Interactions, provides a summary of the cumulative effects for the Scheme. It is considered that there will not be any new likely significant effects associated with cumulative effects that are not already accounted for by the assessment of the Scheme | The Council is in agreement on this matter. | Matter Agreed |

# 4 Signatories

## 4.1 Overview

4.1.1 The above SoCG is agreed between Green Hill Solar Farm Limited (the Applicant) and Milton Keynes City Council, as specified below.

4.1.2 Duly authorised for and on behalf of **Green Hill Solar Farm Limited**

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| Name: | |
| Job Title: | |
| Date: | |
| Signature: | |

4.1.3 Duly authorised for and on behalf of **Milton Keynes City Council**

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| Name: | |
| Job Title: | |
| Date: | |
| Signature: | |