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0 Executive summary

0.1 Glossary

Term of Abbreviation	Definition
APFP Regulations	The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009
Applicant	Light Valley Solar Limited
BESS	Battery Energy Storage System
CAPs	Community Access Points (identified public venues that agreed to host consultation materials)
CCZ	Core Consultation Zone including over 12,500 addresses in the local area
CSR	Project Update Newsletter and Phase One Consultation Summary Report
DCO	Development Consent Order
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EIA Regulations	The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017
ES	Environmental Statement
Guidance	Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (published 30 April 2024)
LPA	Local Planning Authority
NSIP	Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
PEIR	Preliminary Environmental Information Report
Phase One consultation	The first phase of community consultation that ran from 24 October to 5 December 2024
Phase Two consultation	The second phase of consultation that ran from 26 June to 7 August 2025

Term of Abbreviation	Definition
Proposed Development	The Application to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission Light Valley Solar.
PRoW	Public Rights of Way
Proposed Development communication channels	<p>The Applicant’s range of free-to-use contact channels, which remained open throughout the consultation period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freephone number (0808 281 4784) • Freepost address (FREEPOST LIGHT VALLEY SOLAR) • Email address (info@lightvalleysolar.co.uk)
SoCC	Statement of Community Consultation
2008 Act	Planning Act 2008
Targeted Consultation	The consultation on 40 minor changes that ran from 16 October to 20 November 2025

0.2 Background

- 0.2.1 Light Valley Solar (the Proposed Development) is a proposed solar farm with energy storage which will generate and store renewable electricity for export to the National Grid.
- 0.2.2 The Proposed Development (the ‘Site’) refers to the solar arrays and associated infrastructure and energy storage; and the Cable Route Corridors. The Sites are located between Escrick, Monk Fryston, Hambleton, Chapel Haddlesey and South Milford (See Site Location Plan **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.01.01]**).
- 0.2.3 The Proposed Development is described in full in ES Chapter 2: The Proposed Development (ES Volume 1) **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.02]**.
- 0.2.4 As the Proposed Development will have a generating capacity that exceeds 100 megawatts (MW), the Proposed Development is defined under the 2008 Planning Act as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) and will therefore require a Development Consent Order (DCO) from the Secretary of State. This report has been prepared by the Applicant to support the DCO Application and should be read alongside all other documents submitted by the Applicant.
- 0.2.5 The Proposed Development will have a connection to the National Grid. The Point of Connection (PoC) will be located at the existing Monk Fryston National Grid Substation (Monk Fryston Substation).
- 0.2.6 The Proposed Development is being developed by Light Valley Solar Limited (the Applicant). The Applicant is part of Island Green Power Limited (IGP), who is a leading international developer of renewable energy projects, established in 2013.
- 0.2.7 The Applicant has endeavoured to undertake an open and meaningful pre-application consultation process with a wide range of consultees. This Consultation Report seeks to evidence the consultation and engagement that has taken place throughout the pre-application period and demonstrate how this has complied with the requirements under the Planning Act 2008 and influenced the final design of the Proposed Development.

0.3 Pre-application consultation overview

- 0.3.1 This Consultation Report accompanies the DCO Application by the Applicant to the Secretary of State under Section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (the “2008 Act”). The DCO would grant powers to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission the Proposed Development.
- 0.3.2 The Consultation Report has been prepared in accordance with Section 37(7)(c) of the 2008 Act. This report demonstrates how the Applicant has complied with Sections 42, 44, 47, 48, and 49 of the 2008 Act and associated legislation and guidance. This report also sets out the extensive non-statutory community involvement and consultation undertaken for the Proposed Development.

- 0.3.3 In accordance with Sections 42, 47, and 48 of the 2008 Act, the Applicant undertook the pre-application consultation on the Proposed Development ahead of submission of the Application to the Secretary of State with the following consultees:
- Prescribed bodies (in accordance with Section 42(1)(a));
 - Those with an interest in the land (in accordance with Section 42(1)(d) and as set out in Section 44);
 - Community and other organisations in the “vicinity” of the Proposed Development who may be affected both directly and indirectly by the Proposed Development (in accordance with Section 47); and
 - Wider communities and organisations (local, national and regional) in order to seek their comments on the proposals (in accordance with Section 48).
- 0.3.4 The Applicant also consulted with local authorities in accordance with Section 42(1)(b) and as set out in Section 43(1) of the 2008 Act. In addition to formally consulting with relevant local authorities under Section 42 of the 2008 Act, the Applicant’s community consultation comprised of:
- A non-statutory Phase One consultation on early-stage proposals, held for six weeks between 24 October and 5 December 2024;
 - Publication of the Applicant’s Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) on 12 June 2025;
 - A statutory consultation (being Phase Two consultation) on more detailed proposals in accordance with Section 47 of the 2008 Act, including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), held for six weeks between 26 June 2025 and 7 August 2025; and
 - A Targeted Consultation on localised changes informed by further design work, findings from ongoing environmental, traffic, and access assessments and consideration of feedback submitted to our Phase Two statutory consultation.
- 0.3.5 During the non-statutory Phase One consultation, the Applicant received 123 feedback submissions from the community. These were received through feedback forms returned by Freepost, feedback forms submitted at information events, responses to an online version of the feedback form, and comments submitted through an interactive map linked to the project website.
- 0.3.6 The Applicant welcomed 256 attendees across five in-person information events and 18 attendees to an online information webinar.
- 0.3.7 During the six-week statutory Phase Two consultation, the Applicant received 330 feedback submissions from the community. These were received through feedback forms returned by Freepost, feedback forms submitted at information events, responses to an online version of the feedback form, comments submitted through an interactive map linked to the project website, and comments provided by email.

- 0.3.8 The Applicant welcomed 528 attendees across six in-person information events and 48 attendees in an online information webinar.
- 0.3.9 During the Targeted Consultation, the Applicant received 143 submissions from the community. These were received by email, online form, and by postal letter.
- 0.3.10 The Applicant published a Consultation Summary Report following the Phase One community consultation, to share key themes and report back to consultees on how their feedback was being considered in the Phase One Project Update Newsletter.
- 0.3.11 Prior to undertaking their Phase Two consultation, and under Section 47 of the 2008 Act, the Applicant developed a draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) and consulted on the contents of it with North Yorkshire Council in April 2025.
- 0.3.12 In response to the comments received by North Yorkshire Council, the Applicant made changes to the SoCC as set out in Table 6.1.
- 0.3.13 The final SoCC was published on 12 June 2025 as set out in Chapter 6 of this Consultation Report.
- 0.3.14 Under Section 42 of the 2008 Act, the Applicant consulted on the Proposed Development with the statutory bodies listed in Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (as amended) (“APFP Regulations”) and listed by the Planning Inspectorate under Regulations 11(1)(a) and 11(1)(c) of the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (“the EIA Regulations”) in the Scoping Opinion issued on 19 December 2024.
- 0.3.15 56 responses were received to the Section 42 consultation, all of which were considered by the Applicant.
- 0.3.16 This feedback is presented in Chapter 13 and Appendix 12: Section 42 Applicant Response Table **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.12]**.
- 0.3.17 As required under Section 48 of the 2008 Act, the Proposed Development was publicised in local and national newspapers as detailed in Chapter 10 of this Consultation Report.
- 0.3.18 No responses received by the Applicant indicated that they were submitted specifically in relation to the Section 48 notice. Any feedback to the Section 48 notice will have therefore been considered as feedback to consultation under Section 42 or Section 47, and consequently reported in Chapter 12 or Chapter 13 of this report and answered in detail in Appendix 12: Section 42 Applicant Response Table **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.12]**, and Appendix 13: Section 47 Applicant Response Table **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.12]** respectively.

0.4 Summary of Applicant’s regard to consultation responses

0.4.1 The responses received during the pre-application consultation process raised a number of issues in relation to the Proposed Development. Key issues raised throughout the consultation which have influenced the design and resulted in a change are described in Table 0.2.

Table 0.2: Overview of Applicant Response to feedback received

Key Issue	Summary of change to the Proposed Development
Site selection and removal of panels	<p>As outlined in ES Volume 1, Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Evolution [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.03], Solar Development Site 5 was removed from the Proposed Development due to the likely flood depths experienced on this Site.</p> <p>ES Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Evolution [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.03] further sets out the design iterations for the Solar Development Sites between the PEIR and the DCO Application submission.</p>
Landscape and visual	<p>The visual impact of the Proposed Development is fully assessed in the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA), set out in ES Chapter 10: Landscape and visual [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10].</p> <p>The LVIA has assessed all relevant landscape and visual receptors and identified where significant effects occur. The Proposed Development has been notably reduced in line with the mitigation hierarchy to avoid, reduce, and mitigate adverse impacts.</p>
Ecology and Biodiversity	<p>The management of retained and newly created habitats is set out in the outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (oLEMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05], which includes a comprehensive ecological monitoring programme to ensure habitats establish as intended, with remedial actions if needed. Implementation is secured by requirement.</p> <p>ES Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06] sets out the strategies/commitments secured to address comments and concerns raised regarding the impact to each individual receptor.</p>

Key Issue	Summary of change to the Proposed Development
	<p>A Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Assessment and completed DEFRA Metric [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.09] have been submitted with the DCO Application to provide a standardised, quantifiable approach to demonstrate the Proposed Development will deliver a net gain for biodiversity.</p>
Flood Risk and Hydrology	<p>The Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage Strategy [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.01], as set out in ES Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.15], have been developed in line with national policy, best practice, and in consultation with the Environment Agency and Lead Local Flood Authority to ensure robust and proportionate mitigation.</p> <p>As a result, no increase in flood risk is expected on or off site including for nearby communities. Embedded mitigation and design measures will be secured through the outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12].</p>
Public Amenity	<p>The Applicant has considered the feedback received in relation to this topic, including concerns about existing Public Rights of Way (PRoW), such as bridleways and cycle tracks, and the ongoing protection of their amenity as amenities.</p> <p>We anticipate that all existing PRoW will remain open during the construction phase, wherever practicable, supported by appropriate management measures to ensure user safety. These measures are set out within the outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan (oPRWMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.09], which secures embedded mitigation intended to maintain the amenity of PRoW. This includes the provision of suitable buffers and landscaping, as illustrated on the Outline Environmental Masterplan (OEM) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.03.01].</p> <p>The oPRWMP [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.09] also outlines measures to minimise disruption during construction and to manage any temporary diversions, ensuring pedestrian access is retained wherever possible and that safe, clearly signposted alternative routes are provided where required.</p>

Key Issue	Summary of change to the Proposed Development
Ornithology	<p>The Applicant has considered the feedback received on ornithology and confirms a commitment to protecting birds and delivering habitat mitigation and enhancement. Solar Development Site 1 will include a dedicated bird mitigation area. Potential effects on birds, including those associated with the Lower Derwent Valley SSSI/SPA / Ramsar site, are assessed in ES Chapter 12: Ornithology [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.12], which concludes that significant adverse effects are unlikely, a conclusion agreed with Natural England.</p> <p>The assessment is informed by appropriately timed surveys, reported in the Breeding Bird Survey Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.12.01], the Non-breeding Bird Survey Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.12.02], and the Breeding Bird Survey Report for Sites 6–8 [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.12.03]. Mitigation measures for birds and other ecological receptors are set out in ES Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06] and ES Chapter 12: Ornithology [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.12] and would be secured through the outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (oLEMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05].</p>

1 Introduction

1.1 Background

- 1.1.1 Light Valley Solar Limited ('the Applicant') is proposing to build a new solar and battery energy storage project known as Light Valley Solar ('the Proposed Development'), located on land between Escrick, Monk Fryston, Hambleton, Chapel Haddlesey and South Milford.
- 1.1.2 The Applicant has undertaken an open and meaningful pre-application consultation process with a wide range of consultees. This Consultation Report seeks to evidence the consultation and engagement that has taken place throughout the pre-application period and demonstrate how this has complied with the requirements under the Planning Act 2008 ('the 2008 Act') and influenced the final design of the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.3 The Proposed Development would comprise the installation of ground-mounted solar photovoltaic ('PV') panels, and a battery energy storage system ('BESS') with below ground cable connections between the panel areas and into the existing Monk Fryston substation.
- 1.1.4 The Applicant engaged with local authorities North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council for the Proposed Development on the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC), as at the time it was considered that works were potentially likely to take place in the area of both authorities. However, following refinements to the project boundary which removed the potential for works to take place within the area of City of York Council, only North Yorkshire Council was referred to as a host authority in relation to the Targeted Consultation, and were the only authority to comment on the 'Approach to Targeted Consultation' document, described in Chapter 11 of this document.
- 1.1.5 The location of the Proposed Development is shown on Environment Statement Volume 2 Figure 1-1 Site Location **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.01.01]**.
- 1.1.6 A more detailed description of the Proposed Development is provided within ES Volume 1 Chapter 2: The Proposed Development **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.03]**.

1.2 The Applicant's approach to consultation

- 1.2.1 The Applicant recognises that consultation is a vital tool in the development of project design. The Applicant is committed to continuing to provide opportunities for interested parties to learn about the Proposed Development and share their views. The Applicant intends to work collaboratively with local people and organisations to deliver the Proposed Development sensitively and in cohesion with the local environment. Further details of engagement committed to are set out in the outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]**.
- 1.2.2 Throughout the pre-application process, the Applicant has welcomed feedback on the Proposed Development from a range of stakeholders, including communities,

landowners and occupiers. The outcome of this consultation and engagement is presented in this Consultation Report. The consideration of all feedback received is explained in Chapters 12 and 13 of this report and evidenced in full in Appendix 11: Section 47 Applicant Response Table [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.11], and Appendix 12: Section 42 Applicant Response Table [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.12].

1.3 The purpose and structure of this consultation report

- 1.3.1 This Consultation Report accompanies the Development Consent Order (DCO) Application by the Applicant to the Secretary of State under Section 37 of the 2008 Act. The DCO would grant powers to construct, operate and maintain, and decommission the Proposed Development.
- 1.3.2 This report has been prepared in accordance with Section 37(3)(c) and 37(7) of the 2008 Act and details the consultation undertaken under Sections 42, 47, 48 and 49 of the 2008 Act, and associated legislation and guidance, including the Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (published 30 April 2024). This includes how consultation responses have informed the Proposed Development and how the Applicant has taken relevant responses into account.
- 1.3.3 Table 1.1 presents the structure of this Consultation Report. The document has been structured through consideration of the chronological order of consultation activities and the relevant sections of the 2008 Act.
- 1.3.4 The Applicant has also had regard to Section 51 pre-application advice received from the Planning Inspectorate throughout the pre-application phase for the Proposed Development, which is further summarised in the Statement of Compliance (Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.01]). To summarise, advice that the Applicant has taken on board is as follows:
- The Applicant reviewed key policy constraints and considerations when determining the design of the Proposed Development, including the battery storage location, included within the ES Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Iteration [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.03] and the Site Selection Assessment Report (SSAR) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.03]. The Applicant also made sure that these considerations formed parts of the Programme Document and Issues Tracker.
 - The Applicant also addressed the topic of agricultural land in the ES Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Iteration [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.03] and the Site Selection Assessment Report (SSAR) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.03]. Specifically, the use of any agricultural land is set out in ES Chapter 5: Agricultural Land and Soils [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05] and the process of identification is established in detail in ES Appendix 5.1: Agricultural Land Classification [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.05.01].

1.3.5 The Applicant has also ensured that relevant documents have been sent to the Planning Inspectorate, which are further set out in the Section 51 Advice log, available on the Planning Inspectorate’s project-specific website.

Table 1.1: Structure and explanation of Consultation Report Sections

Report Section	Overview
0. Executive Summary	Introduces the Consultation Report and sets out how feedback has been considered.
1. Introduction	Introduces the Applicant and Proposed Development, provides an overview of the pre-application consultation undertaken, and sets out the structure and information presented in the Consultation Report.
2. Legislation, Guidance and Advice	Sets out the requirements of the 2008 Act and accompanying guidance, which the Applicant’s consultation has complied with.
3. The Introduction of the Development to consultees (September - October 2024)	A summary of how the Applicant introduced the Proposed Development to consultees ahead of commencing non-statutory consultation.
4. Phase One Non-Statutory Community Consultation (October – December 2024)	Sets out and describes how the Applicant consulted with the community as part of the non-statutory consultation.
5. Consultation Under EIA Regulations	Describes how the Applicant has consulted according to the EIA Regulations.
6. Preparation for Statutory Consultation	Sets out how the Applicant prepared for consultation pursuant to Section 47 including the development and publication of the SoCC.
7. Pre-Statutory Consultation Design Workshops	Sets out and describes how the Applicant engaged with local stakeholders on the design, asking for feedback on the upcoming Phase Two consultation, including the proposals and consultation materials.
8. Statutory Consultation – Compliance with Section 47 of the 2008 Act	Sets out and describes how the Applicant consulted with the community in accordance with Section 47 of the 2008 Act and the

Report Section	Overview
(Consultation held between 26 June and 7 August 2025)	SoCC in undertaking Statutory Consultation (being Phase Two consultation).
9. Statutory Consultation – Compliance with Sections 42 and 46 of the 2008 Act (Consultation held between 26 June and 7 August 2025)	Sets out and describes how the Applicant consulted with prescribed consultees and those with an interest in the land in accordance with Section 42 and Section 44 of the 2008 Act and notified PINS to comply with Section 46 of the 2008 Act.
10. Notification and Publication Under Section 48 of the 2008 Act.	Describes the development and publication of the Section 48 notice, including compliance with Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations.
11. Targeted Consultation (Consultation held between 16 October and 20 November 2025)	Describes consultation undertaken on specific proposed changes to the Proposed Development boundary.
12. Section 47 Responses Received, Issues Raised, and Changes Made	A summary of the responses received during Phase One and Phase Two consultation, presented by theme or EIA topic. The Applicant details how it has had regard to those responses in accordance with Section 49 of the 2008 Act.
13. Section 42 Responses Received, Issues Raised and Changes Made	A summary of the responses received from Section 42 consultees, presented by theme or EIA topic. The Applicant details how it has had regard to those relevant responses in accordance with Section 49 of the 2008 Act.
14. Conclusion	The Applicant's concluding remarks on the pre-application consultation undertaken.

1.4 Pre-application consultation overview

1.4.1 In accordance with Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act, the Applicant undertook pre-application consultation on the Proposed Development prior to submitting the DCO application to the Secretary of State. The following consultees were consulted:

- Prescribed bodies (in accordance with Section 42(1)(a) of the 2008 Act).
- Local Authorities (in accordance with Section 42(1)(b) of the 2008 Act and as set out in Section 43(1) of the 2008 Act).
- Those with an interest in the land (in accordance with Section 42(1)(d) of the 2008 Act and as set out in Section 44 of the 2008 Act).
- People living in the vicinity of the Proposed Development who may be affected both directly and indirectly (in accordance with Section 47 of the 2008 Act); and
- Wider communities and organisations (local, national and regional) in order to seek their comments on the Proposed Development (in accordance with Section 48 of the 2008 Act and as set out in Regulation 4 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009 (“APFP Regulations”).

1.4.2 The Applicant has undertaken a series of defined phases of consultation during the pre-application period. This has comprised:

- A Phase One consultation on early-stage proposals, held for six weeks between 24 October 2024 and 5 December 2024.
- A Phase Two consultation on more detailed proposals, including the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), held for six weeks between 26 June 2025 and 7 August 2025. This phase of consultation was held in accordance with the SoCC developed pursuant to Section 47 of the 2008 Act and in accordance with Sections 42 and 48 of the 2008 Act and the APFP Regulations and the EIA Regulations; and
- An additional phase of targeted consultation, focusing on 40 minor changes across the Proposed Development boundary, held for five weeks between 16 October and 20 November 2025. Details of the targeted consultation are set out in Chapter 11 of this document.
- Ongoing focused consultation with affected landowners as a result of diligent inquiry. Details of those consulted following and outside of defined consultation periods are detailed in the Section 44 Consultee List in Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07]**.

1.4.3 The Applicant has also engaged with Local Planning Authorities, local councillors, political stakeholders, and local interest groups throughout the pre/application phase. Details of these meetings are set out in Table 3.1 of this document and chapters of the ES **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02]** where relevant. This engagement included the

Applicant undertaking Design Workshops prior to the Phase Two consultation. Details of the Design Workshops are set out in Chapter 7 of this report.

- 1.4.4 Responses from Section 47 and Section 42 consultees, including how the Applicant has considered these comments, are described in Chapters 12 and 13 of this report, and provided in greater detail in Appendix 11: Section 47 Applicant Response **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.11]** and Appendix 12: Section 42 Applicant Response **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.12]**. It is worth noting that, where pertinent and relevant to specific environmental topics, key comments and responses to these – including how they informed the Environmental Impact Assessment – have also been addressed in specific chapters of the ES **[EN011012/LVS/APP/06]**.
- 1.4.5 Prior to submitting its Application for a DCO, the Applicant prepared a written statement in response to the Government guidance ‘Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects’ (April 2024) regarding an early Adequacy of Consultation Milestone (‘AoCM’). A copy of the Proposed Development’s Adequacy of Consultation Milestone Document is provided in Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance **[EN0110012/LVS/APP/05.01.01]**.
- 1.4.6 The Applicant discussed the preparation of the Adequacy of Consultation Milestone with North Yorkshire Council as the host local authority for the Proposed Development, and 19 neighbouring authorities, prior to its submission to the Planning Inspectorate on 13 November 2025.
- 1.4.7 Table 1.2 summarises, in chronological order, the pre-application stages and consultation activities that have taken place up to the point of the Application submission.

Table 1.2: Pre-application stages of consultation undertaken

Date	Activity Undertaken
October 2024	<p>Introduction of the Proposed Development and ongoing engagement and consultation with local authorities, and political stakeholders</p> <p>Prior to the start of non-statutory consultation in late October 2024, the Applicant commenced early engagement with key local and political stakeholders including local authorities, council leadership and MPs through offering a briefing to these stakeholders. This engagement was organised to introduce the Proposed Development, and engagement with these bodies has been ongoing throughout the pre-application period.</p> <p>The Applicant also commenced engagement with locally elected members and representatives including ward and parish councillors and Members of Parliament (MPs) through briefing meetings. For example, the Applicant introduced the proposals to parish councils and elected ward members by issuing digital communications to them on 10 October 2024 describing the Proposed Development and providing advance notice of the upcoming consultation. This also included holding the following meetings prior to Phase One consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 October 2024: Keir Mather MP’s office • 9 October 2024: a webinar with councillors from North Yorkshire Council and local parish councils. • 22 October 2024: Cllr Mark Crane (North Yorkshire Council Executive Member for Economic Development)
24 October – 5 December 2024	<p>Phase One community consultation (non-statutory)</p> <p>The Applicant held its Phase One non-statutory consultation for six weeks from 24 October to 5 December 2024.</p> <p>The aim of this initial consultation was to introduce the Proposed Development, present early-stage proposals, and give individuals and interested parties the opportunity to share their views.</p> <p>During this non-statutory consultation period, the Applicant held five in-person information events and an online webinar, as follows:</p>

Date	Activity Undertaken
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 November 2024 – 3pm to 7pm – Riccall Village Institute, 12 Station Road, Riccall, YO19 6QJ • 9 November 2024 – 11am to 3pm – Hambleton Village Hall, Station Road, Hambleton, Selby, YO8 9HS • 12 November 2024 – 3pm to 7pm – Eggborough Village Hall, 57 Selby Road, Eggborough, DN14 0LJ • 16 November 2024 – 11am to 3pm – Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Centre, Old Vicarage Lane, Monk Fryston, LS25 5EA • 18 November 2024 – 11:30am to 3:30pm – Escrick Village Hall, Main Street, Escrick, York, YO19 6LQ • 20 November 2024 – 6pm to 7:30pm – Online Webinar (Zoom) <p>The Applicant publicised the events and consultation information by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributing a community consultation postcard to over 12,500 local homes and businesses; • Advertising the events across local media; • Distributing posters to invite identified local information points for them to display; • Providing details of the events on the Proposed Development website; • Wider publicity via a press release, which was sent to 15 local publications; and • Contacting identified stakeholders and individuals who had registered to be kept informed.
8 November 2024	<p>Scoping Report Submitted</p> <p>The Applicant submitted a Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State on 8 November 2024. Through this report, the Applicant notified the Planning Inspectorate that it intended to provide an Environmental Statement (ES) in respect of the Proposed Development pursuant to Regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations.</p>
19 December 2024	<p>Scoping Opinion and Receipt of Schedule 1</p> <p>A Scoping Opinion was adopted by the Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of the Secretary of State) on 19</p>

Date	Activity Undertaken
	December 2024 and included the list of consultation bodies notified by the Planning Inspectorate under Regulation 11(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations.
3 April – 13 May 2025	<p>Consultation on draft Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) with local authorities under Section 47 of the 2008 Act</p> <p>A draft version of the SoCC was circulated with North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council for comment. Comments were received on 13 May 2025 from North Yorkshire Council. The Applicant had regard to these comments in preparing the final version of the SoCC, as set out in Table 4.1 of this document.</p>
22 April 2025	<p>Phase One Consultation Summary Report</p> <p>The Applicant published a Phase One Consultation Summary Report to summarise the feedback received during the phase one consultation and how this feedback was being considered to inform the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The Phase One Consultation Summary Report was:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared by email with stakeholders and individuals who had registered to be kept informed; and • Uploaded to the Proposed Development’s website.
12 June 2025	<p>Publication of SoCC in accordance with Section 47 of the 2008 Act</p> <p>The final SoCC was publicised in accordance with Section 47 of the 2008 Act on 12 June 2025.</p>
24 June 2025	<p>Notification to the Planning Inspectorate under Section 46 of the 2008 Act</p> <p>The Applicant notified the Secretary of State, via the Planning Inspectorate, in writing under Section 46 of the 2008 Act on 24 June 2025 that is was intending to commence consultation under Section 42 of the 2008 Act on the PEIR commencing on 26 June 2025 and closing on 7 August 2025.</p> <p>The Applicant included the following consultation documents with this notification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A covering letter;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Example copies of the Section 42 covering letters (one letter type being for prescribed consultees and the other one to landowners); • A site plan showing the location of the Proposed Development; and • A copy of the notice publicising the Application under Section 48 of the 2008 Act (including details of the public consultation events and the locations where the consultation documents could be inspected free of charge).
26 June 2025 – 7 August 2025	<p>Phase Two Consultation (statutory) – section 42 consultees.</p> <p>Section 42 consultees were formally notified of the commencement of statutory consultation on or before 27 June 2025 by written letter and/or email, depending on the availability of contact details to the Applicant. The deadline for responding to the Section 42 consultation was 7 August 2025 (therefore exceeding the 28-day requirement).</p> <p>The consultation documents provided to Section 42 consultees comprised of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A covering letter, including a link to the consultation materials (including the PEIR and the PEIR NTS) • A site plan showing the location of the Proposed Development; and • A copy of the notice publicising the Application under Section 48 of the 2008 (including details of the public consultation events and the locations where the consultation documents could be inspected free of charge).
26 June 2025 – 7 August 2025	<p>Phase Two consultation (statutory) – section 47 consultation and section 48 notification</p> <p>The Applicant held its six-week community consultation on in accordance with the SoCC.</p> <p>During this consultation the Applicant held six in-person information events and one online webinar.</p> <p>The Applicant publicised the events and consultation information (including how documents could be accessed) by:</p>

Date	Activity Undertaken
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributing a community consultation leaflet to over 14,000 local homes and business; • Publishing Section 48 notices in relevant newspapers; • Erecting Section 48 notices around the site of the Proposed Development; • Distributing a press release containing details of the consultation to 33 regional and national media publications; • Distributing posters to identified local information points for them to display; • Distributing hard copies of consultation documents three Community Access Points (CAP) sites; • Providing details of the events on the Proposed Development website; and • Contacting identified stakeholders and individuals who had registered to be kept informed. <p>The Applicant invited feedback from the community via a paper feedback form, an online feedback form, and feedback to the Proposed Development’s communication channels over the six-week response period.</p> <p>The PEIR and PEIR Non-technical Summary (NTS) were made available to the community as part of the consultation through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Proposed Development’s website; • In hard copy form at the community information events; and • In hard copy on request. <p>Details of how to access the PEIR and PEIR NTS were provided via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Proposed Development’s website; • The community consultation leaflet; and • The Section 48 Notice.
16 October 2025 - 20 November 2025	<p>Targeted Consultation on a Series of Proposed Boundary Changes</p> <p>The Applicant undertook further Targeted Consultation on specific changes to the site of the Proposed Development (Order Limits) following the Phase Two consultation.</p>

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	<p>The Core Consultation Zone, as set out within the Statement of Community Consultation, was consulted during this consultation as the specific changes were located across the site of the Proposed Development, with 269 additional properties close to the changes but outside of the original CCZ also consulted. The Core Consultation Zone was amended to account for any additions, which is further set out in Chapter 11 of this Report.</p> <p>The Applicant also notified all relevant Section 42 and Section 44 consultees of the upcoming targeted consultation.</p> <p>The Applicant publicised the consultation information (which was on the Project website, including a feedback form) and response deadline by publishing an advert in two local newspapers and updating the project website.</p> <p>The Applicant also distributed a press release containing details of the consultation to 33 regional and national media publications.</p>
13 November 2025	<p>Early Adequacy of Consultation Milestone</p> <p>The Applicant submitted a written statement on the pre-application and consultation undertaken to the Planning Inspectorate, consistent with government Guidance. This was to give early consideration of the adequacy of consultation undertaken by the Applicant, prior to the acceptance of a DCO Application.</p> <p>In preparing this written statement, the Application discussed the adequacy of pre-application consultation undertaken with host local authority of North Yorkshire Council and neighbouring authorities.</p> <p>The finalised version of the document was provided to the Planning Inspectorate on 13 November 2025.</p>
November 2025 – January 2026	<p>Ongoing focused consultation and engagement</p> <p>As a result of ongoing diligent inquiry, the Applicant has continued to consult with affected landowners and land interests who have been identified as having an interest in the land. The details and dates consulted with these interests are set out in the Section 44 Consultee List in</p>

Date	Activity Undertaken
	Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07].

2 Legislation, guidance and advice

2.1 Consultation Report

2.1.1 This Consultation Report is submitted with the Application in accordance with Section 37(3)(c) of the 2008 Act.

2.1.2 Relevant responses are defined in Section 49(3) of the 2008 Act as responses received to the consultation under Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the 2008 Act by the deadline published. The Applicant has also taken account of late responses received after stated deadlines.

2.1.3 Pre-application consultation under Section 42 of the 2008 Act has taken place with:

- Prescribed bodies (statutory consultees), being those listed in Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations and those specified by the Planning Inspectorate in the list of consultation bodies notified by the Planning Inspectorate under Regulation 11 of the EIA Regulations;
- Non-statutory bodies treated as prescribed by the Applicant, including local representative groups, initiatives and member organisations;
- Local authorities, in accordance with Section 42(1)(b) and Section 43(1); and
- Persons with an interest in land or persons who would or might be eligible to make a relevant claim, in accordance with Section 42(1)(d) and Section 44.

2.1.4 Pre-application consultation under Section 47 of the 2008 Act has taken place with:

- The local community i.e. those living within the vicinity of the Proposed Development. Any interested members of the community were welcome to take part in consultation activities. To proactively promote consultation opportunities, the Applicant defined a Core Consultation Zone (as described in Section 6 of this report and shown in Figure 6.1);
- Local elected representatives including parish councils and members of North Yorkshire Council, City of York Council; and
- MPs for Selby, York Outer, and Wetherby and Easingwold.

2.1.5 Pre-application consultation has also taken place in accordance with Section 48 of the 2008 Act through publicity of the Proposed Development, as described in Chapter 10 of this report.

2.2 Relevant legislation and guidance

2.2.1 The Applicant has considered and complied with the following legislation, guidance and advice when undertaking the pre-application consultation and when compiling the Consultation Report:

- Planning Act 2008;
- The Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2009;
- The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations) Regulations 2017;
- Planning Act 2008: Pre-application stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects ('the Guidance') (Government Guidance published 30 April 2024); and

2.2.2 Beyond the legislation and guidance referenced above, the Applicant has also followed additional government-issued advice. Evidence of this compliance is presented in Table 1.4: Compliance Checklist for the Planning Act 2008: Pre-Application Stage for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (April 2024). The advice outlined below includes and Table 1.1: Compliance Checklist for the Planning Act 2008:

- Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: 2024 Pre-application Prospectus ('the Prospectus') (PINS advice updated 4 November 2025);
- Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Consultation Report (PINS advice updated 24 March 2025);
- Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on Good Design (PINS advice updated 16 April 2025); and
- Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on the Preparation and Submission of Application Documents (PINS advice updated July 2025).

2.2.3 A table setting out how the Applicant has complied with the relevant legislation and guidance is presented in Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.01] of this Consultation Report.

3 The introduction of the Proposed Development to consultees (October 2024)

3.1 Background

- 3.1.1 In October 2024, the Applicant communicated their intention to develop proposals for the Proposed Development to key stakeholders, and subsequently the local community.
- 3.1.2 This introduction to the Proposed Development marked the start of ongoing engagement with consultees and the local community leading up to the formal consultation on more developed proposals.
- 3.1.3 Within this, the Applicant engaged with landowners associated with the Proposed Development to allow for early engagement with those living closest to the Proposed Development. This commitment to proactive engagement with nearby residents is reported throughout the Consultation Report.
- 3.1.4 Ongoing engagement has enabled two-way dialogue between the Applicant and consultees, providing effective communication about project updates and allowing the Applicant to continuously consider consultee feedback on the iterative design of the Proposed Development.

3.2 Stakeholder introduction to the Proposed Development (September – October 2024)

- 3.2.1 The Applicant contacted officers and political leaders from North Yorkshire Council as the host authority based on the administrative boundaries for the Proposed Development on 24 September 2024.
- 3.2.2 The purpose of this initial contact was to introduce North Yorkshire Council to the Proposed Development and arrange introductory meetings between themselves and the Applicant. This communication resulted in a number of meetings being held prior to Phase One consultation as detailed below.
- 3.2.3 The Applicant contacted the Members of Parliament for whom the Proposed Development would be sited in their constituency, that being the MPs for Selby and York Outer, by email on 12 September 2024 and 8 October 2024. This communication introduced the Proposed Development, the Applicant's intention to shortly hold a phase of community consultation with their constituents, and to invite the MPs to meet with the Applicant to discuss the Proposed Development in more detail.
- 3.2.4 On 9 October 2024, the Applicant hosted an introductory briefing with the Office Manager for Keir Mather MP.
- 3.2.5 On 9 October 2024, 12 ward and Parish councillors attended an introductory briefing webinar hosted by the Applicant.

3.2.6 Table 3.1 sets out details of the meetings held by the Applicant before or during Phase One consultation.

Table 3.1: Stakeholder meetings held by the Applicant before or during Phase One consultation

Stakeholder	Date/Location	Meeting Details
Keir Mather MP (Office manager)	9 October 2024 – Online	<p>Meetings and an elected member webinar were held by the Applicant to introduce the Proposed Development to stakeholders and the DCO process.</p> <p>The meetings also described the upcoming activities associated with Phase One Consultation. During each meeting, the Applicant addressed specific questions from individuals and provided more detail, where required.</p>
Elected member and parish council webinar via Zoom. Attendees were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Jordan, North Yorkshire Councillor • Sherburn in Elmet Town Council • Monk Fryston Parish Council • Hillam Parish Council • Kelfield Parish Council 	9 October 2024 – Online	
North Yorkshire Councillor Mark Crane (NYC Executive Member for Economic Development)	22 October 2024 - Online	

3.2.7 On 10 October 2024, the Proposed Development was launched. The launch included communication with stakeholders, introducing the proposals as well as publicising the Proposed Development website (www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk) and the communications channels that had been launched, including a dedicated phonenumber, freepost, and email address. The Applicant also publicised the opportunity to sign up to be kept informed.

3.2.8 In addition to the meetings held above, prior to the public launch, the Applicant has engaged with those living closest to the Proposed Development and has proactively sought feedback from these stakeholders. The Applicant worked with Solar PV site landowners to identify and brief and introduce stakeholders to the Proposed Development ahead of the Phase One consultation.

3.2.9 On 01 October 2024, the Applicant – alongside representatives from Escrick Park Estate (the landowner for Solar Development Site 1) – held individual meetings with tenants of the Estate and other notable parties. This included representatives from

the Escrick Park Estate Team and eight individual properties in the vicinity of Solar Development Site 1, as follows:

- 1 East Lodge, Skipwith Road, Escrick, York, YO19 6EG
- Gamekeepers Cottage, Wheldrake Lane, Escrick, York, YO19 6EL
- Tiledshed Cottage, Wheldrake Lane, Escrick, York, YO19 6EL
- Bridge Farm, Skipwith Road, Skipwith, Selby, YO8 5SN
- Hobson Farming Ltd, Naburn Hill Farm, Crockey Hill, York, YO19 4SR
- Whinchat Cottages, Skipwith Road, Escrick, York, YO19 6EJ
- 2 Whinchat Cottages, Skipwith Road, Escrick, York, YO19 6EJ
- 3 The Millhouse, Whinchat, Escrick, York, YO19 6EJ

3.2.10 During each meeting, the Applicant introduced the Proposed Development and the information that would be published, sent to stakeholders and made available to stakeholders ahead of and during the Phase One consultation. The Applicant also addressed any immediate questions and provided the offer for ongoing meetings beyond the Phase One consultation.

3.2.11 Further meetings held during and beyond the Phase One consultation can be found in Chapter 4 and Table 4.4 of this report.

4 Phase One Non-Statutory Community Consultation (October – December 2024) and ongoing engagement

4.1 Background

- 4.1.1 Following the introduction of the Proposed Development to key local consultees and representatives (as described in Chapter 3 of this report), the Applicant proactively publicised the proposals to the wider community and invited feedback by undertaking a phase of non-statutory consultation (hereby known as ‘Phase One consultation’) at an early stage of the development process.
- 4.1.2 This non-statutory phase one was held for six weeks between 24 October 2024 and 5 December 2024, preceding the publication of a Statement of Community Consultation and subsequent statutory consultation.
- 4.1.3 The feedback received through early engagement and non-statutory consultation helped to refine the proposals and approach to consultation, ahead of publicising the Statement of Community Consultation and undertaking statutory consultation.
- 4.1.4 This chapter also sets out engagement carried out by the Applicant outside of defined consultation periods. This includes engagement undertaken in between Phase One consultation and Phase Two consultation, as well as engagement activities undertaken following the completion of Targeted Consultation in November 2025.

4.2 Publicity, information and opportunities to engage during non-statutory Phase One consultation

- 4.2.1 The Applicant established a range of free-to-use communications channels for community enquiries and comments regarding the Proposed Development. The Proposed Development communication channels include a Freephone number (0808 281 4784), a Freepost address (FREEPOST LIGHT VALLEY SOLAR) and an email address (info@lightvalleysolar.co.uk). They have been operational on Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm, throughout the pre-application period.
- 4.2.2 To publicise the consultation and encourage responses, the Applicant distributed a community consultation leaflet to over 12,500 properties within the vicinity of the Proposed Development. These properties were identified by being within a zone defined as a minimum of 2km from the proposed solar panel site areas within the Proposed Development, and a minimum of 500m from the cable route search corridors (as presented at the time of this consultation). This zone was further extended to include additional properties where proportionate and reasonable based on existing boundaries in order avoid inappropriate ‘severance’ of communities.
- 4.2.3 A copy of the Phase One community consultation leaflet is included in Appendix 2: Phase One Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.02]**.

- 4.2.4 Information regarding the Proposed Development was published on the Applicant’s dedicated Project website (www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk). This included details of the Proposed Development and Phase One consultation through text, images and documents to view and download from an online document library.
- 4.2.5 Information regarding the Proposed Development, Phase One consultation participation opportunities and the availability of the Proposed Development’s website and project communications channels was publicised through the issue of a media release to identified regional and industry publications. The release was issued to the publications listed in Table 4.1, alongside plans showing the Proposed Development site location and indicative early-stage design.

Table 4.1: Phase One consultation media distribution list

Category	Publication
Local	BBC Radio York
	Selby Radio
	Selby Journal
	Yorkshire Life
	BBC Look North (Yorkshire)
	Inside Out Yorkshire and Lincolnshire (BBC)
	ITV Yorkshire
	Greatest Hits Radio York & North Yorkshire
	YorkMix
	Tadcaster Echo
	Hambleton Today
	Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Association
	Escrick Parish Magazine
	Gateforth Parish Council Newsletter
	Sherburn Informer (Sherburn in Elmet)
	The Resident magazine (Sherburn in Elmet)
	Hambleton Village News
	The Riccall Beacon
	Thorpe Willoughby Parish News
	Barlby and Osgodby Parish Magazine
Eggborough Parish Council	
National	Northern Echo
	Yorkshire Live
	Yorkshire Post
Trade	Solar Energy UK
	Solar Power Portal
	ReNews.biz

- 4.2.6 In addition to the media release, the Applicant placed advertisements in three local newspapers: the North Duffield and Skipwith Round Up Magazine (November-December 2024 Edition), the Escrick Parish Magazine (November 2024 Edition), and the Selby Times (24 October 2024).
- 4.2.7 A Phase One community consultation feedback form was published to encourage responses. The form was available online, by request to the Project communications channels, and to complete or take away from the Applicant’s series of information events. The feedback form could be submitted to the Applicant by a Freepost address (FREEPOST LIGHT VALLEY SOLAR), by email, or by attending an in-person information event. The same questions could also be responded to online via an online feedback form linked to the Project website. A copy of this feedback form is provided in Appendix 2: Phase One Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.02]**.
- 4.2.8 Consultation materials were uploaded to the document library section of the Project website. The following documents were uploaded on the first day of the consultation period (24 October 2024):
- Light Valley Solar Phase One Community Consultation Leaflet
 - Light Valley Solar Phase One Feedback Form
 - Light Valley Solar Phase One Concept Plans
 - Light Valley Solar Phase One Event Materials
 - Light Valley Solar Phase One Community Consultation Postcard
 - Light Valley Solar Phase One Information Poster
- 4.2.9 Copies of these materials are provided in Appendix 2: Phase One Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.02]**.
- 4.2.10 During the Phase One consultation period, the Applicant held five in-person events and one online public information event for members of the local community to attend. These events provided an opportunity to discuss the Proposed Development with the Applicant and members of their team. Large scale maps and a series of information exhibit boards were displayed at the events. Copies of the consultation leaflet and feedback form were available in hard copy to view and take away. Details of these events are provided in Table 4.2 below.

Table 4.2: Phase One community consultation information events

Venue	Date and time	No. Of attendees
Riccall Village Institute 12 Station Road, Riccall, YO19 6QJ	8 November 2024 3pm - 7pm	41
Hambleton Village Hall Station Road, Hambleton,	9 November 2024 11am - 3pm	58

Selby, YO8 9HS		
Eggborough Village Hall 57 Selby Road, Eggborough, DN14 0LJ	12 November 2024 3pm - 7pm	35
Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Centre Old Vicarage Lane, Monk Fryston, LS25 5EA	16 November 2024 11am - 3pm	57
Escrick Village Hall Main Street, Escrick, York YO19 6LQ	18 November 2024 11:30am – 3:30pm	65
Online Webinar via Zoom	20 November 2024 6pm – 7:30pm	18
Total attendees		274

4.3 Phase One consultation engagement

4.3.1 As a result of engagement set out in Chapter 3 of this document, the Applicant engaged a number of stakeholders during the Phase One consultation period.

4.3.2 Table 4.3 sets out the details of the meetings held during Phase One consultation.

Table 4.3: Engagement undertaken with stakeholders during Phase One consultation

Stakeholder/Location	Date and summary of meeting(s)
<p>Online meeting with NYC technical officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ██████████ – Corporate Director for Community Development ██████████ – Assistant Director, Place-shaping & Growth 	<p>11 November 2024</p> <p>Meeting held with executive members to introduce the Proposed Development, provide a summary of engagement so far and wider opportunities, including economic and community benefits.</p>
<p>In-person meetings with near neighbour properties along Wheldrake Lane (in the vicinity of Solar Development Site 1), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Keepers Cottage, Wheldrake Lane, Escrick, YO19 6EL The Granary, Escrick Road, Wheldrake, YO19 6BQ Gilbertson House/Cottage, Escrick Road, Wheldrake, YO19 6BQ 	<p>11 November 2024</p> <p>Following initial meetings held in October 2024, the Applicant met with three individual properties to discuss the Proposed Development in more detail, including any potential impacts and concerns around Solar Development Site 1. The Applicant spoke through the Phase One consultation plans in more detail and encouraged feedback.</p> <p>The Applicant maintained dialogue with these stakeholders, including holding follow-up visits to discuss landscape and visual impacts.</p>

4.4 Phase One consultation feedback

- 4.4.1 The Applicant invited feedback to be submitted in writing or online via the free-to-use Project communications channels.
- 4.4.2 In total, the Applicant received 123 submissions of feedback in response the Phase One community consultation. This included 104 feedback form submissions (hard copy and online submissions) and 19 submissions of feedback via the Proposed Development’s communications channels (email and Freepost).
- 4.4.3 The Phase One feedback form (both the hard copy and online versions) included a combination of closed and open-ended questions to encourage responses regarding the respondent’s interest in the Proposed Development, the early-stage proposals, potential opportunities to explore, and the consultation process. The following figures (4.1 to 4.3) present the results of the closed questions from the 104 stakeholders who submitted a Phase One feedback form.

Figure 4.1: As a principle, what is your view of installing ground-mounted solar infrastructure in the UK?

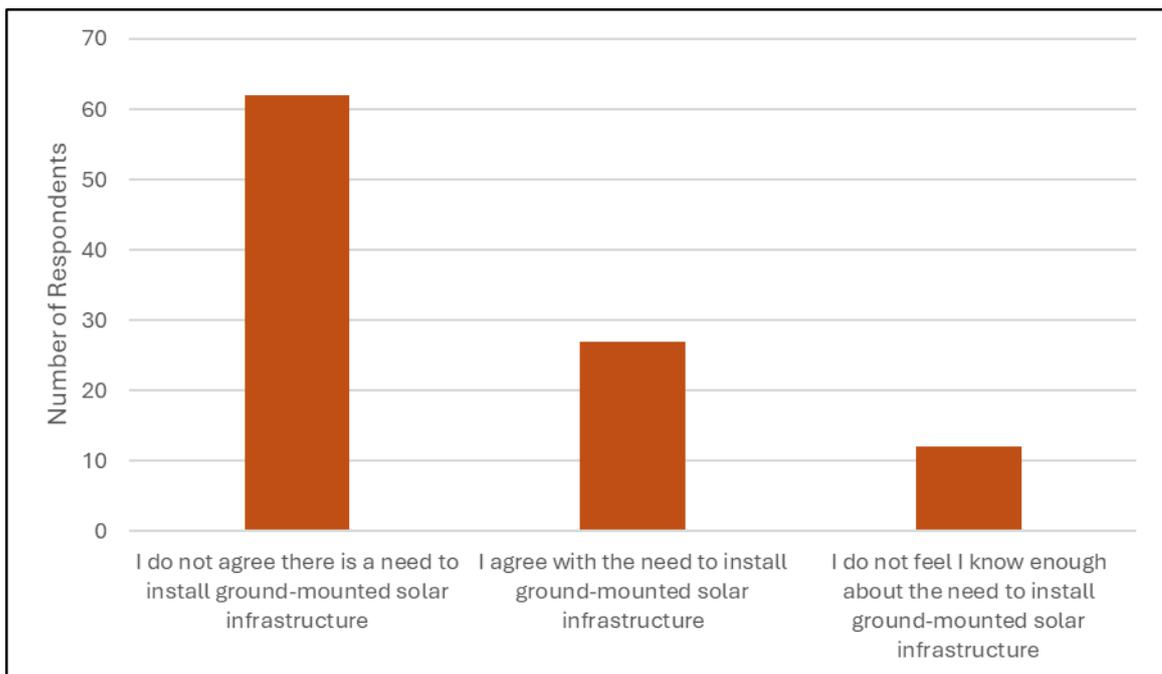


Figure 4.2: Based on our early-stage proposals, what are your views on Light Valley Solar?

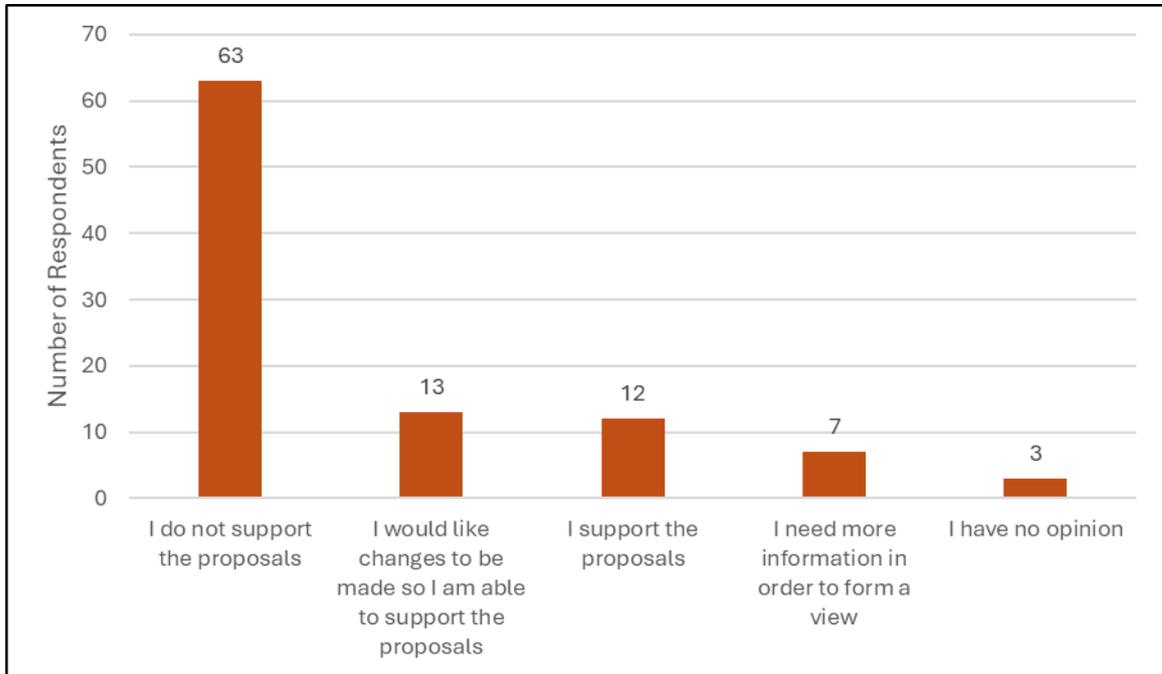
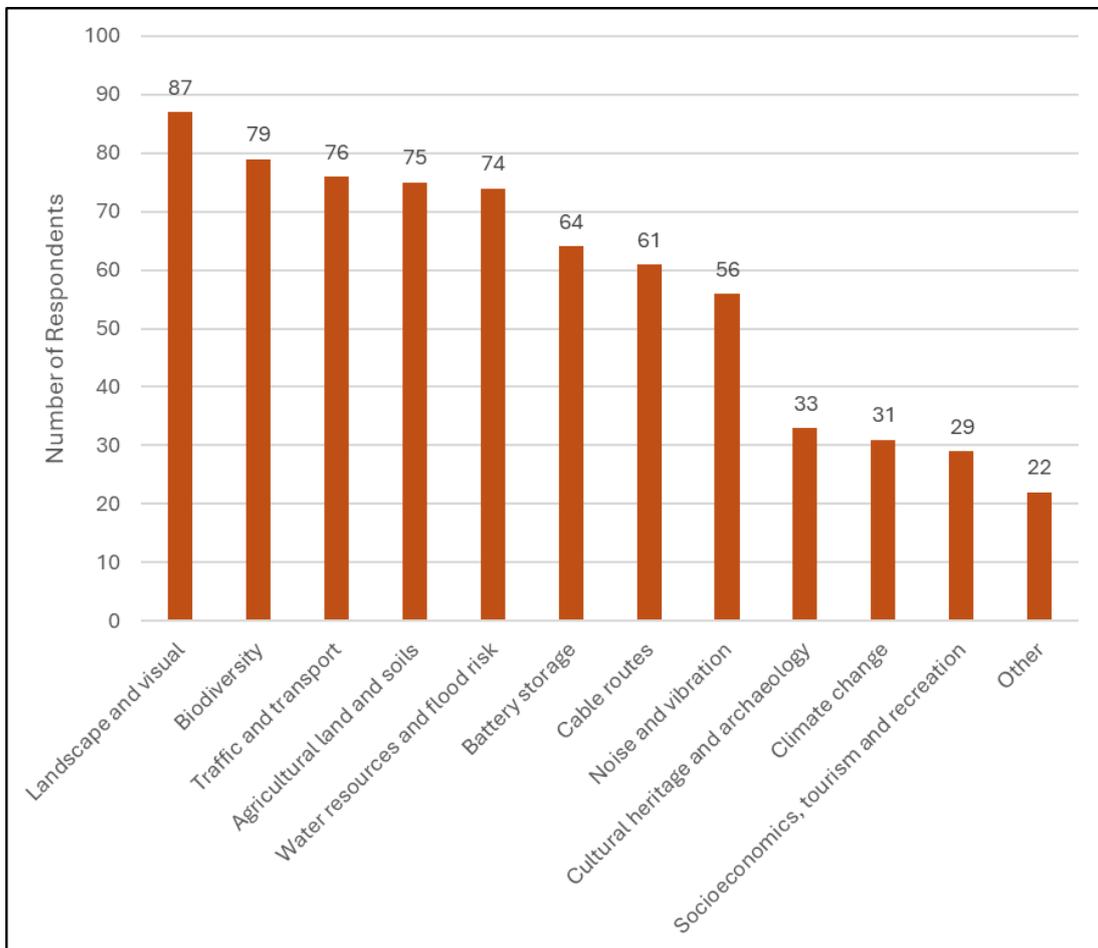


Figure 4.3: Which aspects of the project are most important to you?



4.5 Phase one feedback summary, key themes and Applicant consideration of feedback

- 4.5.1 The Applicant recognises the importance of understanding the context and explanation that accompany these statistics. The Applicant considered qualitative analysis of the written feedback received.
- 4.5.2 A summary of these comments is presented in Table 4.4.

Table 4.4: Summary of qualitative feedback received during Phase One consultation including how the Applicant has had regard to this feedback

Phase One consultation feedback	Applicant response
<p>A common theme within the comments received was the proximity to residential properties of Light Valley Solar and potential visual impact.</p> <p>Concerns were raised that this could result in the loss of visual amenity of views valued by the community.</p> <p>Respondents expressed concern about the mitigation measures that will be used to decrease the project's visual impact</p>	<p>Through environmentally led design, the Applicant has aimed to reduce the visual impact of the project as much as possible through suitable mitigation measures.</p> <p>The Applicant undertook a landscape and visual assessment, the preliminary results of which were published within the PEIR. This helped the Applicant understand how the development might impact the views from residential properties in the vicinity and inform any necessary mitigation measures.</p> <p>The Applicant used a selection of viewpoints across the project area to inform the assessment, and photomontages have since been produced to show what the project could look like from these viewpoints. A full suite of photomontages has been produced for the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.10.04].</p> <p>Where relevant, offsets from buildings and residential properties have been incorporated into the design. These offsets were shown in our Outline Environmental Masterplan presented in our Phase Two Consultation materials.</p> <p>The Proposed Development makes offset allowances to protect existing trees, woodlands, and hedgerows (Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12]).</p>

<p>Respondents expressed concern about damage to the local ecology, ecosystems and biodiversity, from the construction phase to throughout the project.</p> <p>Many respondents expressed concern about the potential impact on wildlife and birds.</p>	<p>Light Valley Solar is being developed with full consideration of its surroundings. The environmentally led design approach and the application of good practice construction techniques and mitigation measures will ensure the natural environment is carefully managed during construction and operation to avoid harmful impacts as far as possible, and to promote high levels of biodiversity net gain.</p> <p>The Proposed Development layout incorporates suitable offsets to ecology and biodiversity constraints including woodland habitat, designated assets and protected species as shown within the Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.03.01].</p> <p>A variety of habitats suited to the local landscape and appropriate for local ecology will be provided within the site. The details regarding the amounts of habitat provision, including trees and hedgerows, has been reported within ES Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10]. Indication of proposed measures and locations will be shared in the Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12].</p> <p>Further detail on the potential impact on birds and mitigation measures committed to is set out in ES Chapter 12: Ornithology [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.12].</p>
<p>Respondents raised concerns regarding the loss of productive agricultural land and impacts on soil. This includes concerns surrounding the return of land use to agricultural purposes following decommissioning.</p> <p>Respondents also expressed concern about the potential impact of the Proposed Development on food security.</p>	<p>The quality of agricultural land used by Light Valley Solar was established through soil and Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) surveys which have been carried out across all the solar development sites. The ALC survey is included in Appendix 5.1: Agricultural Land Classification [EN00110012/APP/LVS/06.03.05.01].</p> <p>The assessment considered the impacts of losing agricultural land and how the development might damage or affect</p>

	<p>soil resources on solar sites and along the cable corridors and is set out in ES Chapter 5: Agricultural Land and Soils. [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05].</p> <p>The UK Food Security Report 2024 (UKFSR) indicates that food production can be maintained or modestly increased while meeting Net Zero and Environment Act land-use commitments. Under the Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (oDEMP) [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.04], the Applicant will restore the site to agriculture, with soils expected to be in improved condition after decades of minimal disturbance and no permanent impact from solar infrastructure.</p> <p>The Applicant acknowledges concerns about food production. The UKFSR notes that climate change and nature loss pose major long-term risks to global food supply, and Light Valley Solar can help address these pressures by generating clean energy and delivering biodiversity net gain.</p>
<p>Respondents expressed concern about the potential impact on flood risk in areas already prone to flooding.</p> <p>Respondents also expressed concerns about local watercourses.</p> <p>Respondents noted particular concern regarding current flood levels around Solar Development Site 5 near Temple Hirst.</p>	<p>The Applicant notes the concern that many respondents have made regarding flood risk however solar farms are typically water-compatible and are designed so that they do not increase flood risk.</p> <p>A Flood Risk Assessment (FRA) has been produced and included within the DCO Application for the Proposed Development [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.01A]. This has been informed by site-specific flood modelling and identifies secured mitigation measures including the siting of BESS enclosures and 275 kV substations away from floodplains, use of flood-compatible metal frames for solar panels, and the provision of a Flood Warning and Evacuation Plan (FWEP).</p>

	<p>The solar panels are set back from watercourses at a minimum of 10 metres, in line with the aim set out at Phase One consultation. This is secured through the Works Plans [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.03]. The oCEMP [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02] also outlines pollution and water contamination prevention measures pertaining to watercourses.</p> <p>Following Phase One consultation, Solar Development Site 5 was removed from the Proposed Development. This decision was reached following assessments that indicated a high degree of flood risk in this area, making it unsuitable for the installation of solar panels. The FRA, outlined above, confirmed the unsuitability of Solar Development Site 5.</p>
<p>Respondents expressed concern about the Proposed Development’s impact on increased traffic during construction.</p> <p>Respondents expressed concern for impact on roads and access routes, including the impacts caused by HGVs.</p> <p>Additionally, respondents expressed concern for the safety of pedestrians</p>	<p>The Applicant has carried out a traffic and transport assessment which looks at the impact of construction impacts on traffic and considers the safety of other road users: Appendix 14.1: Transport Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.14.01].</p> <p>The Applicant has and will continue to engage with the local highways authority to ensure that suitable controls are agreed to reduce any traffic and transport effects and ensure safety is maintained. Information relating to Accidents and Safety has been considered as part of ES Chapter 14: Traffic and Movement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.14], submitted as part of the Application.</p> <p>Furthermore, an outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (oCTMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.14.01] has been produced, and secures mitigation measures including the defining of routes that HGVs should use to travel to and from each Solar Development Site that are identified as suitable for the size of vehicles, the provision of vehicle passing places, and</p>

	<p>how the impact of construction traffic - including noise, vehicle emissions, dust, mud and debris on roads, will be mitigated through strict adherence to the proposed construction routes and permitted hours of working.</p>
<p>Respondents expressed concern about the Proposed Development’s impact on the cultural and heritage legacy of the area, including the potential impact on listed and historical buildings, conservation areas, and archaeological sites</p>	<p>The impact of the Proposed Development on the heritage resource, including impacts incurred through changes in their setting, is fully considered within ES Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.08.00]. The Proposed Development has undertaken extensive surveys including geophysical survey and trial trenching to identify potential impacts. Where impacts are identified a Detailed Archaeological Mitigation Strategy will accompany the submission.</p> <p>Effects on heritage assets and unrecorded archaeology are reported in the Environmental Statement which forms part of the DCO Application [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.08.00].</p> <p>There are no designated heritage assets within the site boundary. Effects arising from changes in the setting of heritage assets, including listed buildings, scheduled monuments and conservation areas, were also assessed. Studies and mitigation measures regarding the impact on and mitigation for heritage assets have been submitted as part of ES Chapter 8 [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.01.08].</p>
<p>Respondents commented on the potential job creation from Light Valley Solar.</p> <p>Respondents commented that impacts on Public Rights of Ways would negatively affect recreation.</p> <p>Some respondents expressed concern that recreation will be negatively impacted by the proximity of solar</p>	<p>The construction phase will create temporary employment opportunities. The Applicant is committed to hiring locally where possible and has submitted an Outline Employment, Supply Chain and Skills Plan with the DCO Application [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.13].</p> <p>The Applicant is committed to minimising the impact of the Proposed Development on existing Public Rights</p>

<p>panels, including from footpaths and trails.</p>	<p>of Way (PRoWs) during construction and operation. Should any PRoWs be blocked during construction, it will be for a short period of time, and diversions will be put in place to ensure that access is maintained. The Applicant intends to keep all PRoWs open during the operation of the solar farm. In response to feedback received the Applicant has identified opportunities to divert and enhance PRoWs for public benefit. Further information on Public Rights of Way has been included as part of this Application. This includes the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan (oPRWMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.09] and ES Chapter 13: Socioeconomics [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.01.13].</p> <p>The Proposed Development design will incorporate a minimum 15m offset of all infrastructure (including fencing) from PRoWs. This is set out in ES Chapter 13: Socioeconomics [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.01.13] and secured through the oPRWMP.</p> <p>The Applicant can confirm that there are three permanent PRoW diversions planned for Solar Development Site 1. These diversions have been designed to maintain connectivity and accessibility for local users. In addition, the Proposed Development will create approximately 8 km of new permissive paths, improving local walking routes and enhancing recreational opportunities, illustrated within the Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/LVS/APP/06.02.03.01].</p> <p>The amenity of PRoWs has been assessed within the Socioeconomics chapter of the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.13], recognising that the surrounding landscape will change as a result of the solar arrays.</p>
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<p>Respondents expressed concern about declining air quality during the construction phase.</p> <p>Respondents commented on potential damage during construction/ decommissioning.</p>	<p>The Applicant is committed to ensuring that construction impacts are mitigated as much as possible.</p> <p>The predicted construction vehicle movements do not exceed the Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM) thresholds and so a full air quality assessment is not needed. This point is further addressed in ES Chapter 4: Approach to EIA [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.04]. However, a Construction Dust Assessment (CDA) has been undertaken and is included in ES Appendix 16.1: Construction Dust Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.01] which supports the Application. The assessment, which conservatively assesses on a whole site basis, acknowledges a high risk of dust soiling during construction, but determines that the dust emitted can be greatly reduced or limited by applying mitigation measures meaning the resulting effect, including from traffic movements on sensitive ecological receptors and from construction activity, would not be significant. Mitigation measures, including monitoring during the construction phase, provision to erect barriers around dustier activities, and requirement to produce a Dust Management Plan (DMP) are secured by the CDA and outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>The Proposed Development will, if approved and built, be decommissioned and restored according to a Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (DEMP). An outline DEMP (oDEMP) was submitted with the DCO Application [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04].</p>
<p>Respondents expressed concern for potential noise impacts from the Proposed Development.</p>	<p>The Applicant carried out surveys to make sure that the noise from the onsite equipment stays within acceptable levels. Offsets from potential noise</p>

	<p>sensitive receptors, including residential properties, have been incorporated into the scheme layout. All information pertaining to noise and vibration, mitigation and best practice methods (BPM) is detailed in ES Chapter 11: Noise and Vibration [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.11].</p> <p>An Environmental Sound Survey (ES Volume 3) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.11.01] was undertaken to establish the baseline levels of noise across the Solar Development Sites. Following this, a full noise impact assessment was undertaken and has been included in the DCO Application for the Proposed Development [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.11.03].</p> <p>The Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02] sets out commitments for the construction operator when carrying out noisy works and to implement measures to minimise potential noise impacts at sensitive receptors. Mitigation measures include careful selection of plant and construction methods which conform to relevant national, EU or international standards, design and use of site enclosures, and careful programming so that activities which may generate significant noise are planned with regard to local occupants and sensitive receptors.</p> <p>The oCEMP also secures mitigation measures regarding construction traffic noise, such as all vehicles, as well as mechanical plant, being fitted with effective exhaust silencers.</p>
<p>Respondents expressed a preference for underground cables over pylons and requested exact cable routes.</p>	<p>Proposals for the Cable Route Corridor are detailed in ES Chapter 2: The Proposed Development [EN00110012/APP/06.01.02], including the Cable Route Construction Method Statement, included within Appendix 2.1 [EN00110012/APP/LVS/06.03.02.01].</p>

	<p>These documents set out that the proposed cabling for the project will be underground.</p>
<p>Respondents requested more information about the battery storage/sites, including safety measures.</p>	<p>Details of the proposed battery storage location are presented in the Outline Environmental Masterplan (OEM) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.03.01].</p> <p>A Battery Fire Safety Management Plan has been produced; an outline of that plan has been included as part of the DCO Application [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.06].</p>
<p>Some respondents expressed concern about the Proposed Development's impact on glint and glare, including on local flying clubs.</p>	<p>A glint and glare assessment has been undertaken to identify impacts and mitigation measures required [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.04].</p> <p>This assessment includes impacts to aviation receptors in the area, including Sherburn-in Elmet and Burn airfields.</p>
<p>Respondents expressed concern around the impact on respondent's quality of life, mental wellbeing and any potential health issues such as construction emissions and electromagnetic fields (EMFs).</p>	<p>Solar power is one of the safest sources of energy and no significant long term negative health impacts from the Proposed Development are anticipated.</p> <p>Due to the design, avoidance and mitigation measures proposed, no significant effects of EMF receptors and anticipated. However, a stand-alone EMF report has been produced to support the scoping out of this topic. This report has been included as part of the Application as Appendix 16.6 of this ES (Volume 3) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.06].</p> <p>Management plans including, but not limited to, those for managing construction dust, fire safety management, pollution and spillage, traffic, and environmental management plans will be put in place to ensure that there are no significant adverse impacts on health arising from the project. This is further addressed in outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02].</p>

	<p>The ES includes an assessment of likely significant effects of the Proposed Development on physical health, including factors such as air quality and noise, as well as broader impacts on physical and mental wellbeing in ES Chapter 4: Approach to EIA [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.04], specifically the EIA Scoping Report (Appendix 1.1: EIA Scoping Report (ES Volume 3) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.01.01].</p> <p>The Applicant understands that uncertainty can be challenging and is committed to communicating throughout the development process to provide clarity and reassurance. Recognising the importance of meaningful engagement, particularly during the pre-application phase, the Applicant has continued to engage with consultees to seek to reduce impacts on wellbeing and mental health.</p> <p>Environmental Statement Chapter 16: Other Environmental Matters (ES Volume 1) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.16] presents the findings of the assessment concerning the potential impacts of the Proposed Development for ‘Other Environmental Matters’ during the construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning phases. The chapter also addresses other environmental topics that do not require individual chapters on the basis that they have been scoped out of the Environmental Statement.</p>
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4.6 Ongoing engagement and interim reporting

- 4.6.1 The Applicant’s Proposed Development communications channels remained open following the close of the Phase One consultation period. Through these channels, the Applicant continued to receive and respond to enquiries regarding the Proposed Development.

- 4.6.2 The Proposed Development website continued to be available for any interested parties to access information, including responses to Frequently Asked Questions responding to topics and themes raised through Phase One consultation.
- 4.6.3 Following the review and consideration of feedback received, the Applicant prepared a Project Update Newsletter and Phase One Consultation Summary Report to share details of the level engagement, themes of responses received, and updates regarding the Applicant’s consideration of feedback and next steps for the Proposed Development.
- 4.6.4 The Project Update Newsletter and Phase One Consultation Summary Report was circulated to key stakeholders between 17 April 2025 to 23 April 2025. It was circulated to those who had registered to be kept informed, parish councils and other political representatives, and organisations classified as seldom heard or community interest groups.
- 4.6.5 The Project Update Newsletter and Phase One Consultation Summary Report was also published on the Proposed Development website. A copy of the phase one consultation summary report is provided as Appendix 3: Post Phase One- Communications Materials [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.03].
- 4.6.6 Between phases of consultation, and following Phase Two consultation, the Applicant has also held meetings and briefings with various consultees. Table 4.5 sets out the detail of these meetings.

Table 4.5: Ongoing meetings held with stakeholders outside of consultation periods

Stakeholder/Location	Date and summary of meeting(s)
Post-Phase One Consultation	
<p>In-person meetings with eight near neighbour properties around Solar PV sites (Sites 1-5), including:</p> <p>Three properties near Solar Development Site 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Keepers Cottage, Wheldrake Lane, Escrick, YO19 6EL • The Granary, Escrick Road, Wheldrake, YO19 6BQ • Gilbertson House/Cottage, Escrick Road, Wheldrake, YO19 6BQ <p>One property near Solar Development Site 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siddle House, Selby Road, Monk Fryston, Leeds, Selby, LS25 5EW <p>Four properties near Solar Development Site 5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haddlesey Manor, Hirst Road, Chapel Haddlesey, YO8 8QQ 	<p>14 and 15 January 2025</p> <p>Following the close of consultation in December 2025, the Applicant offered individual meetings with near neighbour properties in proximity to Solar PV sites, via an email sent on 19 December 2025.</p> <p>The Applicant - represented by members of the communications team and landscape and visual specialists – met with eight individual properties to undertake a high-level assessment of landscape and visual impacts from the garden/exterior of each properties.</p> <p>The Applicant used conversations to help inform the ongoing design development ahead of the Phase Two consultation and used each meeting as an opportunity to discuss additional stakeholder concerns, including opportunities for landscaping and screening.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 Main Road, Temple Hirst, YO8 8QJ • 1 Manor Cottages, Hirst Road, Selby, YO8 8QQ • Temple House, Temple Hirst, Selby, YO8 8QN. 	<p>More details of these visits and how they have informed design can be found in the Landscape and visual assessment chapter of the Environmental Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10].</p>
Pre-Phase Two Consultation	
<p>In-person meetings with four individual properties around Solar Development Site 1 and Solar Development Site 2, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wake House, York Road, Skipwith YO8 5SN • 3 Keepers Cottage, Wheldrake Lane, Escrick, YO19 6EL • The Granary, Escrick Road, Wheldrake, YO19 6BQ • Gilbertson House/Cottage, Escrick Road, Wheldrake, YO19 6BQ • 2 East lodge, Skipwith Road, Escrick, York, YO19 6EG • Siddie House, Selby Road, Monk Fryston, LS25 5EW 	<p>6 June to 23 June 2025</p> <p>Prior to the start of the Phase Two consultation, the Applicant met with a series of individual properties to provide Scheme updates, following inviting properties to a meeting via email on 2 June 2025.</p> <p>The meetings provided an opportunity to preview the updated design, discuss any immediate concerns and invite stakeholders to attend upcoming in-person events.</p>
Post-Phase Two Consultation	
<p>In person meeting with interested stakeholder around Solar Development Site 7</p>	<p>29 August 2025</p> <p>Upon request, the Applicant met with an interested stakeholder around Solar Development Site 7. The meeting was held to discuss potential design opportunities regarding Public Rights of Way and permissive paths, specifically in relation to a specific PRoW interacting with National Rail infrastructure.</p>
<p>In-person meeting with Milford Lodge Cottage, LS25 5DW</p>	<p>26 September 2025</p> <p>Following the close of the Phase Two consultation, the Applicant – represented by the communications team and landscape and visual specialists – met with Milford Lodge to undertake a high-level assessment of landscape and visual impacts from the garden/interior of the property.</p> <p>The Applicant used conversations to help inform the ongoing design development ahead of DCO Application submission and used the meeting as an opportunity to discuss additional stakeholder</p>

	concerns, including opportunities for landscaping and screening.
In-person meeting with 4 Brooklands, LS25 5DF	4 September 2025 The Applicant met with 4 Brooklands to discuss specific questions about the Proposed Development in relation to Site 6, including the proximity of Scheme infrastructure to their property.
In-person meeting with Hambleton Parish Council	24 October 2025 The Applicant met with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Hambleton Parish Council. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss community benefit that could be delivered as part of the Proposed Development, but there was also time spent discussing topics such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A project update and next steps • Construction timescales • Landscape and visual screening • Battery safety

4.7 New land communication

4.7.1 Following Phase One consultation, a number of areas of the Proposed Development Boundary changed. This included the removal of one of the Solar Development Sites, Solar Development Site 5, and the introduction of three new Solar Development Sites – Solar Development Sites 6, 7 and 8.

4.7.2 As well as this information being communicated within the Project Update Newsletter and Phase One Consultation Summary Report, proactive communications were sent to residents nearby to each of the four sites prior to the publication of the Consultation Summary Report.

4.7.3 The Applicant circulated two letters, both dated 09 April 2025, with neighbours close to the respective sites:

- A letter sent to 806 properties near to Solar Development Site 5, communicating that the Solar Development Site was being removed, and that they would no longer be part of the Core Consultation Zone.
- A letter sent to 45 properties near to Solar Development Sites 6, 7 and 8 communicating that land near to them was becoming part of the Proposed Development. A plan was enclosed with the letter to illustrate this.

4.7.4 Both letters, as well as the plan that accompanied the letter to the 45 properties near to Solar Development Sites 6, 7 and 8, are included in Appendix 3: Post-Phase One Communication Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.03]**.

4.8 Project Update Newsletter (December 2025)

- 4.8.1 Following the completion of the Targeted Consultation, the Applicant produced a Project Update Newsletter.
- 4.8.2 This document was community-facing and was intended to allow the Applicant to provide a proactive update on the status of the Proposed Development, noting the time between the end of defined consultation and DCO submission.
- 4.8.3 The Project Update Newsletter provided an overview of the comments the Applicant received during Phase Two consultation, how they were being considered at the time ahead of submitting the DCO Application. The document also included an update on Targeted Consultation as well as an update regarding what happens once the Application has been submitted, and how you can stay involved.
- 4.8.4 The Project Update Newsletter was circulated to key stakeholders and the Proposed Development's keep informed list on 17 December 2025.
- 4.8.5 A copy of the Project Update Newsletter can be found in Appendix 10: Post-Phase Two Communication Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.10]**.

5 Consultation under EIA Regulations

5.1 Introduction

- 5.1.1 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is the process under which a development proposal is assessed for its likely significant environmental effects as part of an application for consent, and the environmental information provided is considered by the Secretary of State in their decision. The submission of the findings of the EIA in an Environmental Statement (ES) allows the body deciding the application to fully understand the environmental impact of a proposal (including proposed mitigations) when it makes a decision.
- 5.1.2 The Applicant has dovetailed key steps in the EIA process with the two phases of community consultation carried out. The Scoping Request for the Proposed Development was submitted on 11 November 2024, following the start of Phase One consultation. The PEIR was published as part of the Phase Two consultation on 26 June 2025, pursuant to Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations.

5.2 EIA scoping phase

- 5.2.1 The Applicant submitted a Scoping Request for the Proposed Development to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) on 11 November 2024, and in this request notified the Secretary of State in accordance with Regulation 8(1)(b) of the EIA Regulations that the Applicant would provide an ES in respect of the Proposed Development.
- 5.2.2 The Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, consulted with the relevant competent authorities and key statutory stakeholders to seek comments on the scope of the proposed EIA. A Scoping Opinion was adopted by the Planning Inspectorate, on behalf of the Secretary of State, on 19 December 2024.
- 5.2.3 Appended to the Scoping Opinion, the Planning Inspectorate provided an updated list of consultation bodies notified by the Planning Inspectorate under Regulation 11(1)(a) and (1)(c) of the EIA Regulations.
- 5.2.4 The responses received to the Scoping Opinion and how the Applicant has responded are detailed in each topic chapter of the Environmental Statement **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01]**.

5.3 Pre-application consultation under EIA Regulations

- 5.3.1 Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations states that a SoCC needs to state whether the proposal is EIA development and how preliminary environmental information will be consulted on. This was explained in the SoCC at section 10 (see Appendix 4: Statement of Community Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.04]**).
- 5.3.2 In accordance with Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations, a copy of the notice under Section 48(1) of the 2008 Act was sent to consultation bodies on or before 26 June 2025. The consultation documents provided to all consultation bodies are comprised of:

- A covering letter (provided in Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07]**), which publicised the consultation opportunities, including an offer of a USB device containing the full PEIR and associated consultation documents, as well as a link to where these documents were available on the Project website;
- A site plan showing the location of the Project (provided in Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07]**); and
- A hard copy of the notice publicised in accordance with Section 48 of the 2008 Act (including details of the public consultation events and the locations where the consultation documents could be inspected free of charge) (provided in Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07]**).

5.3.3 In addition, both the PEIR and non-technical summary (NTS), which is a summary of the EIA matters reported on in the PEIR, were available to all attendees at the Phase Two consultation information events and on the Proposed Development website, as detailed in the SoCC.

6 Preparation for statutory consultation

6.1 Background

6.1.1 The consultation held in the Summer of 2025 was statutory under Sections 42, 44 and 47 of the 2008 Act.

6.2 Statutory requirements and guidance

6.2.1 Section 47(1) of the 2008 Act requires the Applicant to prepare a statement setting out how it proposes to consult on the proposed Application with people living in the ‘vicinity’ of the land to which the Proposed Development relates.

6.2.2 Section 47(2) requires that the Applicant must consult relevant local authorities on the content of this statement, known as the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC).

6.2.3 In accordance with Section 47(3) of the 2008 Act, the deadline given for receipt of local authority responses to consultation on the content of the SoCC should be no less than the end of a 28-day period (commencing on the day after the day on which the local authority received the request for comments).

6.2.4 In developing the SoCC, regard must be had to the EIA Regulations and relevant guidance relating to pre-application procedure. Regulation 12 of the EIA Regulations stipulates that the SoCC must set out whether the proposal is EIA development and, if so, how the Applicant intends to publicise and consult on its PEIR.

6.2.5 The PEIR was published as part of the Phase Two consultation between 26 June and 7 August 2025.

6.2.6 Details of the requirements regarding the SoCC from the legislation and guidance and how the Proposed Development complied with these requirements are set out in the Statement of Compliance, provided as Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.01]**.

6.3 Development of Statement of Community Consultation

6.3.1 Section 47(2) of the 2008 Act states that before preparing the SoCC, the Applicant must consult each local authority that is within Section 43(1) in regard to the content of the SoCC. At the time of preparing the SoCC the relevant authorities under Section 43(1) were North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council and so the Applicant consulted both of these authorities.

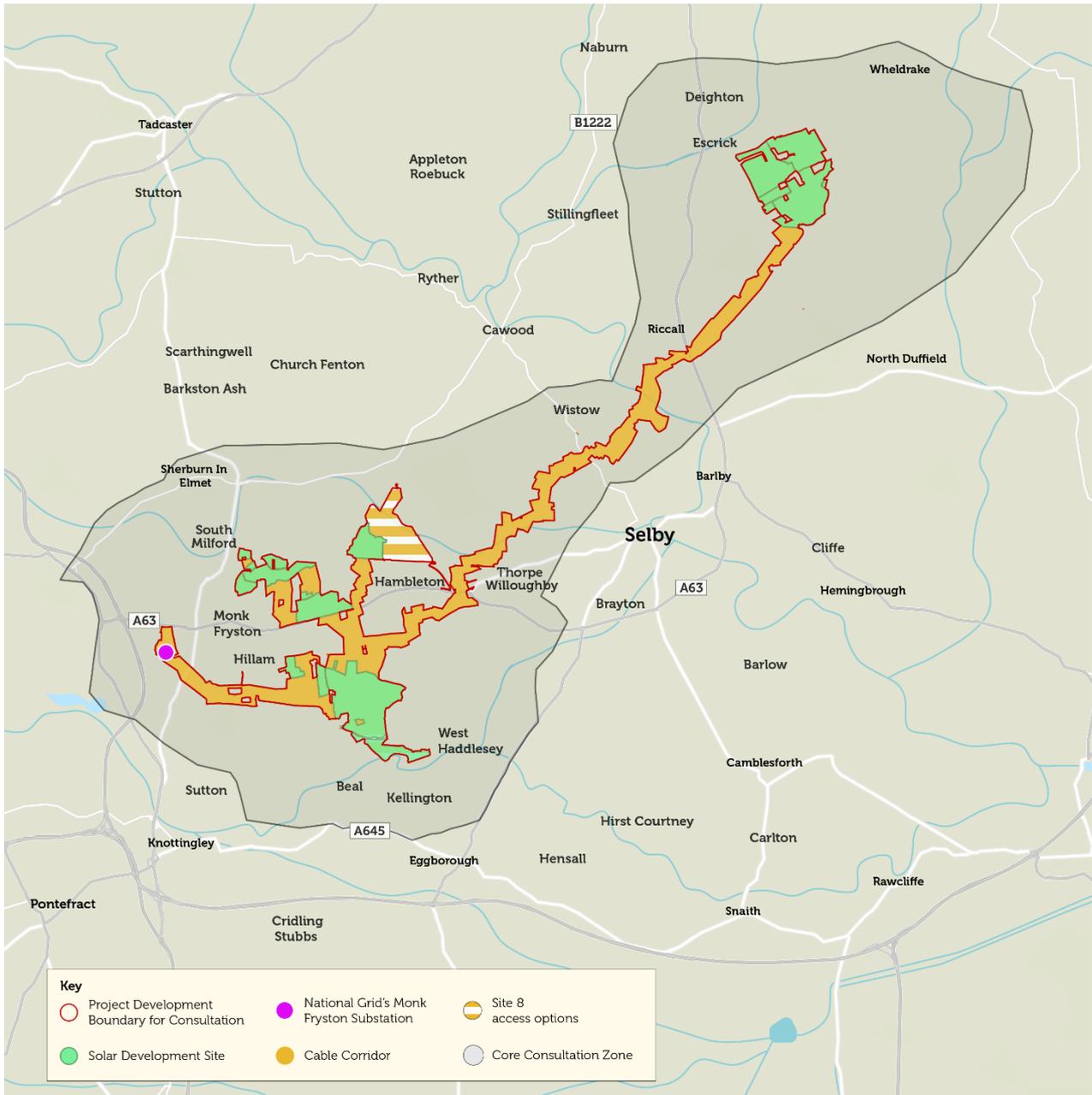
6.3.2 Following refinements to the project boundary which removed the potential for works to take place within the area of City of York Council, only North Yorkshire Council is considered to be the host authority and were referred to as such during Phase Two consultation.

- 6.3.3 The SoCC was consulted on and published prior to Phase Two consultation. The approach and principles set out in the SoCC applied to the subsequent Phase Two consultation. The principles set out in the SoCC informed the development of the approach to targeted consultation which is explained further in Section 11 of this report.

6.4 Section 47 community consultation area

- 6.4.1 Section 47(1) of the 2008 Act requires the Applicant to prepare a statement setting out how it proposes to consult on the proposed Application with people living in ‘vicinity’ of the land to which the Proposed Development relates.
- 6.4.2 A Core Consultation Zone was identified for the Proposed Development and described in the draft SoCC for the local authorities to comment on. The Core Consultation Zone, as presented in the draft (and ultimately the final) SoCC, is included as Figure 6.1.

Figure 6.1: Light Valley Solar Core Consultation Zone, as presented in the SoCC



6.4.3 The Core Consultation Zone for the Proposed Development was identified by extending a minimum distance of two kilometres from the boundaries of the Solar Development Sites and 500 metres from the edge of the Cable Corridor Options Area and other proposed project infrastructure as were to be presented at Phase Two consultation.

6.4.4 Where proportionate and reasonable, the zone was extended further subject to consideration of:

- Existing natural and human geographical boundaries, for example, railway lines, A-roads and/or motorways such as the A1(M), A19 and the A63.
- Avoiding splitting communities.

- Full coverage of the host parishes that host Solar Development Sites:
 - Escrick Parish Council
 - Thorganby Parish Council
 - Hambleton Parish Council
 - South Milford Parish Council
 - Monk Fryston Parish Council
 - Hillam Parish Council
 - Birkin Parish Council
 - West Haddlesey Parish Council

- Where we propose to undertake additional works to enable construction, transport, equipment areas or road modifications.

6.5 Consultation on draft SoCC and responses

- 6.5.1 The Applicant formally provided a draft SoCC to host authorities for consultation on 3 April 2025. This was provided alongside a covering email and letter to explain the purpose of the draft SoCC, the response process and deadline for comments.
- 6.5.2 Copies of the draft SoCC and a letter sent to North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council regarding how feedback on the draft SoCC was considered by the Applicant are provided in Appendix 4: Statement of Community Consultation Materials [EN0110012/APP/05.01.04].
- 6.5.3 The Applicant stated a response deadline of 9 May 2025. This provided a consultation period of 35 days, therefore exceeding the requirement set out in Section 47(3) to provide a period of 28 days.
- 6.5.4 North Yorkshire Council provided comments in response to consultation on the draft SoCC on 13 May 2025 following the deadline, but all comments were considered by the Applicant. No responses were received from City of York Council.
- 6.5.5 The responses received from North Yorkshire Council to this consultation on the draft SoCC were considered by the Applicant when finalising the SoCC prior to publication.
- 6.5.6 A copy of the final SoCC, alongside a table explaining how comments received had been considered by the Applicant when finalising the SoCC, was published on 12 June 2025.
- 6.5.7 A final copy of the SoCC alongside feedback provided by North Yorkshire Council was provided to North Yorkshire Council on 16 June 2025. This SoCC and the feedback provided can be found in Appendix 4: Statement of Community Consultation Materials [EN0110012/APP/05.01.04].
- 6.5.8 The feedback submitted to the consultation on the draft SoCC, and how this was considered by the Applicant, is described in Table 6.1.

Table 6.1: Applicant consideration of feedback received to the draft SoCC from North Yorkshire Council

Feedback	Applicant Response	Updated SoCC Text (if applicable)
1. Introduction		
[1.12]: regarding non-statutory consultation and engagement] Can a summary be provided on what has come out of this and what is being taken through to Stat con?	The Applicant produced a document, the 'Project Update Newsletter and Phase One Consultation Summary Report', setting out a summary of the feedback received at the first phase of consultation, and how that feedback was considered at that time. The Applicant referred to this in the final SoCC.	[para 1.17] In April 2025, the Applicant published a Project Update Newsletter and Phase One Consultation Summary Report. The document includes a summary of the comments received and how the Applicant is using this feedback to inform the project design process moving forward. It can be viewed on the Proposed Development's website [www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk] and will be available to view at CAPs during Phase Two Statutory Consultation. More detail can be found in Section 8 of this document.
2. The Project		
No comment.	Noted.	
3. About us		
No comment.	Noted.	
4. Our Consultation Process		
[4.2.2: regarding statutory consultation dates] Can the dates be included?	The dates of consultation were added to the final SoCC.	[para 4.2.2] Phase Two (statutory) Consultation, to be held for a minimum of six weeks across Summer 2025, from Thursday 26 June to Thursday 7 August 2025.
[4.7: regarding CSR availability on project website] Could add a link to the document?	Yes – a link to the Documents library was added to the final SoCC.	[para 4.7] The CSR has been published on our website, available to view in the Documents section [www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk/documents],
5. Who we will consult		
[5.8 regarding written materials sent to CCZ] What are the written materials?	The Applicant welcomed this comment and clarified this in the final SoCC.	[para 5.8] Information about the Project will be communicated directly to properties within the core consultation zone including residents, local businesses and community organisations (including parish councils), to raise awareness and promote dialogue through the Project communication channels. These include written information materials in the form of a Community Consultation Postcard, local and regional media channels; and meetings/briefings (see Section 8 of this document).
[5.8 error reference source not found for link to meetings/briefings] This needs amending.	The Applicant noted this comment and amended the paragraph.	

Feedback	Applicant Response	Updated SoCC Text (if applicable)
[5.10 regarding distribution of consultation information to keep informed list] How is this take place? Post or online?	The Applicant welcomed this comment and clarified this in the final SoCC.	Consultation information will also be distributed directly to any individuals and organisations who have specifically registered an interest in the Project. This will be done via post and/or email, depending on how individuals have registered their interest.
6. When we will consult		
[6.5 regarding information events being held outside school holidays] Suggest include the dates here.	The Applicant noted this comment. The full schedule of events was set out in Section 8 of the SoCC. The date range of the events was also added to this paragraph in the final SoCC.	Please see Table 1 in Section 8 for our proposed venues for public information events. The period of time in which information events will be held would be outside of school holidays, with the first event on Friday 4 July, and the final event on Monday 21 July.
7. What we will consult on		
No Comments.	Noted.	
8. How we will consult		
[8.4 regarding identifying ways people can access, review and express their views on consultation information] What are these? Suggest these are explained.	The Applicant noted this comment. The Applicant set out that the subheadings within Section 8, outlining the various consultation activities, explained how people can access information, review and comment on consultation documents, and express their views regarding the Proposed Development. The Applicant sought to clarify this in this in the final SoCC.	<p>[para 8.4] As set out in more detail under the headings in this section, we have identified a number of ways in which people can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access clear and concise information about our proposals and their potential effects to aid constructive debate (this includes making relevant Project and technical documents available); • Review and comment on consultation documents at a time which is convenient to them; and • Express their views regarding the Project by submitting feedback to the statutory consultation via easy to use and accessible methods.
[8.8 regarding how to submit feedback via channels provided] Again, what are these? Suggest these are explained.	The Applicant noted this comment and sought to clarify this in the final SoCC.	<p>[para 8.8] The workshops will be an opportunity for the Project to openly engage with local stakeholders on the design, asking for suggestions on how the design could be changed, focusing on where people's feedback has the biggest scope to influence the design. People will be</p>

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		<p>encouraged to submit written feedback formally through the Project communication channels, set out in Section 8.61: Open Communication of this document. Comment sheets will also be provided at the design workshops for attendees to provide written feedback.</p>
<p>[8.10 regarding design workshops] These are taking place so suggest that the dates are included.</p>	<p>The Applicant noted this and updated the wording in the final SoCC to reflect its commitment to design workshops. However, the Applicant did not publicise the event details of the design workshops within the SoCC as they were invite-only.</p>	<p>[para 8.6] Prior to Phase Two Statutory Consultation, the Applicant is inviting parish councils, relevant local interest and community groups, and technical stakeholders through design preview workshops to encourage feedback on the design of the project.</p> <p>[para 8.9] The Project team has written to parish councils, relevant local interest and community groups, and technical stakeholders to invite them to workshops being held two weeks before the start of consultation.</p> <p>[para 8.10] Design workshops are being held in-person prior to Phase Two Statutory Consultation. The dates and times of these workshops have been confirmed with the relevant stakeholders prior to the start of design workshops.</p>
<p>[8.15 regarding online feedback form] Provide a link to this?</p>	<p>The Applicant noted this comment. The online feedback form was not open at the time of publishing the SoCC. Therefore, the Applicant did not put a link within the SoCC. However, the Applicant sought to assure that the link to the online feedback form would be clearly presented on the Proposed Development website and has sought to clarify this in the final SoCC. The online feedback form link was available to view on the</p>	<p>[para 8.15] It will be possible to submit a response to the consultation via the website using a dedicated online feedback form during the defined consultation period. The online feedback form will be made available from 26 June to 7 August 2025.</p>

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	website Home page during consultation.	
<p>[8.36 regarding offering briefings to political stakeholders to update them on the Project] Will stakeholder receive regular updates or at key milestones, throughout the application process? If so how will they receive these?</p>	<p>The Applicant noted this comment. Key stakeholders have been and will continue to be emailed where any proactive updates are made regarding the Proposed Development during the pre-application phase of the Proposed Development outside of the formal statutory consultation process. Once the application is submitted and accepted, the Applicant will comply with Section 56 of the Act to ensure that the Proposed Development’s acceptance is publicised in the prescribed manner, and stakeholders will then be able to register with the Planning Inspectorate to participate in the Examination process.</p>	
<p>[8.44 regarding the Applicant holding an online information event] Can the date and time be provided if known? If a stakeholder specifically requests the applicant to present directly to their group, would that be possible? Would a slide deck be available? How do they ask for this?</p>	<p>The date and time of the online information event (Community Webinar) was set out in Table 1 on the SoCC. As set out in Section 8.35 of the SoCC, meetings and briefing sessions may be arranged with local parish councils, elected members and key local stakeholder groups prior, during and following the second phase of community consultation. The Applicant also added in a paragraph regarding a slide deck and its availability Section 8.34: Meetings and Briefing Sessions to clarify this point.</p>	<p>[new para 8.38]</p> <p>A slide deck providing an update on the project, details of Phase Two Statutory Consultation, and a presentation on the updated Project proposals, will be produced for any briefings, and can be made available on request by contacting the Project communication channels</p>

Feedback	Applicant Response	Updated SoCC Text (if applicable)
[8.53 regarding materials available at CAPs] Will there be materials available for people with visual impairments?	The Applicant is committed to ensuring that consultation for the Proposed Development is accessible for all. A paragraph has been added in Section 8.56: Availability of Materials to clarify this point.	[new para 8.59] We are committed to ensuring that anyone interested in the project is able to access materials. We encourage anyone who may require consultation materials in alternative formats, such as large-print, audio or braille, to get in touch with the Project via the Project communication channels to request these materials.
[8.59 regarding contacting the Proposed Development's community relation team to ask questions] Is there a community liaison lead for the project? If so suggest details are provided	The Applicant noted this comment. There is not a community liaison officer at this stage of the Proposed Development. Anyone who would like to get in touch with the Proposed Development is encouraged to do so via the Proposed Development communication channels.	
[8.61 regarding providing written feedback during consultation] What about someone who cannot provide written feedback? Will there be someone available to write for them? Or is there an option for someone to phone and leave verbal feedback?	The Applicant noted this comment. An additional paragraph was added to clarify that the Applicant welcomes verbal feedback for those unable to provide written feedback.	[new para 8.63] For those unable to provide written feedback and by appointment with the Project team, it will be possible to make a verbal representation over the Project freephone information line 0808 281 4784. Feedback provided will be transcribed and agreed verbally prior to being recorded as feedback. Appointments to provide verbal feedback should be made by contacting the Project communication channels.
[8.62 regarding the closing date for consultation] Specify the closing date, ambiguous otherwise.	The Applicant noted this comment. The closing date was added to the final SoCC.	[para 8.64] All feedback must be received by 11.59pm on Thursday 07 August 2025. To account for postage delays, feedback received after this date via freepost may be considered.
[8.69 regarding a press release sent to media outlets at the beginning of consultation] Will social media be used? Have you approached local groups to see if they	The Applicant noted this comment. There was no intention to use social media on behalf of the Proposed Development and has not been used by the Applicant to date. However, parish councils and relevant interest	[para 8.73] Posters publicising the consultation will be issued to venues where in-person information events are taking place, and the clerks of parish councils with a request that these are displayed on local parish notice boards or other suitable locations, including the CAPs. We will also be asking that parish councils

Feedback	Applicant Response	Updated SoCC Text (if applicable)
would be willing to provide updates on Facebook pages (for example)?	groups received communications regarding the launch of consultation, as well as the publication of the SoCC, and were encouraged to publicise the consultation on their own communication channels, which could include Facebook pages. The Applicant sought to clarify this in the final SoCC.	publish the consultation on any social media channels they may run. The list of parish councils that will be contacted is provided in Appendix 3 of this document.
9. Consultation Reporting		
No comment.	Noted.	
10. Environmental Information		
No comment.	Noted.	
11. Indicative timeline		
No comment.	Noted.	
Appendices		
<p>[Appendix 1 regarding gateway organisations] Suggest also include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selby District Association of Voluntary Service - York CVS - York LGBT forum - Friends, Family and Travellers - North Yorkshire Disability Forum - North Yorkshire Young Carers - Samaritans - Disability north 	The Applicant welcomes these suggestions. All of the groups listed by North Yorkshire Council were added to Appendix 1 of the SoCC.	

6.6 Publication of the SoCC

- 6.6.1 The final SoCC was publicised in accordance with Section 47(6) of the 2008 Act on 12 June 2025.
- 6.6.2 The SoCC was uploaded to the document library on the Applicant’s project website and made available to view and collect from the public venues (Community Access Points) listed in the document and accompanying notice.
- 6.6.3 Notices were published in the York Press and Selby Times on 12 June 2025. A copy of the Section 47 notice is provided in Appendix 4: Statement of Community Consultation Materials [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.04].
- 6.6.4 The publication of the SoCC was also communicated through emailing statutory undertakers and any party that had registered to be kept informed of project updates.

6.7 Compliance with SoCC

- 6.7.1 The Applicant undertook consultation consistent with the commitments established in the published SoCC, in accordance with Section 47(7) of the 2008 Act.
- 6.7.2 Table 6.2 describes how the Applicant has complied with commitments set out within the published SoCC.

Table 6.2: SoCC commitments and Applicant compliance

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1. Introduction	Comments received from the authorities on the draft SoCC have been considered by the Applicant when preparing the final SoCC for publication.	Table 6.1 evidences how the Applicant considered comments from local authorities in preparing the final SoCC for publication.
	The final SoCC will then be publicised and made available for inspection. The final SoCC will be publicised in accordance with Section 47 of the Act, published on our website (www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk), directly emailed to identified key stakeholders and those who have registered to be kept informed, with hard copies available on request, and for review at the venues described in section 8 of this document.	The final SoCC was publicised in accordance with Section 47(6) of the PA 2008 on 12 June 2025. The SoCC was uploaded to the document library on the Applicant’s website and made available to view from the three CAP sites listed in section 8 of the SoCC and accompanying Section 47 Notice.
	As required by Section 47(6) of the Act, we will publish a Section 47 Notice in local newspapers for one week to advertise that the SoCC has been published. The notices will	The Section 47 Notices were published in the York Press and Selby Times on 12 June 2025 to publicise the SoCC and its availability.

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	<p>be published in the Selby Times and the York Press on 12 June 2025.</p>	
<p>4. Our Consultation Process</p>	<p>Consultation Objectives</p> <p>Our overall objectives for Phase Two Statutory Consultation are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness about the Proposed Development proposals and the consultation so local communities have the opportunity to understand the Proposed Development, its potential impacts and the measures proposed to reduce those impacts. • Engage in discussion relating to ways of maximising local benefits to meet their long-term needs so they can provide their views and feedback. • Give local communities, relevant authorities and other stakeholders an opportunity to comment on the proposals based on appropriately detailed information that is clear and accessible. • Provide a range of ways for people to engage with the Proposed Development at a time that is convenient to them. For example, online (website, webinars), in person (events, briefings), and in writing (feedback form, leaflet). • Clearly signpost the different ways people can comment on the Proposed Development. • Ensure that everyone who has an interest in the Proposed Development is made aware of the examination process and provided with information 	<p>The Applicant undertook consultation with local communities, local authorities, statutory bodies and persons with an interest in land potentially affected by the Proposed Development under Sections 42, 47 and 48 of the PA 2008.</p> <p>A suite of consultation materials was published on 26 June 2025 to provide appropriately detailed information that is clear and accessible. Materials were published online and also available in printed format (to inspect and/or take away) at the three Community Access Points (CAPs), as stated in the SoCC.</p> <p>Materials also clearly signposted how people could get involved in the Phase Two Statutory Consultation, including a series of in-person and online information events and different methods to provide feedback.</p> <p>Materials included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and accompanying PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS), including technical maps and plans; • A Community Consultation Postcard (distributed to local homes and businesses); • A Project Information Booklet, including illustrative plans showing the nature of the Proposed Development; • Event Displays; and • A paper and online Feedback Form to encourage responses.

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	<p>explaining how they can participate in that process.</p> <p>The Applicant published a Consultation Summary Report ('CSR') for Phase One Consultation in Spring 2025. The purpose of the CSR is to present the feedback received to the Phase One Consultation and set out our response to how we are considering this feedback, as well as provide a project update regarding site selection.</p>	<p>The CSR was published on the Applicant's website, available to view in the Documents section [www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk/documents], and its availability was publicised through notifying, via email, identified consultees such as political and local stakeholders, as well as those who signed up for project updates.</p> <p>The CSR was also made available to view and take away at CAPs from the start of Phase Two Statutory Consultation, as well as at in-person information events.</p>
<p>5. Who we will consult</p>	<p>Our consultation process is open to anyone who is affected by or has an interest in our proposals for the Proposed Development. We are seeking to engage with a range of individuals and groups and want our consultation to be accessible for everyone to take part.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 47 of the Act, the SoCC must outline how we propose to consult people living 'in the vicinity of the land' for the Proposed Development.</p> <p>Core Consultation Zone</p> <p>To help determine the core consultation zone, we considered where may be directly or indirectly impacted by the Proposed Development permanently or temporarily as a result of its construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning.</p>	<p>The Applicant accepted all feedback submitted in response to consultation during the consultation period. Opportunities to provide feedback were publicised through a range of methods including national and local media.</p> <p>Section 8 of the SoCC details the Applicant's approach to consulting people living in the vicinity of the Proposed Development. These commitments are evidenced later in this table.</p> <p>As set out in Section 5.4 of the SoCC: Core Consultation Zone, the Applicant determined an appropriate core consultation zone by initially extending a minimum distance of two kilometres from the boundaries of the seven Solar Development Sites and 500 metres from the edge of the Cable Corridor Options Area. Following this, additional areas were considered to be included in the zone, as set out in paragraph 5.7 of the SoCC.</p> <p>The Applicant issued a Community Consultation Postcard to all properties (over 14,000) within the defined Core Consultation Zone) to</p>

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	<p>Having considered these impacts, we then determined an appropriate Core Consultation Zone by initially extending a minimum distance of two kilometres from the boundaries of the seven Solar Development Sites and 500 metres from the edge of the Cable Corridor Options Area and other project infrastructure.</p> <p>Where proportionate and reasonable, the zone has been extended further subject to consideration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing and human geographical boundaries, for example, railway lines, A-roads and/or motorways such as the A1(M), A19 and the A63. • Avoiding splitting communities. • Coverage of the host parishes that host Solar Development Sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Escrick Parish Council ○ Thorganby Parish Council ○ Hambleton Parish Council ○ South Milford Parish Council ○ Monk Fryston Parish Council ○ Hillam Parish Council ○ Birkin Parish Council 	<p>publicise and encourage responses to the Phase Two Statutory Consultation.</p> <p>The postcard notified consultees of the consultation dates and provided information relating to the consultation process and where information about how to take part and what was being consulted on could be found.</p> <p>The Applicant issued a Community Consultation Postcard to all properties (over 14,000) within the defined Core Consultation Zone to publicise and encourage responses to the Phase Two Statutory Consultation. Figure 2 of the SoCC depicts the Core Consultation Zone in relation to the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The postcard notified consultees of the consultation dates and provided information relating to the consultation process and where information about how to take part and what was being consulted on could be found using a range of communication methods.</p> <p>Following the announced closure of Queen Margaret’s School, a second postcard was sent to all properties within the Core Consultation Zone to inform them of the change in event venue to the Escrick & Deighton Club.</p> <p>Every property within the parish councils listed was included within the Core Consultation Zone.</p> <p>A full list of parishes that were notified by the Applicant (separately to the statutory Section 42 notification) is listed within Appendix 3 of the SoCC.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ West Haddlesey Parish Council ● Where we propose to undertake additional works to enable construction transport, equipment areas or road modifications. 	
	<p>Information about the Proposed Development will be communicated directly to properties within the Core Consultation Zone including residents local business and community organisations (including parish councils), to raise awareness and promote dialogue through the Proposed Development communication channels. These include written information materials in the form of a Community Consultation Postcard;</p>	
	<p>Consulting people beyond the core consultation zone</p> <p>To give these individuals and organisations the opportunity to participate in this second stage of consultation, we will raise awareness in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Directly Notify all those who have registered their interest in the Proposed Development about consultation; 	<p>Those who registered to be kept informed were directly notified via email with information about Phase Two Statutory Consultation. There were no postal addresses of those who wished to be kept informed that were outside of the Core Consultation Zone.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Publish a Section 48 notice in the local and national press and London Gazette; 	<p>The Section 48 Notice was published as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Selby Times on 19 and 26 June 2025; ● York Press on 19 and 26 June 2025; ● The Guardian on 19 June 2025; and ● The London Gazette on 19 June 2025.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Publish consultation materials online via the Proposed Development website and make them available on 	<p>All consultation materials were published on the Proposed Development website on 26 June 2025.</p>

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	<p>request via our contact details.</p>	<p>The Applicant responded to all requests for printed and digital consultation materials.</p>
	<p>We will also engage those parties representing the interests of those communities which lie beyond the core consultation zone, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of Parliament ('MP') representing the host constituencies and properties within the CCZ: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keir Mather MP (Selby) - Sir Alec Shelbrooke MP (Wetherby and Easingwold) - Luke Charters MP (York Outer) • North Yorkshire Council and City of York councillors and leadership. • Parish Councils that host or neighbour the Proposed Development Boundary for Consultation, set out in Appendix 3 of this document. 	<p>The Applicant contacted the MPs listed via email and posted individual letters to their office on 27 June 2025, at the start of the statutory consultation and on 8 August 2025 following the close of consultation on 7 August 2025.</p> <p>The Applicant also contacted North Yorkshire and City of York Councillors, including Officers, Senior Leadership, and those representing the relevant electoral districts by email on 27 June 2025 and 8 August 2025. These were also issued alongside ad hoc meetings and correspondence undertaken throughout the consultation period.</p> <p>All parish councils outlined in Appendix 3 of the SoCC were contacted on 27 June 2025 and 8 August 2025.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community interest groups and voluntary organisations, set out in Appendix 2 of this document. 	<p>In addition to consulting North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council on the draft SoCC, the Applicant welcomed additional groups to engage with the Applicant ahead of and during the Phase Two Statutory Consultation. The Applicant contacted these groups on 27 June 2025 (to confirm the consultation launch) and on 8 August 2025 (to confirm its close).</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory bodies such as Natural England, the Environment Agency and National Highways in line with Section 42 of the Act. 	<p>The Applicant notified all those consulted under Section 42 of the deadline in writing by post on 25 June 2025 and by email on 26 June 2025.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owners, tenants and occupiers of the land included within the draft Limits, and those potentially eligible for compensation 	<p>The Applicant notified all those identified under Section 44 of the PA 2008 by post from 25 June 2025. Those who were identified subsequently following further</p>

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	<p>claims, in line with section 44 of the Act.</p>	<p>investigations have been provided more than the minimum 28 days to provide their feedback on the Proposed Development.</p>
	<p>Wider outreach and inclusion</p> <p>We will contact the bodies and gateway organisations in Appendix 1 prior to statutory consultation to invite their feedback on our approach to consultation and seek guidance on any actions to further increase accessibility.</p>	<p>The Applicant identified and contacted by email all seldom heard groups and gateway organisations listed in Appendix 1 of the SoCC, regarding the publication of the SoCC and upcoming consultation, on 12 June 2025, and sought guidance from these groups on any methods that would provide accessibility for their members.</p>
	<p>We would welcome any further suggestions from Local Authorities regarding additional groups to include in the list in Appendix 1.</p>	<p>North Yorkshire Council suggested seven additional organisations to contact in their feedback to the draft SoCC. All organisations were added to Appendix 1 and contacted on 27 June 2025.</p>
<p>6. When we will consult</p>	<p>The Applicant will hold their Phase Two Statutory Consultation for a period of 43 days.</p> <p>A 43-day consultation period is consistent with the approach taken to the non-statutory Phase One Consultation and exceeds the statutory requirement of 28 days.</p>	<p>The Applicant held its Phase Two Statutory Consultation for a period of 43 days between 26 June 2025 and 7 August 2025.</p> <p>This duration exceeded the 28-day statutory requirement.</p>
<p>7. What we will consult on</p>	<p>The aim of our pre-application consultation is to ensure that both community and technical consultees have meaningful opportunities to understand and influence Project proposals prior to the submission of a DCO application.</p> <p>Our Phase two (statutory) Consultation will seek feedback on updated Proposed Development proposals that have had regard to feedback received to date.</p> <p>It will include publishing the results of ongoing environmental surveys and preliminary assessments of likely significant effects, and studies that have been carried out to date. These will be presented in a PEIR</p>	<p>The Applicant received feedback via online feedback forms, physical feedback submitted by freepost, and by email.</p> <p>The Applicant presented the most up to date environmental information via the PEIR, which was available online, present in printed format at all six in-person information events, and available in specific sections by request via the Proposed Development communication lines.</p> <p>Alongside the PEIR, the Non-Technical Summary ('NTS') was present at each event, available online, and issued to CAP sites.</p>

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	<p>and accompanying Non-Technical Summary ('NTS').</p> <p>This will report on any potential significant environmental effects related to the Proposed Development and how we are intending to manage these.</p> <p>The Proposed Development Boundary for Consultation will be presented through the consultation materials.</p> <p>Our Phase Two Statutory Consultation will provide an opportunity to comment on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The design of the seven Solar Development Sites in which the electricity generating station and BESS would be contained; • The potential routing for underground Cable Corridors within the Cable Corridor Options Area to connect the Solar Development Sites to one another and provide an electrical connection into the National Grid; • The potential environmental effects of the Proposed Development detailed in the PEIR which sets out the results of our preliminary environmental assessments and associated mitigation; • The timescales and next steps for the Proposed Development; and • Anything else consultees think we need to consider. 	<p>The information presented within the community-facing consultation materials (such as the Project Information Booklet) was consistent with that presented within the PEIR.</p> <p>The Applicant presented maps of the Proposed Development Boundary for Consultation for the Proposed Development online and at information events and could be seen in the Site Location Plan – June 2025.</p> <p>The Phase Two Statutory Consultation allowed the opportunity to provide feedback on any aspect of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>Information on the matters listed was set out in the Project Information Booklet, on the Proposed Development leaflet, on poster boards at events and in the published PEIR and PEIR NTS.</p> <p>The Applicant received comments on a variety of aspects, including but not limited to those set out in the SoCC.</p>
<p>8. How We Will Consult</p>	<p>Throughout the consultation process, we will invite communities and interested parties to view, discuss and comment on our proposals; working to ensure that</p>	<p>Throughout the consultation period, the Applicant ensured all consultation information/materials were readily accessible, including:</p>

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	<p>consultation is effective, so that as many people as possible are given the opportunity to express their views.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosting materials on the Proposed Development website and in printed format at three CAPs and at in-person events. • Giving people six weeks to review consultation documents at a time convenient to them, including accessing documents online and/or in person (as above). • Providing a variety of channels to provide feedback, include via a printed and/or online feedback form or to the Proposed Development's communication channels (email or Freepost)
	<p>Design Workshops</p> <p>Prior to Phase Two Statutory Consultation, the Applicant is inviting parish councils, relevant local interest and community groups, and technical stakeholders through design preview workshops to encourage feedback on the design of the project.</p> <p>Design workshops are being held in-person prior to Phase Two Statutory Consultation. The dates and times of these workshops have been confirmed with the relevant stakeholders prior to the start of design workshops.</p>	<p>The Applicant held two design workshops prior to the Phase Two Statutory Consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 June 2025 – 1pm – 4pm, Riccall Village Institute, 12 Station Road, Riccall, York, YO19 6QJ. • 24 June 2025, 1pm – 4pm, Hambleton Village Hall, Station Road, Hambleton, Selby, YO8 9HS
	<p>The level of detail presented within the design workshops will be consistent with the materials produced for Phase Two Statutory Consultation, ensuring that anybody interested in the project has the opportunity on the proposals presented at Phase Two Statutory Consultation.</p>	<p>The materials presented within the design workshops were consistent with the materials presented at the Phase Two Statutory Consultation.</p>
	<p>The workshops will be an opportunity for the Proposed Development to openly engage with</p>	<p>The Applicant accepted feedback as part of the design workshops, which has been considered as part of the</p>

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	<p>local stakeholders on the design, asking for suggestions on how the design could be changed, focusing on where people’s feedback has the biggest scope to influence the design. People will be encouraged to submit written feedback formally through the Proposed Development communication channels.</p>	<p>ongoing design process for the Proposed Development. This is discussed in Chapter 7 of this Consultation Report.</p>
	<p>The Proposed Development team has written to parish councils, relevant local interest and community groups, and technical stakeholders to invite them to workshops being held two weeks before the start of consultation.</p>	<p>The Applicant sent invitations to these groups on 12 May 2025, over a month before the start of the first design workshop being held on 18 June 2025.</p> <p>Attendees from the following organisations attended the workshops included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Yorkshire Council (a number of officers from the council covering a number of environmental topics) • Natural England • Together Hillum and Monk Fryston • Monk Fryston and Hillum Community Sustainability Project • Hambleton Parish Council • Skipwith Parish Council • Riccall Parish Council • Friends of Skipwith Common
	<p>Ad hoc technical workshops may also be held with technical consultees, following engagement with them.</p>	<p>The Applicant has conducted further engagement with technical consultees during and following Phase Two Statutory Consultation.</p>
	<p>Project Website</p> <p>The dedicated Project website will be updated to provide information about the consultation and proposals being consulted on, as well as being available to view and download via the Documents tab.</p>	<p>The Proposed Development website was updated on 26 June 2025 to provide full information about the Phase Two Statutory Consultation and to host the consultation materials. All materials were also hosted on the website from this date:</p> <p>www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk/documents.</p>

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	<p>It will be possible to submit a response to the consultation via the website using a dedicated online feedback form during the defined consultation period. The online feedback form will be made available from 26 June to 7 August 2025.</p>	<p>The Applicant hosted an online feedback form on the Proposed Development website, which replicated the content of the paper feedback form. The online form was accessible until 11.59pm on 7 August 2025.</p>
	<p>It will continue to provide a facility for people to register their contact details with the Proposed Development so they can receive future updates directly within and beyond defined periods of consultation.</p>	<p>The Proposed Development website continues to remain active and host the latest Proposed Development information. This includes a 'Register for updates' page: www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk/register-for-updates</p>
	<p>Direct Communications</p> <p>Direct communications – via a Community Consultation postcard-will be issued to all properties within the core consultation zone and to any other parties who registered to be kept informed about the Proposed Development by post.</p> <p>The postcard will notify local residents and businesses of the consultation period commencing, their opportunities to find out more information (including details of public information events), how to provide feedback, and the response deadline</p>	<p>The Applicant issued two rounds of over 14,000 postcards to the Core Consultation Zone defined in Figure Two, Section 6 of the SoCC.</p> <p>The first postcard notified local residents and businesses of the consultation period commencing, their opportunities to find out more information (including details of public information events), how to provide feedback, and the response deadline for comments to be submitted. The first postcard also included a map inside of the site location.</p> <p>The second postcard was primarily intended to notify the core consultation zone of a change in venue to the second public information event in Escrick. The Applicant also used the postcard to further publicise the Phase Two Statutory Consultation and the remaining information events.</p>
	<p>Project Information Booklet</p> <p>A Project Information Booklet will be published at the start of the Phase Two Statutory Consultation. This will provide a summary of the proposals we are consulting on, details of how people can take part in the consultation, how feedback will be</p>	<p>The Project Information Booklet provided a summary of information about the Proposed Development and details of Phase Two Statutory Consultation.</p> <p>The Project Information Booklet was published on the Proposed Development website and was</p>

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	<p>considered and used to influence the shape of our proposals, and how we will provide information on the outcome of this consultation.</p> <p>8.23. Printed copies of this document will be available to take away at in-person public information events and Community Access Points ('CAPs'), Proposed Development website.</p>	<p>available in printed format at the three CAPs on 26 June 2025.</p> <p>The Project Information Booklet was also available at all community information events.</p>
	<p>Feedback Form A feedback form will be developed to enable people to provide feedback on the proposals.</p> <p>An online version of the feedback form will be hosted on the dedicated Project website so that feedback can be provided electronically.</p> <p>Hard copy feedback forms will be available at in-person public information events and at CAPs. An online PDF version of the feedback form will also be available to download from the Proposed Development website. Copies will also be made available on request in digital or hard copy format, free of charge.</p>	<p>A Feedback Form was produced and made available for the Phase Two Statutory Consultation, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In printed format at the three CAPs, at in-person events and on request from the Proposed Development team from 26 June 2025; • Online via the Proposed Development website (as a downloadable PDF) from 26 June 2025; and • As an online interactive form on the Proposed Development website, which could be accessed from 26 June until at least 11.59pm on 7 August 2025. <p>Completed forms and freeform feedback could be returned by post (FREEPOST Light Valley Solar), in person at events, or by email to the Proposed Development team.</p>
	<p>While the feedback form is intended to encourage and support the provision of feedback, we recognise some respondents may prefer to provide written comments outside of set questions.</p> <p>Any and all written comments will be accepted and can be submitted during the Phase Two Statutory Consultation period by post to FREEPOST LIGHT VALLEY</p>	<p>The Applicant accepted feedback until 11.59pm on 7 August 2025 and allowed additional days after this date to receive representations via Freepost, acknowledging delay in postal times.</p> <p>By exception (to the stated feedback methods), the Applicant accepted verbal feedback via the Proposed Development freephone. No</p>

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	<p>SOLAR (no stamp of further address details required) or by email to info@lightvalleysolar.co.uk. Feedback by telephone is not being accepted, except by prior arrangement.</p>	<p>representations were received via this method.</p>
	<p>Technical Documents, Maps, and Plans</p> <p>The Proposed Development Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') will be published at the start of the Phase Two Statutory Consultation period. This document will provide details of the Proposed Development and report on progress with the environmental studies underway to inform the Environmental Assessment.</p> <p>The full PEIR, including the NTS, will be available to view digitally on the Proposed Development website and in printed format at public information events. The NTS will be able to view in Community Access Periods (CAPs).</p> <p>We will endeavour to provide relevant information from the PEIR in hard copy, however reasonable charges will apply to requests for significant volumes of information to be printed given the anticipated size of the fully document.</p>	<p>All technical documents – including the PEIR and accompanying NTS and maps and plans – were made available on the Proposed Development website from 26 June 2025 and hard copies were available to view (but not take away) at the information events. Printed copies of the NTS were also available to inspect (but not take away) from this date at CAPs.</p> <p>Stock levels were monitored on a regular basis and replenished as necessary.</p>
	<p>Meetings and Briefing Sessions</p> <p>Meetings and briefings sessions may be arranged with local parish councils, elected members and key local stakeholders groups prior, during and following the second phase of community consultation.</p>	<p>The Applicant has continued to engage with local stakeholders prior, during and following Phase Two Statutory Consultation. This has included engagement with neighbours to the Proposed Development boundary, as well as continued engagement with local parish councils.</p> <p>Details of this engagement will be summarised within the Consultation Report.</p>

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	<p>Key stakeholders set out in Section 5 of this document will be contacted prior to the start of the Phase Two Statutory Consultation to notify them of the upcoming consultation.</p> <p>Consultation Information Events</p> <p>We are holding six in-person public information events during the Phase Two Statutory Consultation.</p> <p>We have scheduled these events towards the start of the consultation period, with a minimum of three weeks' notice between events being publicised in the final SoCC and the first event. This is to ensure all events are held prior to school summer holidays.</p> <p>Events will be held across different days of the week and cover a range of times to accommodate different working hours and care schedules to promote accessibility and attendance. This will include holding an event on a Saturday and events running into the evening.</p> <p>At events attendees will be able to find out information about the Proposed Development and what we are consulting on. Members of the Proposed Development team will be present to discuss the proposals and answer questions.</p> <p>In-person information events will be held at venues within the core consultation zone that are accessible by public transport and accommodate the needs of individuals with limited mobility.</p> <p>The Applicant will also hold one online information event (webinar) via 'Zoom', the date and time of which will be publicised along with details of the in-person events.</p>	<p>Key stakeholders set out in Section 5 of the SoCC were contacted prior to the start of the Phase Two Statutory Consultation to notify them of the upcoming consultation.</p> <p>The Applicant held a total of six in-person events across the consultation period (as listed in Table 1 of the SoCC). Events were held on a range of dates and times throughout the week, including in the afternoon, evening and at weekends to encourage attendance from all consultees.</p> <p>All venues were located within Core Consultation Zone and were selected based on their accessibility (to affected communities) and health and safety/capacity requirements. All venues had disabled access.</p> <p>Several members of the Proposed Development team were in attendance at the events, including representatives from IGP and a wide range of planning, land, technical and environmental impact assessment disciplines.</p> <p>All consultation materials were made available to inspect and/or take away from the in-person events. Members of the Proposed Development team were on hand to discuss the proposals in more detail.</p> <p>The Applicant held an online webinar via Zoom. Details were publicised in the consultation materials and wider publicity. Consultees could sign up to attend via a link on the Proposed Development website or by getting</p>

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	<p>The webinar will be held for any member of the public to join via telephone or the internet. The format of this webinar will involve the presentation of information consistent with that made available at in-person events by representatives from the Proposed Development team, followed by a moderated question and answer session. A recorded version of the webinar presentation will be made available on the Proposed Development website after the session.</p>	<p>in touch with the Proposed Development team.</p> <p>The webinar included a live presentation, which covered information consistent with materials presented at the in-person events, and a Q&A with the Proposed Development team. Questions could be submitted and answered live via a 'Q&A' box.</p> <p>A recording of the Webinar presentation was uploaded to the Proposed Development website afterward.</p>
	<p>Community Access Points</p> <p>Community Access Points ('CAPs') are deposit locations where we will make hard copies of this document and relevant Phase Two Statutory Consultation materials available.</p> <p>CAPs have been selected based on their public accessibility including their proximity to the Proposed Development.</p> <p>All three CAPs also host computers with internet access, should any interested individual wish to access the full PEIR via the Proposed Development website.</p>	<p>Consultation materials made available at the CAPs were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback forms (to take away) • Project information booklets (to take away) • Copies of the PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS) (to inspect) • Copies of the Phase One Consultation Summary Report (to take away) • Copies of the SoCC (to inspect) <p>The CAPs were selected based on their public accessibility and their proximity to the Proposed Development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selby Library, 52 Micklegate, Selby, YO8 4EQ. • Barlby Library and Community Hub, Howden Road, Barlby, Selby, YO8 5JE. • Sherburn & Villages Community Library, Finkle Hill, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Leeds, LS25 6EA.

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		All three CAPs were contacted in advance of the consultation to ensure they each had working computers with internet access.
	<p>Availability of Materials</p> <p>Table 3 below summarises the availability of consultation materials during the Phase Two Statutory Consultation period.</p> <p>The materials will be available in their relevant locations until at least the end of the consultation closing date. Materials will continue to be available to view on the Proposed Development website following the end of the consultation closing date.</p>	All materials committed to being present at events and CAPs in Table 3, were present at CAPs, at the In-person information events, on the Proposed Development Website, and on request.
	We are committed to ensuring that anyone who may require consultation materials in alternative formats, such as large-print, audio or braille, to get in touch with the Proposed Development via the Proposed Development communication channels to request these materials.	Details of how to obtain hard copies of the consultation documents, including requests for materials in an alternative format such as large print or audio for those with visual impairments or in an alternative language for those who do not speak English as their first language, were also provided. This was set out on the Proposed Development website, the Feedback Form, the Project Information Booklet, and within the Section 48 Notice.
	<p>Open Communications</p> <p>The Proposed Development communications channels will remain open throughout the pre-application stage. Outside the statutory consultation period consultees will still be able to speak to a member of our Proposed Development community relations team to ask questions through these channels.</p>	All communication channels remain open throughout the pre-application period, including Freephone, email and Freepost.
	<p>During the consultation period consultees can provide written feedback by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submitting an online feedback form through the 	Stakeholders could submit comments to the Phase Two Statutory Consultation via the advertised methods.

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	<p>Proposed Development website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing a PDF version of the physical feedback form and submitting via email: info@lightvalleysolar.co.yuk. • Completing a printed copy of the feedback form and submitting it an in-person information event or returning it to FREEPOST LIGHT VALLEY SOLAR (no stamp required) • Sending an email to: info@lightvalleysolar.co.uk. • Providing comments in writing and posting them to FREEPOST LIGHT VALLEY SOLAR (no stamp required). 	<p>All responses submitted by the closing date (11.59pm on 7 August 2025) were accepted, with additional days provided for the receipt of postal feedback (to account for any delays).</p> <p>Subsequently, a small amount of feedback was received following the advertised deadline, which has also been accepted.</p>
	<p>For those unable to provide written feedback and by appointment with the Proposed Development team, it will be possible to make a verbal representation over the Proposed Development freephone information line 0808 281 4784. Feedback provided will be transcribed and agreed verbally prior to being recorded as feedback. Appointments to provide verbal feedback should be made by contacting the Proposed Development communication channels.</p>	<p>The Applicant maintained this service throughout consultation. No representations were received verbally via the Proposed Development freephone.</p>
	<p>All feedback must be received by 11.59pm on Thursday 07 August 2025. To account for postage delays, feedback received after this date via freepost may be considered.</p>	<p>All responses submitted by the closing date (11.59pm on 7 August 2025) were accepted, with additional days provided for the receipt of postal feedback (to account for any delays).</p> <p>Subsequently, a small amount of feedback was received following the advertised deadline, which has also been accepted.</p>
	<p>Questions and requests for information can be made using the communications channels above and by calling the Proposed</p>	<p>The Proposed Development team were available via the stated communication channels and</p>

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	<p>Development freephone line 0808 281 4784 (open 09:00- 17:00, Monday-Friday, with a voice message service operating during out of office hours so a callback can be made subject to the correct information being provided in the message).</p>	<p>received answerphone messages outside of these hours.</p>
	<p>Section 48 Notice</p> <p>As required by Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 we will publish a Section 48 Notice advertising our intention to submit a DCO application and to notify readers about the Phase Two Statutory Consultation in local newspapers in the vicinity of the Proposed Development for two consecutive weeks and a national newspapers and the London Gazette for one week.</p> <p>The local newspapers in which the Section 48 Notice will appear are the Selby Times and York Press, and the national newspaper is the Guardian. A final publication schedule will be included in the final SoCC.</p>	<p>The Section 48 Notice was published as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selby Times on 19 and 26 June 2025; • York Press on 12 and 26 June 2025; • The Guardian on 19 June 2025; and • The London Gazette on 19 June 2025.
	<p>A copy of the Section 48 notice will also be sent via post to the clerks of parish councils with a request that these are displayed on local parish notice boards or other suitable locations, including the CAPs. The list of parish councils that will be contacted is provided in Appendix 3 of this document</p>	<p>The Applicant issued posters to 50 community venues, local information points, inviting them to display an information poster. As noted in Appendix 3 of the SoCC, the parish councils listed in Section 6 were also provided information posters to advertise the Phase Two Statutory Consultation. Posters included a list of in-person and online events.</p>
	<p>Media, Advertising and Publicity</p> <p>To raise awareness about the Proposed Development and consultation within and beyond the core consultation zone we will issue a media release at the start of consultation to provide an overview of the proposed application, why we</p>	<p>The Applicant issued a series of media releases to local/regional publications at the start and after the close of the Phase Two Statutory Consultation, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A media release on 26 June 2025, announcing the start of the Phase Two Statutory

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	<p>are consulting and how people can access information about the Proposed Development, including dates of information events and the deadline for receipt of feedback to the consultation.</p>	<p>Consultation, a list of in-person and online events and where people could view more information; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A media release on 8 August 2025, announcing the close of the consultation, a summary of consultation activities undertaken and thanking stakeholders for their engagement.
	<p>In addition to publishing a formal Section 48 Notice in regional and national newspapers, we will place advertisements in local media publications during consultation, including the Selby Times and the York Press, to publicise the consultation and information events taking place.</p>	<p>The Applicant placed a series of additional advertisements in local media outlets as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selby Times on 3 July; and • York Press on 3 July 2025.
	<p>Changes to consultation activities.</p> <p>Should any changes to our consultation activities be required due to circumstances outside of our control following the publishing of the SoCC, details will be publicised in line with the method set out in this SoCC to the extent it is reasonable and proportionate to do so.</p>	<p>On 18 June 2025, the Proposed Development was informed that the venue booked for the second event in Escrick at Queen Margaret’s School would no longer be possible due to the permanent closure of the school.</p> <p>To ensure that this change was communicated, the Applicant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issued a postcard to the entire Core Consultation Zone, over 14,000 addresses; • Updated the Proposed Development website with the new venue; • Printed and attached notices of the venue change in Escrick, near the previous venue. These notices also contained details of future information events; and • Updated the SoCC on the Project Development website detailing the change.
	<p>Coordination with other NSIP developers</p>	<p>The Applicant contacted developments in the vicinity to ensure due regard was given to any</p>

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	<p>The Applicant recognises the number of other NSIPs in the North Yorkshire County. Ahead of the statutory consultation, the Applicant will attempt to engage with the developers of other third-party developments to determine the timing of any defined consultation periods and activities, including when in-person events will be taking place. Where possible the Applicant will endeavour to ensure that in-person events do not take place on the same days to ensure all stakeholders can take part in the Consultation for the Proposed Development.</p>	<p>other consultation events occurring in the core consultation zone and host local authorities.</p> <p>This information was considered when setting out the proposed consultation schedule, including dates and times of information events.</p> <p>Most notably, this included Ferrybridge Next Generation Power Station, whose boundary intersects the Proposed Development’s boundary, engaging to understand potential cross-over of consultation and engagement activities. There was no clash in in-person events between the Proposed Development and this project.</p>
	<p>The consultation material produced for the statutory consultation, including information set out in the PEIR, will deal with the interaction the Proposed Development and other projects.</p>	<p>Maps detailing other proposed developments in the area were present in the Phase Two Statutory Consultation Materials available online and at in-person information events.</p> <p>Maps detailing these proposed developments were also sent directly to stakeholders upon request.</p> <p>The PEIR also included preliminary reporting in respect of cumulative environmental effects with other projects.</p>
<p>9. Consultation Reporting</p>	<p>A Consultation Report will be prepared and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the application for a Development Consent Order for the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The Consultation Report will also include details of the level of engagement with our consultation activities, such as number of attendees to public information events and the number of feedback submissions received.</p>	<p>The Applicant has prepared a Consultation Report included as part of the Application for a Development Consent Order.</p> <p>The document includes details of the level of engagement with the Applicant’s consultation activities, such as number of attendees to public information events and the number of feedback submissions received.</p> <p>The Consultation Report also includes a summary of feedback</p>

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	<p>All feedback received during our Phase Two Statutory Consultation period will be recorded and analysed. This will be presented in the Consultation Report.</p>	<p>received during Phase Two Statutory Consultation. The Consultation Report is accompanied by appendices, namely Section 42 Applicant Response and Section 47 Applicant Response, containing all feedback received under statutory consulted has been considered and responded to by the Applicant.</p> <p>These can be found in Appendix 11: Section 47 Applicant Response Table [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.10] and Appendix 12: Section 42 Applicant Response Table [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.12].</p>
	<p>All feedback received will be stored in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). More information on this can be found www.lightvalleysolar.co.uk/privacy-policy</p>	<p>All feedback received has been stored and processed in accordance with UK GDPR.</p>
	<p>Comments will be shared with relevant members of the Proposed Development team to inform ongoing refinement of the proposals ahead of the submission of a DCO application. This will include sharing feedback on the PEIR to inform the completion of the Environmental Statement which will form part of the DCO application.</p>	<p>Comments were shared with relevant members of the Proposed Development team to inform the refinement of the proposals.</p>
	<p>The Applicant’s response to feedback received, including whether it has resulted in a change to the Proposed Development or the Applicant’s evidence, will be described in the Consultation Report, in compliance with Section 49 of the Act.</p>	<p>The Applicant’s Consultation Report contains a full response to the comments raised throughout the statutory consultation process.</p>
<p>10. Environmental Information</p>	<p>We will undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (‘EIA’) for Light Valley Soar. The scope and methodology for this assessment will be informed by feedback from relevant regulatory and environmental bodies. The EIA process is described in Table 4.</p>	<p>The PEIR and accompanying NTS were made available on the Proposed Development website from 26 June 2025. Hard copies of the PEIR NTS (for inspection only) were also available at CAPs from 26 June 2025 and at the in-person</p>

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		<p>events (the latter of which also had copies of the PEIR itself to review).</p> <p>The feedback form was designed to include questions targeted at specific areas of the Proposed Development, including requesting comments on the contents of the PEIR and NTS.</p>
	<p>The Phase Two Statutory Consultation includes the publication of the PEIR. This will allow community members to consider and provide feedback to us directly on relevant environmental information in parallel to statutory consultees.</p>	<p>The ES has been submitted as part of the Applicant’s DCO Application for the Proposed Development. This document sets out the updated design of the Proposed Development as a result of completed surveys, feedback received during consultation, and ongoing design work.</p>

7 Pre-statutory consultation design workshops

7.1 Background and guidance on good design

- 7.1.1 Paragraph 14 of the Guidance states that *“Applicants should involve a diverse range of people including where appropriate, planners, environmental specialists, landscape architects, architects, engineers and community groups in informing the project vision, narrative, design principles, and project design process to support delivery of the outcomes of the project.”*
- 7.1.2 The Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on Good Design (Updated 16 April 2025) establishes that *‘a good design process is iterative within a structured approach which problem solves and secures good design outcomes’*.
- 7.1.3 In light of the above, the SoCC, published by the Applicant on 12 June 2025 (see Appendix 4: Statement of Community Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.04]**), set out the intention of the project team to undertake design workshops: *“Prior to Phase Two Consultation, the Applicant is inviting parish councils, relevant local interest and community groups, and technical stakeholders through design preview workshops to encourage feedback on the design of the project.”*
- 7.1.4 As a result, prior to the commencement of Phase Two consultation, the Applicant held two design workshops in June 2025 to present the emerging design (including the design principles) of the Proposed Development and gather local insights from community representatives, and statutory consultees. The attendees of these workshops are set out in section 7.4 of this report.
- 7.1.5 The intention of the design workshops was to gain valuable feedback from local stakeholders on the Proposed Development and give early notice of the upcoming consultation.
- 7.1.6 These workshops took the format of a collaborative master-planning exercise between stakeholders and the Applicant, to capture local knowledge and incorporate this into the evolving design of the Proposed Development.

7.2 Preparation for the design workshops

- 7.2.1 Prior to the design workshops being proposed within the SoCC, the Applicant discussed their intention to hold design workshops in a meeting with North Yorkshire Council on 26 February 2025. At this time, the Applicant spoke through the approach to the design workshops, including details of who would be invited to the workshops and how they would be undertaken.
- 7.2.2 The level of detail presented within the design workshops was consistent with the materials produced for Phase Two consultation, ensuring that anybody interested in the project had the same opportunity to comment on the proposals presented at Phase Two Consultation.

- 7.2.3 An invite was sent for the Design Workshops on 12 May 2025 to local and technical stakeholders. The full list of invitees can be found in Appendix 5: Design Workshop Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.05]**.
- 7.2.4 A follow up email containing details of design workshops were sent via email to host Parish Councils, members of North Yorkshire Council, local stakeholders and interest groups, and technical stakeholders on 2 June 2025.
- 7.2.5 This email included the opportunity to attend one of two workshops, alongside a description of the two possible workshops to attend.
- 7.2.6 The workshops were held on the following dates:
- 18 June 2025, 1pm – 4pm, Riccall Village Institute, 12 Station Road, Riccall, YO10 6QJ; and
 - 24 June 2025, 1pm – 4pm, Hambleton Village Hall, Station Road, Hambleton, YO8 9HS
- 7.2.7 Materials present at the design workshops, including presentation slides, maps and comment sheets, can be found in Appendix 5: Design Workshop Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.05]**.

7.3 Undertaking design workshops

- 7.3.1 The design workshops followed the following format:
- A presentation from the Applicant, providing an update on the project and details of the environmentally led design to be discussed during the workshop.
 - Breakout groups and discussions with members of the project team and invited stakeholders, using maps and plans presented at Phase Two consultation.
 - An invitation to provide comments on the proposals on the day via a comment sheet, and encouragement to provide feedback to the Phase Two consultation.
- 7.3.2 All maps and plans presented during the workshops were also made available during Phase Two consultation (see Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.05]**).
- 7.3.3 Other materials that were specific to the workshops are available to view in Appendix 5: Design Workshop Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.05]**. They are:
- The invite email to stakeholders for the design workshops.
 - The presentation slides for the design workshops.
 - A copy of the comment sheet that stakeholders could fill in during the events.
 - Images of sticky notes attached to maps and plans containing comments made during the design workshops. The feedback has also been inserted into Table 7.2 below.

Figure 7.1: Image taken during the 1st design workshop at Riccall Village Institute



7.4 Summary of attendance and feedback received

7.4.1 The following attendees were present at the Design Workshops held:

- North Yorkshire Council, Local Planning Authority
- North Yorkshire Council, Highways
- North Yorkshire Council, Landscape
- North Yorkshire Council, Conservation
- North Yorkshire Council, Public Rights of Way
- Natural England
- Together Hillum and Monk Fryston
- Monk Fryston and Hillum Community Sustainability Project
- Hambleton Parish Council
- Skipwith Parish Council
- Riccall Parish Council
- Friends of Skipwith Common

7.4.2 During the design workshops, the Applicant distributed comment sheets (an example of which is available in Appendix 5: Design Workshop Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.05]**) where attendees could submit their feedback and comments on the proposals. Attendees and members of the Applicant also placed comments on sticky notes to be attached to maps and plans.

7.4.3 The Applicant has considered all feedback received during the design workshops. The feedback received during the design workshops is set out in Table 7.2 below, with a note on how the Applicant has considered this feedback. The Applicant has set out in more detail how feedback received during Phase Two consultation from these stakeholders has been considered in Appendix 12: Section 42 Applicant Response Table **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.12]**.

Table 7.2: Feedback received by the Applicant during design workshops

Design Workshop Feedback	Applicant Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bridges - may be dangerous for HGVs - More hedges to break landscape up - very vast - Cycling provision needed – relating to Public Rights of Way. - Need for access to open space – will PRoW include circular routes? - Cycle ways / access to green space is important. 	<p>Details regarding PRoWs, including mitigation for existing routes, are included in Chapter 13 (socioeconomics) of the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.13.00] with mitigation secured through the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan (oPRWMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS.07.09]. The oPRWMP is submitted as part of the application and sets out the proposals for Public Rights of Way, including provisions for walking and cyclists alongside impact on amenity.</p> <p>The Applicant has responded to how concerns regarding traffic, transport, hedges and public rights of way (PRoW) have been addressed in the Section 42, 43, and 47 Applicant Response Tables [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.11] [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.12].</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerns regarding the impact of traffic particularly close to proposed transport depot. - Many PRoWs in the area are popular dog walking routes - Site 6 Milford Farm access may be impacted by the construction traffic. 	<p>The Applicant has addressed concerns regarding traffic, transport and access in Chapter 14 of the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.14].</p> <p>The Applicant will put in place measures to minimise disruption and manage temporary diversions during construction, ensuring pedestrian access is maintained wherever possible and that safe, clearly signposted alternatives are</p>

Design Workshop Feedback	Applicant Response
	<p>implemented where necessary. These are set out in the outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan (oPRoWMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.09]. It is expected that all existing PRowS will remain open during construction, with appropriate management measures in place to ensure user safety wherever practicable, as described above.</p> <p>The amenity of PRowS has been assessed within the Socioeconomics chapter of the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.13], recognising that the surrounding landscape will change as a result of the solar arrays.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evolve development - New pro link (?) - Opportunity - improve traffic calming - Skipwith chicanes – [opportunity] to alter traffic calming 	<p>The Applicant has addressed concerns regarding traffic, transport and access in Chapter 14 of the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.14]. Furthermore, the outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (oCTMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12] details plans for traffic management during the construction phase. Both the Transport Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.14.01] and the oCTMP consider and account for roads in Skipwith. Where traffic calming measures are to be temporarily removed to allow AIL access, the Applicant recognises the opportunity to reinstate the measures in an improved way that benefits the community, and is committed to exploring this option.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cumulative impact + traffic - Ensure traffic comms is consistent during construction with other projects. - Central comms channel [for all construction traffic]? 	<p>Cumulative and In-Combination Effects are addressed in the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.17.00] alongside traffic and transport being addressed in Chapter 14 of the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.14].</p>

Design Workshop Feedback	Applicant Response
	<p>A Community Liaison Group will be set up in accordance with the relevant DCO requirement prior to construction and will continue through until final commissioning of the Proposed Development as a formal forum for local issues to be raised. A Community Liaison Officer will be appointed to lead discussions with local communities and also act as the primary point of contact should there be any queries or complaints. This will be secured through the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.02].</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PRowS Concern on PRowS near proposed fields with sheep grazing, especially with dog walking - PRowS Dog walking + birds don't mix very well Signage to mitigate, but not very effective at Skipwith Common - Traffic Potential animal impacts with construction traffic - Cable routes Why not overhead? 	<p>Proposals for Public Rights of Way have been addressed in Chapter 13 (Socioeconomics) of the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.13.00] and through the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS.07.09] submitted as part of the Application.</p> <p>The Applicant has addressed concerns regarding traffic, transport and access in Chapter 14 of the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.14].</p> <p>Underground cabling is the preferred option to using or constructing new overhead power lines; this is primarily due to the impact to visual amenity involved with erecting pylons. Proposals for the Cable Route Corridor are detailed in ES Chapter 2: The Proposed Development [EN00110012/APP/06.01.02], including the Cable Route Construction Method Statement, included within Appendix 2.1 [EN00110012/APP/LVS/06.03.02.01]</p>
<p>Engage with orgs/bodies like Escrick Park Estate/Skipwith</p>	<p>The Applicant has engaged with Escrick Park Estate throughout the Application process.</p>

Design Workshop Feedback	Applicant Response
Common to create woodland/planting network	<p>The Applicant has also engaged with the Friends of Skipwith Common as part of the Design Workshops.</p> <p>The responses to Section 42 and 43 responses are located in Appendix 12 [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.12].</p>
Site 1 - new paths alt for dog walkers Take away from Skipwith Common	<p>Proposals for Public Rights of Way have been addressed in Chapter 13 (Socioeconomics) of the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.13.00] and through the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS.07.09] submitted as part of the Application.</p>
Site 1 Skylarks 150m buffer – pref[erence] for open Issue with predator perception	<p>Ornithological matters have been addressed in the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.12.00] submitted as part of the Application.</p> <p>The Applicant has addressed the designed Bird Mitigation Area within Solar Development Site 1 measuring approximately 65 ha with a 50 metre buffer, which will be managed to deliver enhanced conditions for ground nesting birds, particularly skylarks. Further details are set out in ES Chapter 12: Ornithology [EN110012/APP/LVS/06.01.12].</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Rat run! (Skipwith Road) - Bridleway <p>Safeguarding users during construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OPP permissive route along road 	<p>The Applicant has addressed concerns regarding traffic, transport and access in Chapter 14 of the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.14].</p> <p>The Applicant has adopted a permissive route along Skipwith Road. Further information on strategies and plans for Public Rights of Way has been addressed in Chapter 13 (Socioeconomics) of the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.13.00] and through the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan</p>

Design Workshop Feedback	Applicant Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Skipworth Chicanes OPP to alter traffic calming - Opportunity - improve traffic calming 	<p>[EN0110012/APP/LVS.07.09] submitted as part of the Application.</p> <p>The Applicant has addressed concerns regarding traffic, transport and access in Chapter 14 of the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.14]. Furthermore, the outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (oCTMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12] details the plans for traffic management during the construction phase.</p>

8 Phase Two (statutory) consultation

8.1 Background

- 8.1.1 In continuation from Section 6 and Section 7 of this report, this section sets out the consultation activities undertaken by the Applicant with the people living in the vicinity of the land ('the community') to which the Proposed Development relates under Section 47 of the 2008 Act.
- 8.1.2 As required under Section 47(7) of the 2008 Act, the Applicant carried out the Statutory Consultation in accordance with the proposals set out in the SoCC.
- 8.1.3 Phase Two consultation commenced on 26 June 2025 and closed on 7 August 2025. This period was 42 days, thereby exceeding the 28-day minimum requirement. The Applicant held six Phase Two public in-person information events and one online community event between 4 July 2025 and 21 July 2025.

8.2 Community Access Points (CAPs)

- 8.2.1 As set out in the SoCC, the Applicant had identified and liaised with three publicly accessible venues across the Core Consultation Zone to act as CAPs.
- 8.2.2 The details of these three CAPs are presented in Table 8.1

Table 8.1: Community Access Points (CAPs)

Venue	Opening Hours
Selby Library 52 Micklegate, Selby, YO8 4EQ	Monday: 9.30am – 7.30pm Tuesday & Wednesday: 9.30am – 5.30pm Thursday: 9.30am – 12.30pm Friday: 9.30am – 5.30pm Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm Sunday: closed
Barlby Library and Community Hub Howden Road, Barlby, Selby YO9 5JE	Monday: closed Tuesday & Wednesday: 2pm – 5pm Thursday: closed Friday: 2pm – 5pm Saturday: 10am – 12pm Sunday: closed
Sherburn & Villages Community Library Finkle Hill, Sherburn in Elmet, Leeds LS25 6EA	Monday & Tuesday: 9.30am – 5pm Wednesday: closed

	<p>Thursday: 9.30am – 5pm</p> <p>Friday: 9.30am – 1pm</p> <p>Saturday: 9.30am – 12.30pm</p> <p>Sunday: closed</p>
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8.2.3 The following hard copy information about the Proposed Development was available in hard copy to access at the CAPs during Phase Two (statutory) consultation:

- PEIR NTS;
- SoCC (included in Appendix 4: Statement of Community Consultation Materials [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.04]);
- Phase Two Project Information Booklet (included in Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06]); and
- Phase Two Community Consultation Feedback Form (included in Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06]).

8.2.4 The Applicant also confirmed that each of the CAPs had access to computers where all consultation documents could be accessed online, free of charge.

8.2.5 Copies of the Phase Two Project Information Booklet and the Phase Two Community Consultation Feedback Form were also available to take away from the CAPs. Where necessary, the Applicant kept additional copies of physical materials available to distribute which could be issued to replenish the CAPs upon the request.

8.3 Section 47 information events

8.3.1 During the statutory consultation period, the Applicant held a series of public information events, both in-person and online. These events took place during the consultation period across a range of times, days and venues between the period 04 July 2025 and 21 July 2025, at venues agreed with North Yorkshire Council during consultation on the Statement of Community Consultation.

8.3.2 The venue for the second in-person public information event, Queen Margaret’s School in Escrick, cancelled the event due to the indefinite closure of the school. On 20 June 2025, this venue was replaced with Escrick & Deighton Club, maintaining the same date and time planned for the event at the original venue. A second consultation postcard was issued to all properties within the Core Consultation Zone, detailed in section 8.5 of the Consultation Report.

8.3.3 The details of the six in-person public information events and the one online webinar held for Phase Two (statutory) consultation, including the attendance numbers recorded by the Applicant, are presented in Table 8.3.

Table 8.3: Public information events held during statutory Section 47 consultation

Venue	Date and time	No. Of attendees
Eversley Park Centre Low Street, Sherburn in Elmet LS25 6BA	Friday 4 July 2025 3pm – 7pm	128
Escrick & Deighton Club 59 Main Street, Escrick, York, YO19 6LQ	Tuesday 8 July 2025 3pm – 7pm	63
Riccall Village Institute 12 Station Road, Riccall, YO19 6QJ	Wednesday 9 July 2025 3pm – 7pm	91
Haddlesey Church Community Hall Millfield Road, Chapel Haddlesey YO8 8QF	Friday 11 July 2025 11am – 3pm	24
Hambleton Village Hall Station Road, Hambleton, Selby, YO8 9HS	Tuesday 15 July 2025 3pm – 7pm	105
Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Centre Old Vicarage Lane, Monk Fryston, LS25 5EA	Saturday 19 July 2025 11am – 3pm	117
Community Webinar via Zoom	Monday 21 July 2025 6pm – 7:30pm	48
Total attendees		576

8.3.4 The following hard-copy Proposed Development information was available at public information events:

For members of the public to take away:

- Phase Two Project Information Booklet (included in Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06]**);
- Phase Two community consultation feedback form (included in Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06]**); and
- The Project Update Newsletter and Phase One Consultation Summary Report (included in Appendix 4: Phase One Consultation Summary Report **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.04]**)
- PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS)

For members of the public to read:

- Phase Two information display boards (included in Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06]**);
- Maps, diagrams, and visualisations submitted as part of the PEIR;

- The full Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and associated appendices; and
- The SoCC (included in Appendix 5: Statement of Community Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.05]**).

8.3.5 All consultation materials listed were listed were uploaded to the project website, accessible at any time.

8.3.6 Where necessary, the Applicant replenished the amount of hard-copy consultation materials as copies were taken from the in-person information events.

8.3.7 Representatives from the Applicant team across the relevant disciplines were present to discuss the Proposed Development with members of the local community attending the events.

8.4 Proposed Development website

8.4.1 The Applicant updated the Proposed Development website at the start of the statutory consultation period to host the consultation information and materials.

8.4.2 The following materials were free to view and download from the Proposed Development website from the start of Phase Two consultation:

- SoCC (included in Appendix 5: Statement of Community Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.05]**);
- Phase Two Community Postcard (2nd version with updated event schedule, included in Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06]**);
- Phase Two Project Information Booklet (included in Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06]**);
- Phase Two community consultation feedback form (included in Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06]**);
- Phase Two information display boards (included in Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06]**);
- Phase Two information Poster (included in Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06]**);
- Site Location Plans (included in Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06]**);
- Outline Environmental Masterplans (included in Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06]**);
- Section 47 notice (included in Appendix 4: Statement of Community Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.04]**);

- Section 48 notice (included in Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/05.01.08]**);
- PEIR chapters, figures and appendices; and
- PEIR NTS

8.5 Consultation publicity

8.5.1 In line with the SoCC, information about the Statutory Consultation, including details of the public information events, website, communication channels, CAPs, and the response deadline were publicised in the following ways:

- A Phase Two Community Postcard, which was issued to properties within the Core Consultation Zone (CCZ) and available on the Proposed Development website (a copy of the Phase Two Community Postcard is provided in Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06]**);
- A second Phase Two Community Postcard, issued to all properties within the CCZ following the change of an event venue to the Escrick and Deighton Club, following the closure of Queen Margaret’s School (a copy of the second Phase Two Community Postcard is provided in Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06]**);
- A Phase Two Project Information Booklet, which was available to take away at in-person community information events, at CAPs and viewed or downloaded from the Proposed Development website (a copy of the Phase Two Project Information Booklet is provided in Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06]**);
- Posters publicising the consultation opportunities were issued to 78 identified local information points to be displayed across and in the vicinity of the Core Consultation Zone (a copy of the Poster is provided in Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06]**);
- Section 48 notices were placed in regional newspapers on successive weeks and in national newspapers once, as listed in Table 10.1 (a copy of the Section 48 notice is provided in Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.08]**);
- Section 48 notices were also erected around the Proposed Development area (see Appendix 5.1.8: Section 48 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.08]** for display locations);
- The Proposed Development website, which was updated to publicise the consultation opportunities and make available consultation materials, including the Section 48 notice and Phase Two Project Information Booklet; and

- A press release was issued to the regional and trade media (a copy of the press release and publications issued to is included in Appendix 6: Phase Two Consultation Materials [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.06]).

8.6 Consultation response

8.6.1 The Applicant received 330 feedback responses from Section 47 consultees. All comments were taken into consideration by the Applicant. The comments received are summarised in Chapter 12 of this report and presented in detail in Appendix 11: Section 47 Applicant Response Table [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.11], together with responses setting out how the Applicant has had regard to the feedback in finalising the DCO application.

8.7 Stakeholder briefings and engagement

- 8.7.1 In addition to formal notifications, as described in Section 9 of this report, local authorities contacts, councillors, MPs, parish councils and identified community organisations were notified by email of the start of the statutory consultation period on 26 June 2025.
- 8.7.2 This followed on from stakeholders having been invited to attend Design Workshops on 12 May 2025, as outlined in Section 7 of this report. The list of invitees to the Design Workshop is detailed in Appendix 5: Design Workshop Materials [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.05].
- 8.7.3 Following the invite emails for the Design Workshops, these stakeholders were emailed and invited to be privately briefed by the Applicant on the updated proposals ahead of the launch of Phase Two consultation. The emails were sent to stakeholders on 10 June 2025 and also reminded stakeholders of the Design Workshop invite email previously sent (see 8.4.2).
- 8.7.4 The council webinar was held on 25 June 2025. Councillors from five parish councils attended the webinar, outlined in Table 8.2 below.
- 8.7.5 The Applicant also held a number of meetings with near neighbours and members of the community, organised separately to the emails being sent to the stakeholders above.
- 8.7.6 Table 8.2 sets out the meetings that were held prior, during and following Phase Two consultation with stakeholders and near neighbours.

Table 8.2: Stakeholder meetings held during Phase Two consultation, in addition to Design Workshops

Meeting	Date	Notes
<p>Elected member and parish council webinar via Zoom.</p> <p>Attended by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Escrick Parish Council 	25 June 2025	<p>The Applicant held the webinar the day before the launch of Phase Two consultation. As well as presenting an update to the Proposed Development and upcoming activities for Phase Two consultation, there was a Q&A session at</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monk Fryston Parish Council • Riccall Parish Council • Kelfield Parish Council 		<p>the end of the webinar, where questions were answered relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscape and visual concerns • Traffic and access • Residential amenity
<p>In-person meetings with properties along Common Lane, South Milford (Site 6), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milford Lodge Cottage, LS25 5DW (27 June 2025). • Milford Lodge Farm, LS25 5DW (4 July 2025). 	<p>27 June 2025 4 July 2025</p>	<p>Following publication of the Phase One CSR and Project Update Newsletter, the Applicant also issued letters, dated 09 April 2025, to all properties located within 50m of Sites 6, 7 and 8, totalling 45 properties. This detail is set out in Section 4.6 of this Consultation Report.</p> <p>Following the issue of these letters, the Applicant held further meetings with properties in the vicinity of the additional sites (which were not included in the plans for the Phase One consultation).</p> <p>During these meetings, the Applicant introduced the Proposed Development, an overview of how plans had evolved to date, and a preview of the Phase Two consultation.</p> <p>Due to competing diaries prior to the start of Phase Two consultation, these meetings were held during the Phase Two consultation period.</p>

8.8 Statement of compliance with consultation under Section 47 of the 2008 Act

8.8.1 In summary, the Applicant fully complied with the SoCC as agreed under Section 47 of the 2008 Act through the following activities:

- The Applicant consulted on the SoCC with all relevant local authorities as defined within Section 43(1) of the 2008 Act, giving them each at least 28 days to respond (as described in section 5 of this report);
- The Applicant advertised the SoCC in the publications described in Section 6.6 of this report;
- The Applicant consulted with the community by reference to a Core Consultation Zone;

- The Applicant notified and offered briefing meetings to elected representatives and key stakeholders;
- The Applicant welcomed 576 members of the public across a series of seven Phase Two public information events, held in person and online across a range of days, times and venues; and
- A total response period of 42 days was provided for the Section 47 consultation, in excess of the minimum period of 28 days.

9 Statutory consultation – compliance with Section 42 of the 2008 Act

9.1 Introduction

9.1.1 This section of the Consultation Report details the Applicant’s compliance with Section 42 of the 2008 Act in respect of the Statutory Consultation.

9.2 Statutory requirements and guidance

9.2.1 Relevant to the Proposed Development¹, Section 42(1) of the 2008 Act requires the Applicant consult the following groups of stakeholders about the proposed Application:

- (a) such persons as may be prescribed;
- (b) each local authority that is within Section 43; and
- (d) each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in Section 44.

9.2.2 In relation Section 42(1)(a), the Applicant consulted all persons listed as a prescribed consultee for the purposes of section 42(1)(a) and Schedule 1 of the APFP Regulations, that were notified to the Applicant by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State under Regulation 11(1)(a) of the EIA Regulations in the Scoping Opinion (being also the ‘consultation bodies’ for the purposes of the EIA Regulations), as well as through its own investigations (including in respect of statutory undertakers) . These persons are listed in Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07]**.

9.2.3 Under Section 42(1)(b), the local authorities under the definitions set out in Section 43 of the 2008 Act were consulted. Table 9.1 includes a list of relevant local authorities and their classification, as defined by the 2008 Act.

9.2.4 For the purposes of Section 42(1)(d), a person is within Section 44 of the 2008 Act if the Applicant, after making a diligent inquiry, knows that the person is an owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of the land; is interested in the land or has power to sell and convey the land; or is entitled to make a relevant claim if the order sought by the proposed application was to be made and fully implemented.

9.2.5 The relevant persons defined under Section 44 of the 2008 Act were consulted as part of the Statutory Consultation between 26 June 2025 and 7 August 2025. The list of land interests consulted is provided in Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07]**.

9.2.6 Section 45(1) of the 2008 Act states that the Applicant, when consulting a stakeholder under Section 42, must notify of the deadline for responses to the consultation. Section 45(2) states that such a deadline must not be less than 28 days. The Applicant provided Section 42 consultees with a period of 42 days (from 26 June

¹ The Marine Management Organisation (MMO), and the Greater London Authority (GLA) were not deemed relevant statutory undertakers for the purpose of consultation.

to 7 August 2025) for consultation responses. This deadline for responses was communicated in a Section 42 covering letter, which is provided in Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07].

9.3 Preliminary Environmental Information

- 9.3.1 The Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) and PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS) were produced and published as part of the Statutory Consultation).
- 9.3.2 The PEIR comprised of the information that was compiled by the Applicant to enable the prescribed consultees to develop an informed view of the likely significant environmental effects of the Proposed Development.
- 9.3.3 A PEIR NTS was also produced, recognising that some prescribed consultees may have wished to view a more concise and less-detailed document.

9.4 Identifying Section 43 consultees

- 9.4.1 Section 42(1)(b) of the 2008 Act places a duty for the Applicant to consult each local authority that is within Section 43.
- 9.4.2 Section 43 defines what a local authority is for the purposes of Section 42 (i.e. any local authority in whose area proposed development would be sited and neighbouring authorities sharing boundary.
- 9.4.3 Local authorities are placed in four categories—A, B, C, and D—under the 2008 Act. The category depends on two points: whether the proposed development sits inside the authority’s own area, and the level of the authority within the local government structure:
 - **Category A:** An upper-tier authority, such as a county council, when the development lies outside its area.
 - **Category B:** An upper-tier authority when the development lies within its area.
 - **Category C:** A lower-tier authority, such as a district or borough council, when the development lies within its area.
 - **Category D:** A lower-tier authority when the development lies outside its area.
- 9.4.4 The Applicant identified and consulted with local authorities identified in accordance with Section 43 of the 2008. These local authorities are listed in Table 9.1 and referred to in this Consultation Report as ‘Section 43 consultees’.

Table 9.1: Relevant local authorities under Section 43 of the 2008 Act

Local Authority	Classification under Section 43
North Yorkshire Council	B
City of York Council	A & B (By the time of statutory consultation, City of York Council was no longer a 'B' authority due to the boundary of the Proposed Development no longer entering the council's area)
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	A
Middlesborough Council	A
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	A
Darlington Borough Council	A
Westmorland and Furness Council	A
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	A
City of Doncaster Council	A
Wakefield Metropolitan District Council	A
Leeds City Council	A
City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	A
Lancaster City Council	A
Ribble Valley Borough Council	A
Pendle Borough Council	A
North Yorks Moors National Park	A
Yorkshire Dales National Park	A
Durham County Council	D
Lancashire County Council	D

9.5 Identifying Section 44 consultees

9.5.1 Section 42(1)(d) of the 2008 Act places a duty for the Applicant consult each person who is within one or more of the categories set out in Section 44. Such persons are listed in the Book of Reference [EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.03]. It is noted that the list of persons with an interest in land is subject to change over time, as a result of changes in land ownership and Land Registry data being delayed in updating.

9.5.2 The Applicant was required to identify individuals in one or more of the categories set out in sections 44 and 57 of the 2008 Act. This included undertaking "diligent inquiry" to identify parties within Categories 1, 2 and 3, as defined in sections 44 and 57 of the 2008 Act. Category 1 includes owners, lessees, tenants and occupiers of the land within the Order limits. Category 2 includes parties that are interested in the land or have the power to sell, convey or release the land within the Order limits. Category 3 includes parties who the Applicant thinks would or might, if the Order sought by the application were made and fully implemented, be entitled to make a relevant claim for compensation under section 10 of the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 and/or Part 1 of the Land Compensation Act 1973 and/or section 152(3) of the 2008 Act.

- 9.5.3 The extent of land referencing undertaken was developed with reference to all land and rights necessary to construct and operate the Proposed Development. A professional land referencing firm was employed to undertake diligent inquiry to identify these land interests. The following processes were undertaken as part of the methodology to identify and consult with those with an interest in affected land as an ongoing process throughout the pre-application period.
- 9.5.4 Land Registry data was received in the form of a digital shape file (a GIS layer) and digital copies of the Official Copy Registers and Title Plans. All relevant freehold, leasehold, mortgagee, beneficiary, other charges and restrictive covenant information was extracted and stored in a land referencing database.
- 9.5.5 Land Interest Questionnaires (LIQs) were issued to all affected parties within the Order land. This included landowners, lessees, occupiers and statutory undertakers potentially affected by the Proposed Development. Telephone numbers and email addresses were provided on the letter which accompanied the LIQs, allowing parties to make contact if they sought further information on the proposals. Parties identified after this date, or who's initial LIQ unsuccessfully delivered, were issued at the earliest possible opportunity. Reminder letters were sent to parties who had not returned an LIQ in an effort to complete the dataset.
- 9.5.6 All company addresses were checked at Companies House to ensure the correct address was being used. The registered address was used unless advised differently by the affected party. Census data and other publicly available records were reviewed to understand accurate addresses for correspondence for individuals affected by the Proposed Development.
- 9.5.7 An update to the land registry information was carried out prior to the preparation of the Book of Reference **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/04.03]** as part of the DCO application documentation to ensure HM Land Registry records did not exceed 6 months in date.
- 9.5.8 Adopted highways plans were acquired from North Yorkshire Council. Information was also obtained regarding special category land (including open space, common land, town and village greens, fuel and field garden allotments); and any information relating to extant planning permissions. Information was received in a variety of formats and entered into the GIS system as appropriate. Where necessary, further enquiries were made to address any changes, anomalies, or gaps. These processes allowed parties relevant to Parts 4 and 5 of the Book of Reference to be identified. Crown land was identified from registered title data.
- 9.5.9 Statutory undertakers that were believed to have a possible interest in the area were contacted to identify their interests. Information received was entered into the GIS as appropriate and where necessary further enquiries were made to address changes, anomalies or gaps.
- 9.5.10 Any existing information or stakeholder data gained by the Applicant as a result of property negotiation or Section 42 consultation was incorporated accordingly.
- 9.5.11 Where owners, lessees, tenants or occupiers were unknown, the Applicant placed notices detailing the consultation at the relevant locations around the site area of the Proposed Development.

- 9.5.12 An example of the notice and a map showing the locations where the notices were placed is included in Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.08]** due to the timings of the notices being placed. During the consultation period, the signs were checked on a weekly basis, with photographs taken on each visit. If a notice was damaged or missing it was replaced during these visits.
- 9.5.13 To identify Category 3 parties, the land referencing firm held discussions with the authors of, and took account of the developing data from, assessments across the relevant EIA disciplines and analysed the relevant receptor locations to identify all affected properties using HMLR polygons and through engagement.
- 9.5.14 The Applicant notified identified Section 44 consultees by letter on 24 June 2025, ahead of the statutory consultation period commencing on 26 June 2025. These consultees were informed of a response deadline of 7 August 2025, exceeding the statutory requirement of 28 days.
- 9.5.15 Any additional consultees identified during Statutory Consultation received an extended deadline ensuring the statutory requirement of 28 days was upheld.
- 9.5.16 The Section 44 consultees consulted as part of statutory consultation are listed in Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07]**.

9.6 Notifying Section 42 consultees

- 9.6.1 The Applicant notified Section 42, Section 43, and Section 44 consultees of the Statutory Consultation by issuing the following package of correspondence, posted before 26 June 2025 to arrive by the start of Phase Two consultation:
- A Section 42 covering letter, including a link to the consultation materials and an offer to provide materials free-of-charge on USB by request (available to view in Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07]**);
 - A site plan showing the location of the Proposed Development (available to view in Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07]**); and
 - A copy of the notice publicising the application under Section 48 of the 2008 Act (including details of the public consultation events and the locations where the consultation documents could be inspected free of charge) (available to view in Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.08]**).

9.7 Duty to notify the Planning Inspectorate of the proposed application under Section 46 of the 2008 Act

- 9.7.1 Prior to commencing the Statutory Consultation, the Applicant notified the Secretary of State of its intention to submit an application for development consent for the Proposed Development under Section 46 of the 2008 Act. The notification was sent

to the Planning Inspectorate electronically on 24 June 2025, including the following attachments:

- A Section 46 covering letter, including a link to the consultation materials on the project website and an offer to provide materials free-of-charge on USB request (including in Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07]**);
- Example copies of the Section 42 covering letters (one letter type being for Section 42 consultees and the other one for Section 44 consultees) (included in Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07]**);
- A site plan showing the location of the Proposed Development (included in Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07]**); and
- A copy of the notice publicising the Application under Section 48 of the 2008 Act (including details of the publication consultation events and the locations where the consultation documents could be inspected free of charge) (included in Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.08]**).

9.8 Post-statutory consultation activities

- 9.8.1 The Applicant also issued further letters during the targeted consultation to additional identified landowners, with extended close dates for sending feedback in acknowledgement of the delayed receipt of the letters. The details, including dates, are included within the Section 44 Consultee List within Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07]**.
- 9.8.2 The list of all Section 44 consultees consulted is presented in Appendix 05.01.07: Section 42 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07]**. This appendix details the date on which they were notified of consultation and the deadline provided to them for responding.
- 9.8.3 The Targeted Consultation Section 44 letters were issued in two main tranches with Section 44 letters issued where required following these main tranches. The details, including dates, are included within the Section 44 Consultee List within Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07]**

9.9 Summary

- 9.9.1 In summary, Section 42 consultees (including those defined under Section 43 and Section 44) were notified of the commencement of the Section 42 consultation in writing on or before 26 June 2025.
- 9.9.2 The PEIR formed part of the Section 42 consultation documents under Section 45(3) of the 2008 Act. Section 42 consultees were also directed towards the Section 47 community consultation materials.
- 9.9.3 With the Statutory Consultation period commencing on 26 June 2025 and ending on 7 August 2025, this provided a response period of 42 days (therefore exceeding the minimum 28-day statutory period sets out in Section 45(2) of the 2008 Act).

9.9.4 In total, 45 responses were received from section 42-44 consultees. This included 30 responses for Section 42 consultees, 7 from Section 43 consultees, and 8 from Section 44 consultees. An overview of the feedback from section 42-44 consultees and the Applicant response is provided in Section 13 of this report, with a more detailed record of Section 42 feedback provided as Appendix 12: Section 42 Applicant Response Table **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.12]**.

9.10 Statement of compliance with formal consultation under Section 42

9.10.1 In summary, the Applicant fully complied with Sections 42, 44, 45 and 46 of the 2008 Act by undertaking the following activity:

- The Applicant consulted with such persons as may be prescribed (Sections 42(1)(a) – (d)) and relevant to the Proposed Development, including landowners under Section 44;
- A number of additional non-prescribed consultees were scoped in as Section 42 consultees;
- Notification of the Proposed Development under Section 46 was provided to the Secretary of State on 24 June 2025, before the start of the consultation period; and
- The total response periods provided for each part of the Section 42 consultation each exceeded the statutory period of 28 days.

9.10.2 Further details of how the Applicant complied with these Sections of the 2008 Act is set out in Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.01]**.

10 Notification and publication under Section 48 of the 2008 Act

10.1 Background

10.1.1 This section details how the Applicant has complied with Section 48 of the 2008 Act (duty to publicise).

10.2 Statutory requirements and guidance

10.2.1 Section 48 of the 2008 Act requires the Applicant to publicise the proposed Application in the prescribed manner. A deadline for receipt of comments to the publicity must also be provided.

10.2.2 Regulation 4 of the APFP Regulations sets out what the publicity under Section 48 of the 2008 Act should entail, which essentially is the publication of a notice in given publications, with requirements on the contents of such notice. Relevantly for the Application, Regulation 4 requires the Applicant to publish the notice for two successive weeks in one or more local newspapers, once in a national newspaper, and once in the London Gazette.

10.2.3 Regulation 13 of the EIA Regulations notes that where a proposed application for an order granting development consent is an application for EIA development, the Applicant must, at the same time as publishing notice of the proposed application under Section 48(1) of the 2008 Act, send a copy of that notice to the consultation bodies and to any person notified to the Applicant in accordance with Regulation 11(1)(c) of the EIA Regulations. The Applicant notes for completeness that it was not notified of any ‘particular persons’ under Regulation 11(1)(c), but that it otherwise complied with this requirement as can be seen in the Section 42 Notification Letter in Appendix 7: Section 42 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.07]**.

10.2.4 The notice contained the required information including a deadline for comments on the proposals which at 42 days, was longer than a statutory period.

10.2.5 Evidence of compliance with the relevant legislation is provided in Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.01]**.

10.3 Publication of Section 48 notice

10.3.1 The Section 48 notice (included in Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.08]**) publicising the Proposed Development and advertising the Applicant’s intention to apply for a DCO was placed in the publications listed in Table 10.1.

10.3.2 All consultees identified under Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 were provided with a copy of the Section 48 notice as required by Regulation 13 of the EIA regulations and described in Chapter 9.

10.3.3 The Applicant also placed Section 48 notices around the Proposed Development site area. A map of the notice locations is provided in Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.08]**.

10.3.4 Copies of the notices as placed in the newspapers are provided in Appendix 8: Section 48 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.08]**.

Table 10.1: Publication Schedule of Section 48 Notice

Publication	First Insertion	Second Insertion
Selby Times	19 June 2025	26 June 2025
York Press	19 June 2025	26 June 2025
The Guardian	19 June 2025	N/A
The London Gazette	19 June 2025	N/A

10.3.5 The Section 48 notice contained the required information under Regulation 4(3) of the APFP Regulations.

10.4 Statement of compliance with formal consultation under Section 48

10.4.1 In summary, the Applicant fully complied with s48 of the Planning Act 2008 by undertaking the following activities:

- The Applicant publicised the Statutory Consultation in appropriate newspapers in the prescribed manner, as listed in Table 10.1;
- The Applicant publicised Section 48 notices at the start of Phase Two consultation, notifying consultees of the PEIR and where the consultation documents could be reviewed; and
- The Applicant placed Section 48 notices around the Proposed Development site area (Locations shown in Appendix 5.1.8: Section 48 Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.08]**).

11 Targeted Consultation under Section 48 of the 2008 Act

11.1 Overview

11.1.1 Following the close of the Phase Two consultation, the Applicant continued to refine the proposals for the Proposed Development in preparation for submitting a DCO application. This progression was informed by further design work and due diligence, ongoing consideration of consultee feedback, and findings from the EIA.

11.1.2 This resulted in a series of 40 minor amendments to the Order Limits for the Proposed Development. The changes were categorised into the following six categories:

- **Access Points** – to allow access to and within the Proposed Development during construction and operation.
- **Visibility Splays** – to ensure safe sightlines for vehicles entering or exiting the Proposed Development at access points.
- **Passing Places** – to allow vehicles to pass safely on narrow roads used to access the Proposed Development during construction.
- **Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AIL) Access** – to facilitate safe movement of the less frequent yet larger delivery vehicles, which have wide turning circles and need unobstructed routes.
- **The Cable Route** – to allow flexibility to avoid engineering or environmental constraints, such as land drains or damage to existing hedgerows, trees and their roots.
- **Permissive Paths** – to create publicly accessible routes within the Solar Development Sites for walking or cycling.

11.1.3 Although these changes were minor in nature and scale, the Applicant undertook further targeted consultation targeted on these specific additions to ensure communities and consultees had an opportunity to comment on the full draft Order Limits prior to a DCO application being submitted.

11.2 Preparing for Targeted Consultation

11.2.1 The Applicant prepared a strategy for undertaking this stage of Targeted Consultation.

11.2.2 This strategy was informed by the relevant legislation and guidance, as described in Chapter 2 of this report and further detailed in Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.01].

11.2.3 The Applicant also considered the commitments and principles established in its published SoCC. Paragraph 4.1 of the Applicant's SoCC states: *"If, as a result of*

feedback, our proposals change to the extent we consider it necessary to undertake further targeted consultation, this will be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC.”

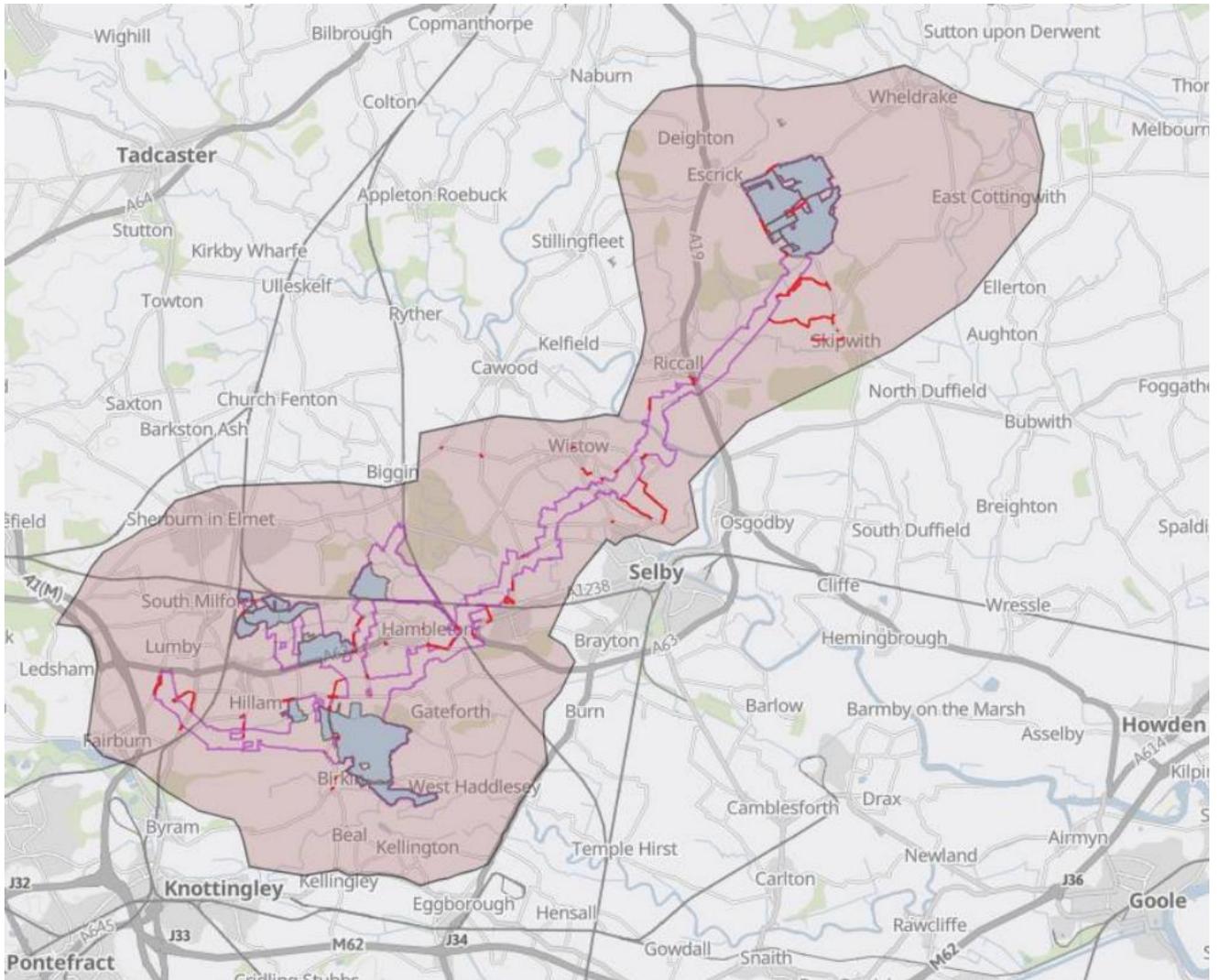
- 11.2.4 The Applicant was keen to provide an opportunity for the host local authority to understand and comment on its proposed approach prior to commencing Targeted Consultation activities.
- 11.2.5 The Applicant shared a document, the ‘Approach to Targeted Consultation document’, for further review and comment with North Yorkshire Council on 15 September 2025. A finalised version of this document is included in Appendix 9: Targeted Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.09]**.
- 11.2.6 In response, North Yorkshire Council stated that they were content with the proposed Targeted Consultation approach and considered it proportionate to the amendments made to the scheme. The response from North Yorkshire Council is available in Appendix 1: Statement of Compliance **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.01]**.

11.3 Identifying consultees

- 11.3.1 The targeted consultation was carried out in accordance with relevant parts of the 2008 Act, the APFP Regulations 2009 and the EIA Regulations 2017.
- 11.3.2 The Applicant identified the following consultees to be consulted on this Targeted Consultation:
- All prescribed consultees under Section 42 of the 2008 Act.
 - All host and neighbouring local authorities
 - Any new land interests within the areas that were the subject of the changes that were the subject of the Targeted Consultation, identified using the diligent inquiry methods described in section 9.5. The list of section 44 parties consulted is set out in Appendix 9: Targeted Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.09]**.
 - Parties representing the interests of these localised communities, including relevant ward members, Parish Councils, MPs, community groups and gateway organisations. This aligns with consultation under the SoCC involved the same list of non-prescribed groups consulted during the Phase Two consultation.
 - The Targeted Consultation Core Consultation Zone of over 14,000 properties. This zone was consistent with the zone presented within the SoCC, with the addition of over 250 properties to account for where changes were included that extended the Proposed Development boundary.
 - Where changes fell beyond the boundary of the Proposed Development and CCZ, communities in the immediate vicinity (within a minimum distance of 200 metres of each change).
 - Any parties registered to be kept informed by email and by post.

11.3.3 The Targeted Consultation CCZ can be seen below as Figure 11.1.

Figure 11.1: Targeted Consultation CCZ



11.4 Targeted Consultation period (Winter 2025)

11.4.1 The Applicant carried out the defined stage of additional targeted consultation between Thursday 16 October to Thursday 20 November 2025.

11.4.2 As part of this consultation, the Applicant published on its website a Targeted Consultation Information Change Note to provide details of the consultation, present each specific change to the development boundary area and confirm that the changes did not lead to any changes to the environmental effects reported in the PEIR. This included a description of every proposed change, which of the six categories outlined in Section 11.1.2 applied to each change, and the total area of the change.

11.4.3 A copy of the Targeted Consultation Information Change Note is included in Appendix 9: Targeted Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.09]**.

11.4.4 The following Targeted Consultation Materials were available to be accessed on the project website and available to be sent to stakeholders who requested a copy in hard-copy form:

- Targeted Consultation Information Change Note;
- Area Maps of each targeted change; and
- Targeted Consultation Feedback Form.

11.4.5 All documents referenced above relating to the Targeted Consultation can be found in Appendix 9: Targeted Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.09]**.

11.4.6 The Applicant publicised the consultation information and response deadline by:

- Notifying consultees as defined by Section 42 of the 2008 Act by letter of the Targeted Consultation, pointing to the Proposed Development website as holding the Targeted Consultation Materials.
- Writing to properties within the revised Core Consultation Zone (presented in Figure 11.1), consistent with the approach set out in the Applicant's SoCC pointing to the Proposed Development website as holding the Targeted Consultation Materials.
- Publishing consultation adverts in the York Press and Selby Times (both on 16 October 2025).
- Distributing posters to 78 identified local information points for them to display.
- Contacting identified stakeholders and individuals who had registered to be kept informed via email.

11.4.7 These documents can also be found in Appendix 9: Targeted Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.09]**.

11.4.8 The Applicant recorded 143 submissions of feedback from community organisations, residents and interested parties considered as Section 47 feedback to the Targeted Consultation. The Applicant has considered these representations alongside all other Section 47 feedback received at previous consultation. A summary of Section 47 feedback is provided in Section 12 of this report and presented in more detail alongside the Applicant's consideration of feedback received in Appendix 11: Section 47 Applicant Response Table **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.11]**.

11.4.9 The Applicant recorded 21 submissions of feedback from section 42 consultees to the Targeted Consultation. The Applicant has considered these representations alongside all other Section 42 feedback received at previous consultation. A summary of Section 42 feedback is provided in Section 13 of this report and presented in more detail alongside the Applicant's consideration of feedback received in Appendix 12: Section 42 Applicant Response Table **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.12]**.

11.4.10 The Applicant consulted identified Section 44 interests (of all categories) by letter on Tuesday 14 October 2025. These consultees were informed of a response deadline of 20 November 2025, exceeding the statutory requirement of 28 days. The list of Section 44 consultees is set out within Appendix 9: Targeted Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.09]**.

11.5 Additional consultation following defined Targeted Consultation period (after 20 November 2025)

11.5.1 Following the end of Targeted Consultation, the Applicant continued to identify consultees requiring consultation under Section 42.

11.5.2 These consultees were identified as a result of on-going land referencing diligent inquiry, and further development of the EIA results to confirm Category 3 parties. A list of these consultees is listed within Table 9.3 of Appendix 9: Targeted Consultation Materials **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.09]**.

11.5.3 Once identified, the Applicant sent letters for consultation on the following dates:

- 12th December 2025 – 12th January 2026
- 16th December 2025 – 15th January 2026
- 18th December 2025 – 19th January 2026
- 23rd December 2025 – 23rd January 2026
- 24th December 2025 – 21st January 2026
- 29th December 2025 – 26th January 2026

11.5.4 All consultees were provided at least the minimum of the 28-day statutory minimum period of consultation.

11.5.5 As a result of this further consultation, the Applicant received three pieces of feedback, which has been captured within Appendix 12: Section 42 Applicant Response Table **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.12]**.

12 Section 47 responses received, issues raised, and changes made

12.1 Overview

12.1.1 During Phase Two consultation, the Applicant received 330 pieces of feedback from respondents identified under Section 47. This included 143 digital feedback forms and 61 hard copy feedback forms, and 126 written responses received by email or Freepost.

12.1.2 The Phase Two feedback form (both hard copy and digital version) included a mix of closed and open-ended questions to encourage responses regarding the respondent's interest in the Proposed Development, the proposals, community benefits, and the consultation process.

12.1.3 Responses provided through the feedback form (online and paper) therefore included responses to closed (multiple choice) questions and open-ended responses.

12.1.4 The quantitative data from the closed questions is presented in Section 12.2 of this report. The qualitative data from the open-ended responses has been considered alongside written feedback received through email and Freepost and is summarised in Table 12.2 and presented in full in Appendix 11: Section 47 Applicant Response [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.11], along with the Applicant's response to this feedback. The Applicant has also received and responded to comments made during Targeted Consultation, which is further set out in section 12.3 of this Report.

12.2 Quantitative analysis of responses received

12.2.1 Table 12.1 presents a summary of the quantitative data gathered by the Applicant through their feedback form. The results are presented visually in Figures 12.1 to 12.5.

Table 12.1: Summary of quantitative data from Phase Two consultation

Question number	Feedback question	Analysis of response data
1.	How would you describe your interest in Light Valley Solar?	<p>186 responses were received on this question. As one respondent could submit multiple answers, the number of responses exceeded the number of respondents.</p> <p>The vast majority (96%) described their interest as being a local resident.</p> <p>Other respondents identified as being regular visitors (5%), landowners (5%), local business owners (4%), and members of a local interest group (2%).</p>

		<p>In addition, one respondent described their interest as being a local representative (1%), and one described their interest as being a statutory body (1%).</p> <p>These results are visually presented in Figure 12.1.</p>
2.	As a principle, what is your view of installing ground-mounted solar infrastructure in the UK?	<p>198 respondents answered this question.</p> <p>66% of respondents indicated they did not agree that there is a need to install solar infrastructure in the UK.</p> <p>24% of respondents indicated they agreed that there is a need to install solar infrastructure in the UK.</p> <p>10% of respondents indicated that they did not feel they knew enough about the need to install solar infrastructure in the UK.</p> <p>These results are visually presented in Figure 12.2.</p>
3.	Based on our updated proposals since Phase One consultation, what is your view of our proposals for Light Valley Solar?	<p>197 respondents answered this question.</p> <p>77% of respondents indicated that they do not support the proposals.</p> <p>12% of respondents indicated that they would like changes to be made in order to support the proposals.</p> <p>6% of respondents indicated that they support the proposals.</p> <p>4% of respondents indicated that they need more information in order to form a view.</p> <p>1% of respondents indicated they did not have an opinion.</p> <p>These results are visually presented in Figure 12.3.</p>
4.	What aspects of the Proposed Development are most important to you?	<p>197 responses were received to this question. As one respondent could submit multiple answers, the number of responses exceeded the number of respondents.</p> <p>Landscape and visual was the most selected topic, 85% of respondents indicated that it was an aspect most important to them.</p> <p>This was followed by traffic and transport (81%) and agricultural land and soils (79%).</p> <p>Ecology and biodiversity (72%) and site selection (71%) were next, followed by recreation and amenity (62%), noise and vibration (61%), ornithology (59%), fire safety</p>

		<p>(51%), water resources and flood risk (42%), socioeconomics (32%), cultural heritage and archaeology (31%), and climate change (24%).</p> <p>15% of respondents also selected that they were interested in other topics, with examples provided by respondents including the impacts on house prices and impact on mental health.</p> <p>These results are presented in Figure 12.4.</p>
5.	<p>Based on our consultation materials, please indicate how important these design principles are to you for Light Valley Solar.</p>	<p>164 respondents answered this question.</p> <p>Respondents were asked to rank each of the Proposed Development's eight design principles as either important or not important to them, or whether they didn't know, needed more information, or felt neutral.</p> <p>Environmentally-led design was the most popular of the eight options, with 160 respondents providing an answer. Of these, 83% indicated this design principle was important, followed by 8% indicating they needed more information. 6% indicated they felt neutral, 2% indicated this design principle was not important, and 1% indicated they didn't know.</p> <p>Biodiversity net gain & nature recovery followed with 158 respondents. Of these, 78% indicated this design principle was important, followed by 11% indicating they felt neutral. 8% indicated they needed more information, 2% indicated this design principle was not important, and 1% indicated they didn't know.</p> <p>155 respondents answered Sustainability, durability and reversibility. Of these, 76% indicated this design principle was important, followed by 11% who indicated they needed more information. 9% indicated they felt neutral, 3% indicated this design principle was not important, and 1% indicated they didn't know.</p> <p>154 respondents answered Social value and community. Of these, 75% indicated this design principle was important, followed by 14% who felt neutral. 8% indicated they needed more information, 2% indicated this design principle was not important, and 1% indicated they didn't know.</p> <p>150 respondents answered Decarbonisation and Energy Security. Of these, 59% indicated this design principle was important, followed by 21% who felt neutral. 10% indicated they needed more information,</p>

		<p>7% indicated this design principle was not important, and 3% indicated they didn't know.</p> <p>146 respondents answered Efficient infrastructure & ethical supply chain. Of these, 63% indicated this design principle was important, followed by 18% who felt neutral. 11% indicated they needed more information, 6% indicated this design principle was not important, and 2% indicated they didn't know.</p> <p>143 respondents answered Design flexibility. Of these, 56% indicated this design principle was important, followed by 25% who felt neutral. 10% indicated they needed more information, 8% indicated this design principle was not important, and 1% indicated they didn't know.</p> <p>143 respondents answered Commitment to Mitigation. Of these, 66% indicated this design principle was important, followed by 17% who felt neutral. 14% indicated they needed more information, 2% indicated they didn't know, and 1% indicated this design principle was not important.</p> <p>These results are visually presented in Figure 12.5.</p>
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Figure 12.1: How would you describe your interest in Light Valley Solar?

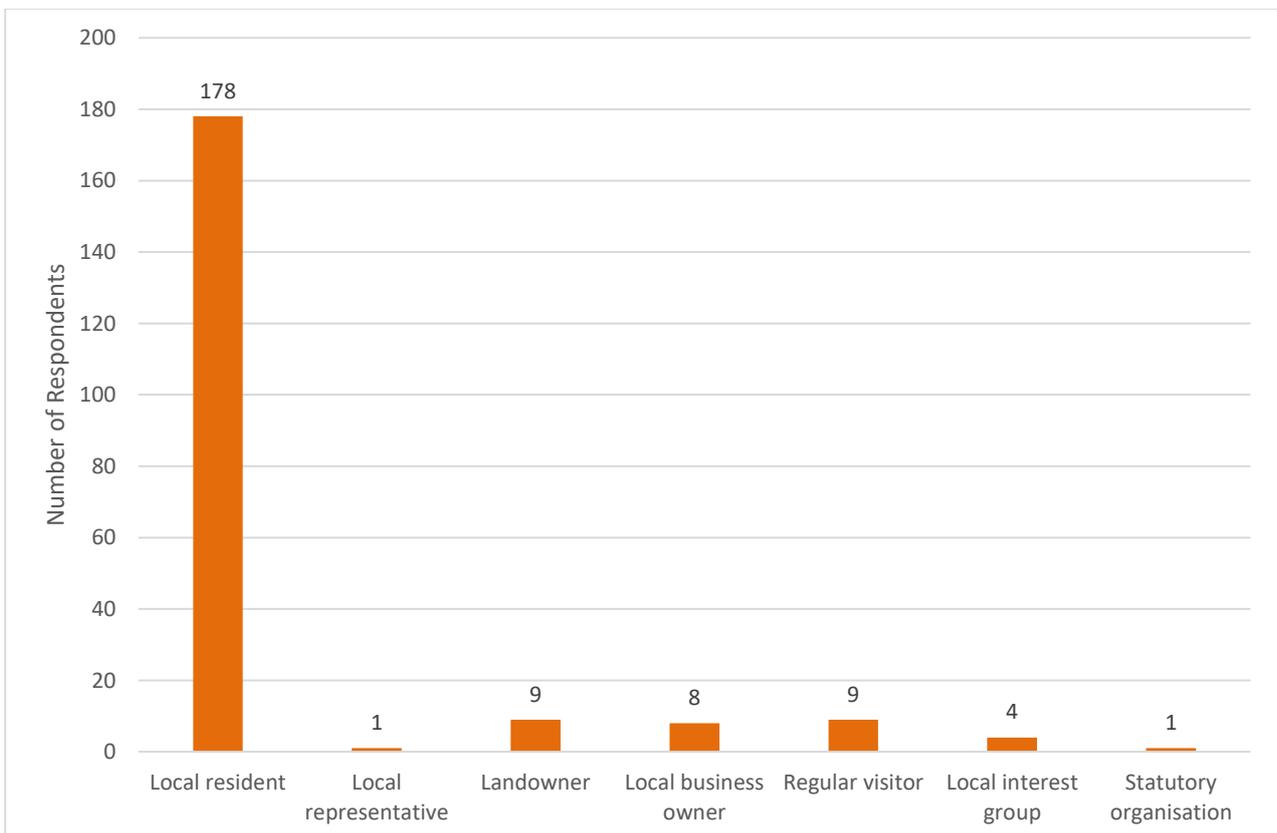


Figure 12.2: As a principle, what is your view of installing ground-mounted solar infrastructure in the UK?

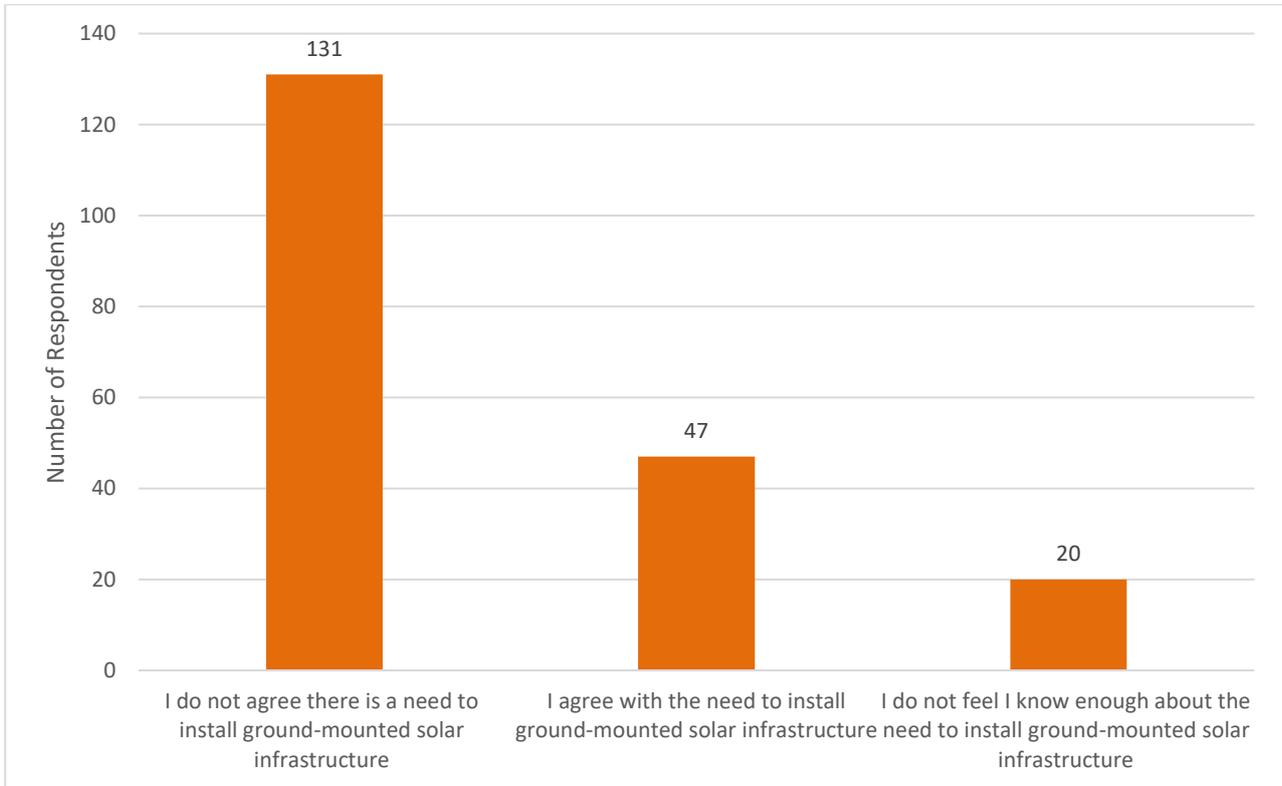


Figure 12.3: Based on our updated proposal since Phase One Consultation, what is your view of our proposals for Light Valley Solar?

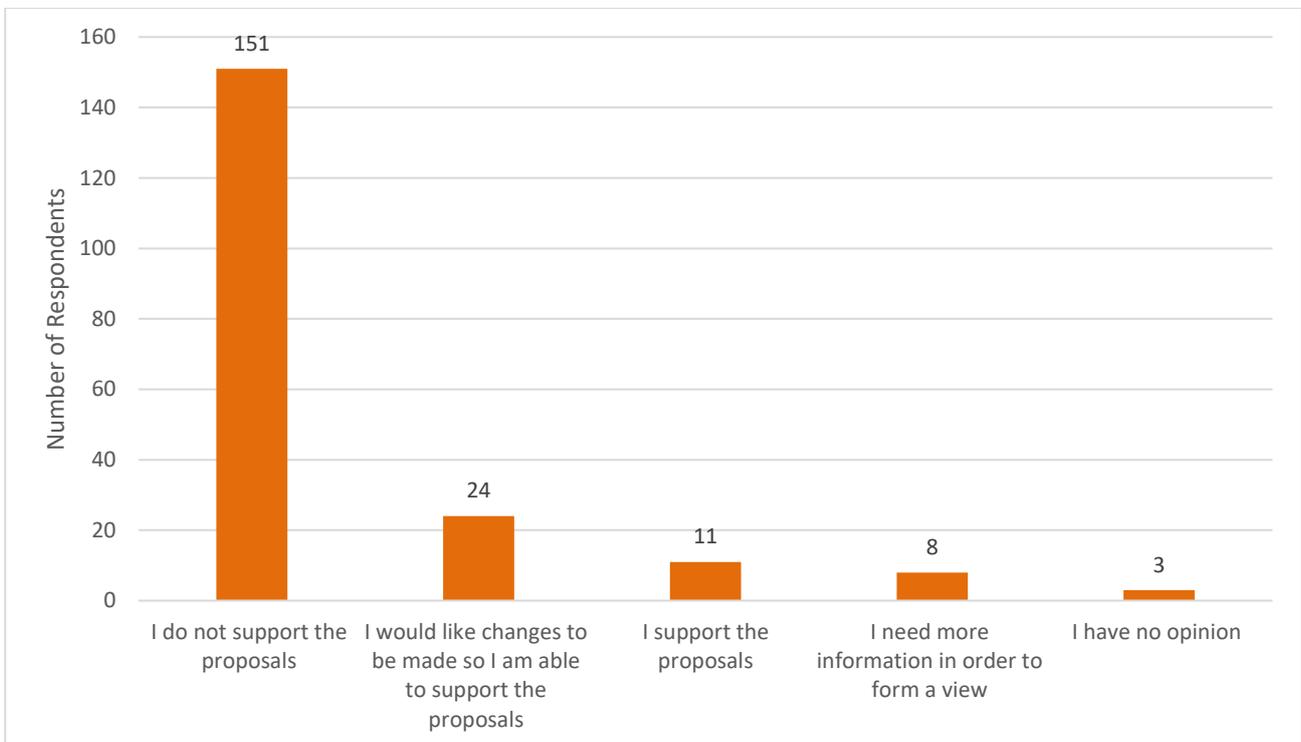


Figure 12.4: What aspects of the Proposed Development are most important to you?

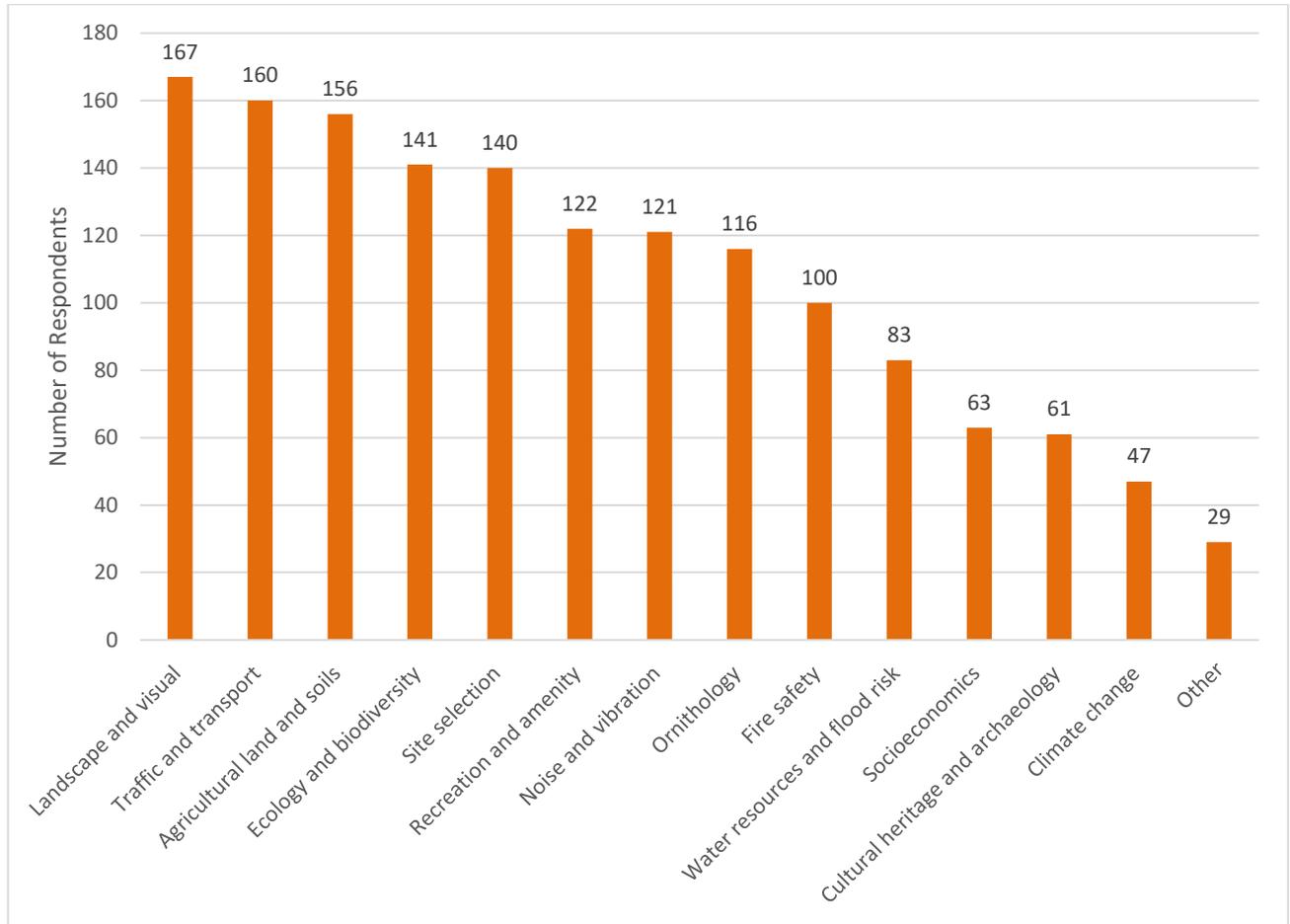
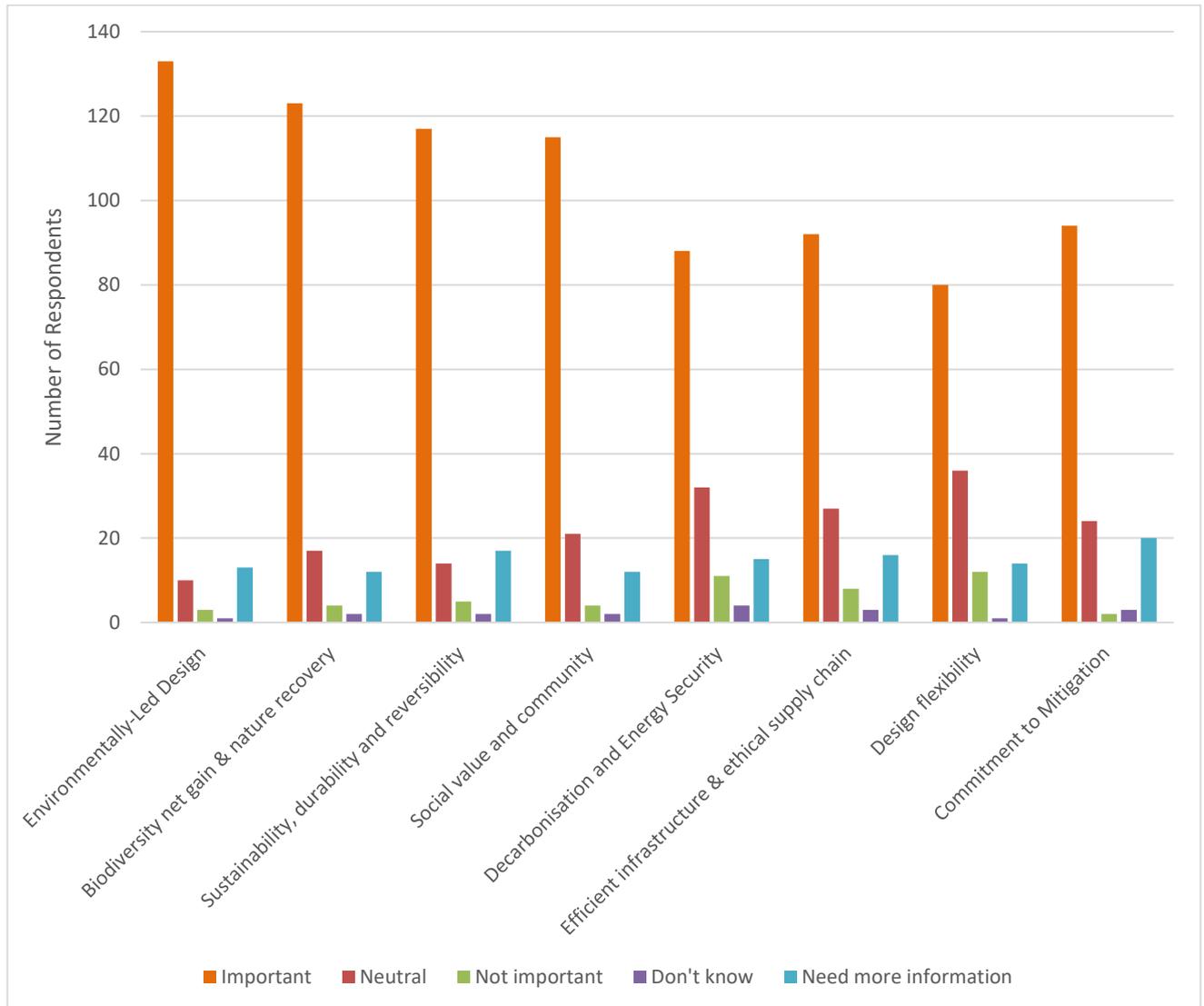


Figure 12.5: Based on our consultation materials, please indicate how important these design principles are to you for Light Valley Solar.



12.3 Qualitative analysis of responses received

- 12.3.1 Table 12.2 presents a summary of the qualitative information from the written responses received by the Applicant to the Statutory Consultation. This includes the Phase Two consultation and subsequent Targeted Consultation.
- 12.3.2 Table 12.2 includes a summary of how the Applicant has had regard to this feedback in developing the Proposed Development, consistent with Section 49 of the 2008 Act.
- 12.3.3 A detailed record of all comments received and the Applicant’s response to these comments is provided in Appendix 5.1.11: Section 47 Applicant Response **[EN0110012/APP/5.1.11]**.

Table 12.2: Summary of qualitative Section 47 feedback to statutory consultation and subsequent Targeted Consultation, including how the Applicant has considered this feedback.

Feedback comments	Applicant response
<p>Air Quality</p> <p>Respondents expressed concerned for the impact of air quality and pollution as a result of construction.</p> <p>Some respondents also cited concern for air pollution as a result of the BESS.</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges the feedback on this topic and is committed to ensuring good air quality is maintained.</p> <p>A Construction Dust Assessment (CDA) is included in ES Appendix 16.1: Construction Dust Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.01] which supports the Application. The assessment, which conservatively assesses on a whole site basis, acknowledges a high risk of dust soiling during construction, but determines that the dust emitted can be greatly reduced or limited by applying mitigation measures meaning the resulting effect, including from traffic movements on sensitive ecological receptors and from construction activity, would not be significant. Mitigation measures, including monitoring during the construction phase, provision to erect barriers around dustier activities, and requirement to produce a Dust Management Plan (DMP) are secured by the CDA and outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02].</p> <p>The Applicant has also included an outline Battery Safety Management Plan (oBSMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.06] as part of the Application. Measures secured in the oBSMP pertaining to air quality, in the unlikely event of a fire, include notification of potentially affected residents including advice on the health effects of smoke and ways to reduce exposure, notification of potentially affected members of the public to move to a cleaner air location, and cancellation of outdoor</p>

Feedback comments	Applicant response
	<p>events and potentially moving affected people to a cleaner air location.</p>
<p>BESS Safety</p> <p>Respondents expressed concern about potential safety risks of the BESS and associated substations, this included both fire and the release of toxic gases in the event of a fire.</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges the feedback received on this topic, and the concerns held by the community.</p> <p>Appendix 16.6 of the ES: BESS Fire Emissions Modelling report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.05] sets out the assessment of potential risks associated with BESS incidents. The BESS has the potential to cause air quality impacts in the rare result of a fire incident. Concentrations of carbon monoxide (CO), formaldehyde, hydrogen chloride (HCl), hydrogen cyanide (HCN), hydrogen fluoride (HF), ammonia (NH₃), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and particulates from a potential BESS fire have been modelled using an air quality dispersion model to determine the likely effects on human health. A high-level visibility assessment has also been undertaken using the modelled particulates results to determine the effect of BESS fire emissions on visibility on the local road network to inform the outline Battery Safety Management Plan (oBSMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.06]. Measures secured in the oBSMP are outlined above, under ‘Air Quality’.</p>
<p>Climate Change and Energy Need</p> <p>Respondents expressed general support for renewable energy, however respondents also stated concern or opposition to the Proposed Development, citing scepticism of climate change policies, insufficient justification for green belt development, potential local climate effects such as ‘heat islands,’ limited national impact, and international emissions counteracting benefits.</p> <p>Some respondents questioned the total carbon output of the project and alignment</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges comments regarding support for renewable energy in principle.</p> <p>A Greenhouse Gas (GHG) assessment is included within Chapter 9 of the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.09]. This addresses the net impact of the Proposed Development in terms of emissions. This addresses the net impact of the Proposed Development in terms of emissions and concludes that residual construction effects would remain minor adverse (not significant), with the construction phase being the most carbon-intensive phase of the Proposed Development, due to the volume of construction material and traffic required. In addition, a Construction Traffic Management Plan (oCTMP) will be in place for the Proposed Development. Optimisation of traffic to and from the Site will help to reduce the GHG emissions associated with construction traffic. An oCTMP [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.12] is included as part of the DCO Application to secure the commitments contained within through DCO requirements.</p> <p>The overall aim of the Proposed Development is to generate renewable energy, therefore the assessment has concluded significant beneficial effects in EIA terms. Despite the residual emissions associated with construction and decommissioning, the Proposed Development is, by design, reducing national</p>

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<p>with national planning policies.</p>	<p>emissions and the UK's reliance on fossil fuels within the UK National Grid.</p>
<p>Community Benefit</p> <p>Respondents expressed scepticism over delivery, and some viewing the package as tokenistic.</p> <p>Many respondents requested clear information on benefits, ringfenced funds, financial compensation, and local engagement.</p> <p>Respondents also made suggestions on what form the Community Benefit should take.</p>	<p>The Applicant is grateful for all suggestions for community initiatives they could support and want to reassure that this feedback has been taken into consideration as the Applicant looks to finalise its community benefit offering.</p> <p>At this time, the Applicant is awaiting the upcoming government guidance on community benefits, following their consultation into the subject in 2025, as the Applicant intends its offering to be aligned to what the government sets out.</p>
<p>Construction and Decommissioning</p> <p>Respondents expressed concern over the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the Proposed Development, highlighting potential disruption, long construction times, environmental impacts, and insufficient detail in the PEIR.</p> <p>Respondents stated particular concern/interested regarding working hours, safety for horse riders, cyclists and walkers, cable route construction, maintenance, lifespan of equipment, and decommissioning responsibilities.</p>	<p>The Applicant recognises comments and concerns regarding the construction and decommissioning phases.</p> <p>Details regarding the construction, operation and decommissioning phases, including information relating to working hours, timeframes, and construction compounds, have been refined, with full details included within ES Chapter 2: The Proposed Development [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.02]. Safety measures in relation to increased traffic as a result of the construction phase are included within the outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (oCTMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.14.01].</p> <p>The Applicant is committed to minimising impacts arising from the construction phase, and recognises the particular concerns expressed regarding the construction of the Cable Route Corridor. Installation of underground cables would use trenching, wherever possible, causing minimal disruption to the ground, by cutting, installing and back-filling in one operation. Trenchless techniques, such as horizontal directional drilling (HDD) are proposed to reduce the impacts when crossing infrastructure such as major roads and railways or for highly sensitive environmental receptors. Where trenchless solutions are committed to these avoidance areas are set out in the Crossing Schedule, included within the Application [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.01]. Avoidance</p>

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	<p>areas have also been identified in ES Volume 2, Figure 2.4 [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.02.04].</p> <p>Chapter 2: The Proposed Development (ES Volume 1) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.02] estimates that the solar PV modules may require replacement once during the operational phase, and the batteries up to five times. The effects of replacement activities are anticipated to be no greater than the construction phase, with effects to be controlled and managed through appropriate management plans.</p> <p>As the decommissioning activities associated with the Proposed Development will occur far into the future, more than 65 years from 2025, there is considerable uncertainty over the total estimate of emissions and the environmental impacts that would be produced, and the available technology. Therefore, prior to decommissioning, an outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (oDEMP) will be prepared that must ensure that decommissioning activities are carried out substantially in accordance with the oDEMP [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.04], as secured through the requirements in the DCO.</p>
<p>Cultural Heritage</p> <p>Respondents expressed concern about the Proposed Development’s impact on local cultural heritage, including listed buildings, conservation areas, and the historic character of villages such as Wistow, Monk Fryston and Birkin.</p> <p>Some comments highlighted the area’s archaeological sensitivity and the potential need for investigations, noting proximity to Grade I and other heritage assets.</p>	<p>The Applicant appreciates comments regarding cultural heritage and is committed to ensuring the protection of historical buildings, conservation areas, and preserving the historic character of surrounding villages. The Proposed Development has been designed to, as far as practicable, minimise impacts on the historic environment and heritage resource.</p> <p>The impact of the Proposed Development on the heritage resource, including impacts incurred through changes in their setting is fully considered within ES Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.08.00] which concludes that significant effects to heritage resource are not expected. Chapter 8 does highlight best practice and mitigation measures, such as returning the land used for the Cable Route Corridor to its original state, the reinforcement of existing planted screening, and, where appropriate, the installation of concrete feet for the panels, which would serve to preserve sub-surface archaeological remains, in accordance with advice from Historic England.</p> <p>Where remains cannot be preserved (e.g. within the footprint of permanent infrastructure) a scheme of archaeological excavation or archaeological monitoring will be undertaken to record archaeological features impacted by the Proposed Development. This commitment is outlined within the oCEMP [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02], which secures all</p>

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	<p>mitigation measures outlined above and in Chapter 8. Further information can also be found in the Archaeological Mitigation Strategy [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.11].</p> <p>The Proposed Development has undertaken extensive surveys including geophysical survey and trial trenching to identify potential impacts.</p>
<p>Cumulative Effects</p> <p>Respondents expressed concern about the cumulative impact of the Proposed Development alongside other local projects, including housing, infrastructure, and farms.</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges the feedback received on this topic and recognises the presence of other developments in the local area.</p> <p>Information regarding cumulative effects can be found in ES Chapter 17: Cumulative and In-Combination Effects [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.17.00]. This includes the scope of the cumulative assessments undertaken for and set out in each ES topic chapter, where relevant, such as with traffic.</p> <p>The cumulative assessments for each topic have considered other committed developments in the area and potential added impacts to aspects of the Proposed Development. The assessment has taken into account nearby developments that fall within the relevant zones of influence for each topic to evaluate potential combined effects.</p>
<p>Design Principles</p> <p>Respondents expressed concern that the design principles are vague, misleading, or unrealistic, with many questioning their relevance to local impacts, farmland loss, and visual intrusion.</p> <p>Some respondents expressed general approval.</p>	<p>The Applicant notes this comment and has sought to clarify the approach that has been taken to design throughout the pre-application phase, including the design principles adopted and how they have influenced the final design, within the Design Approach Document [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05].</p>
<p>Ecology and Biodiversity</p> <p>Respondents expressed concern about the Proposed Development's impact on local ecology, biodiversity, and wildlife. Many highlighted habitat loss, disruption of wildlife</p>	<p>The Applicant recognises the feedback received on the topic of ecology and biodiversity, and is committed to the preservation, protection and enhancement of existing habitat and wildlife.</p> <p>The Applicant can confirm that the final design will include additional habitat enhancement and creation, the full details of which are included within the Outline Environmental Masterplan (OEM) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.03.01], and the outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan</p>

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<p>corridors, and potential harm to species including deer, badgers, bats, newts, hedgehogs, and insects.</p> <p>Some respondents raised concerns regarding fencing, pesticide use, and insufficient understanding or mitigation by the Applicant. Respondents sought more information on ecological impacts and Biodiversity Net Gain, with some suggesting combining farming with biodiversity measures and ensuring access for key species such as deer.</p>	<p>(oLEMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05] included within the DCO Application.</p> <p>A UK Habitat Classification survey has been undertaken across the Proposed Development, the results of which are detailed in Appendix 6.1: Habitats Report [EN0110012/APP/06.03.06.01]. The Application also includes a Biodiversity Net Gain Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.09] which sets out the gains that we propose. The report sets out that the Proposed Development will achieve a net gain of 73.06% in hedgerows, 10.37% in watercourses and 78.98% in habitats.</p> <p>The Applicant recognises the concerns raised regarding impacts to vegetation, including existing trees and hedgerows. Tree protection measures, which are identified in the Arboriculture Impact Assessment included as Appendix 16.2 of the ES (ES Volume 3) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.02], include a buffer of either the Root Protection Area (RPA) following methodology: a 15-m buffer was put in place around ancient woodland, a 10-m buffer was put in place around non-ancient woodland, a buffer of 15 times the stem diameter as measured at 1.5 m was put in place around ancient/veteran trees and a 5-m buffer was put in place for non-ancient/non-veteran trees. This mitigation is embedded as a Design Principle and as set out in the Design Principles and Parameters [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05.01] and shown on the Outline Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.012].</p> <p>The Applicant can also confirm that commuting routes through the site for deer, such as ditches, hedgerows and their surrounding buffers, have been included throughout the Proposed Development, and fencing has been designed to allow for the passage of small mammals.</p>
<p>Ornithology</p> <p>Respondents expressed concern regarding potential impacts to birds, including breeding and non-breeding species, ground-nesting birds, and birds of prey.</p> <p>Concerns were also raised over whether adequate consideration</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges the feedback provided on this topic and is committed to the protection of birds and the enhancement of their habitat on-site. The Applicant can confirm that Solar Development Site 1 will include a dedicated bird mitigation area.</p> <p>Assessment details and results pertaining to ornithology have been included within ES Chapter 12: Ornithology [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.12]. This chapter includes the Ornithology Assessment, which included consideration of the Lower Derwent Valley SSSI / SPA / Ramsar site, concluding</p>

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<p>of birds had been given, and that bird species had been correctly assessed.</p>	<p>that significant adverse effects on both are unlikely; Natural England agreed with this conclusion.</p> <p>The Applicant can confirm that the surveys making up the ornithology assessment were carried out at the correct times of year for the relevant bird species present on site and in the wider area. The results of the assessment are included within the Breeding Bird Survey Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.12.01], the Non-breeding Bird Survey Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.12.02], and the Breeding Bird Survey Report for Sites 6-8 [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.12.03].</p> <p>All mitigation measures relevant to ecological receptors, including birds, are set out in ES Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06], Chapter 12: Ornithology [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.12] and would be secured through the oLEMP [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05] and other related management plans.</p>
<p>Hydrology, Flood Risk and Drainage</p> <p>Respondents expressed concern about the Proposed Development’s potential impact on flood risk, including increased run-off, soil compaction, and effects on natural and man-made drainage systems. Specific concerns included high-risk sites, flood-prone farmland, cable corridors near the River Ouse, and impacts on local flood defences.</p> <p>Some respondents also raised issues regarding water contamination from chemicals, herbicides, or potential BESS fires, noting the presence of an underlying drinking water aquifer.</p> <p>Some respondents also wished to confirm that</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges the concerns surrounding hydrological aspects, including impact to flood risk and run-off, and based on assessment work and feedback on this, has made changes to the design, such as the removal of the lower half of Solar Development Site 4 from the Proposed Development.</p> <p>All relevant local authorities and drainage boards had been consulted.</p> <p>Through refining the design of the Proposed Development, the Applicant has sought to ensure the protection of all watercourses and riparian habitats. A minimum offset of 10 metres has been introduced between the bank tops of all watercourses (50 metres for Canal and River Trust watercourses - the River Ouse) from all infrastructure (including fencing) and construction works (e.g. oil/ fuel storage, stockpiles etc) will be applied, except where watercourse crossings are required (access tracks / cable routing / fencing will be located to use existing watercourse crossings where feasible).</p> <p>Other measures outlined in ES Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15] include the locating of flood-sensitive infrastructure outside Flood Zones 2 and 3 where possible. This avoids or reduces the potential for increasing the flood risk to the Proposed Development, as well as to other receptors as a result of our works.</p>

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<p>relevant local authorities and drainage boards had been contacted.</p>	<p>A Water Resource Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.04] has been produced which has been included in the ES, this includes calculations of water requirements (including dust suppression, HDD, wheel washing and BESS cooling) and potential sources of water. Both mains water supply and repurposing of existing licensed abstractions were investigated as part of this piece of work.</p> <p>The outline Soil Resources Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.14] details the practices for soil management.</p> <p>The Applicant has included the provision of Sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS) to ensure that surface water run-off is managed consistently with existing site conditions, this is secured through the outline Drainage Strategy [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.01b]. The outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02] outlines pollution and water contamination prevention measures pertaining to watercourses and confirms that a 10 m buffer has been applied to design layouts.</p>
<p>Landscape and Visual</p> <p>Respondents expressed concern about the visual impact of the Proposed Development, highlighting its scale, proximity to homes, villages, roads, and the potential loss of rural character.</p> <p>Some responses noted insufficient buffer zones, limited landscape planting, and inadequate screening of solar panels, substations, and BESS sites. Concerns included views from walking routes and Areas of Natural Beauty.</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges feedback received regarding landscape and visual impacts. The iterative design process for the Proposed Development has considered the results of the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) and identifies many opportunities for landscape restoration and enhancement, such as by introducing planting which repairs or reinforces existing vegetation patterns and contributes to biodiversity net gain. Details of these opportunities and all landscape and visual mitigation measures are included in ES Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10] and in the outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05].</p> <p>ES Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual sets out that baseline photography (ES Appendix 10.4: Photography and Photomontages [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.10.04]) for each agreed viewpoint (agreed with North Yorkshire Council) as well as a number of photomontages for selected viewpoints to help demonstrate baseline views and what the view will look like with the scheme in place, including the extent of existing and proposed screening. Further information relating to the visual baseline and effects taken into</p>

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	<p>consideration can be found in ES Appendix 10.3: Visual Baseline and Effects [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.10.03].</p> <p>Any additional mitigation measures relating to landscape and visual impacts resulting from the construction and decommissioning phases are secured by the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (oLEMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05] and Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (oDEMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04] respectively.</p>
<p>Public Rights of Way</p> <p>Respondents expressed concern about the Proposed Development's impact on recreation, amenity and access to the countryside, including impacts to PRoWs, bridleways and cycle tracks.</p> <p>The Applicant also received feedback some supporting and some opposing proposed footpaths.</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges the feedback received on this topic, and appreciates concerns regarding existing Public Rights of Way, including bridleways and cycle tracks, and whether their amenity value will be maintained.</p> <p>The Applicant can confirm that it is expected all existing PRoWs will remain open during construction, with appropriate management measures in place to ensure user safety wherever practicable. The outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan (oPRWMP) [EN010012/APP/LVS/07.09] secures embedded mitigation measures meant to maintain the amenity of Public Rights of Way, including the provision of appropriate buffers and landscaping, as shown on the Outline Environmental Masterplan (OEM) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.03.01].</p> <p>The Applicant can confirm that there are three permanent PRoW diversions planned for Solar Development Site 1. These diversions have been designed to maintain connectivity and accessibility for local users. In addition, the Proposed Development will create approximately 8 km of new permissive paths, improving local walking routes and enhancing recreational opportunities. The routes can be viewed within the Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.03.01].</p> <p>In addition, measures have been put in place to minimise disruption and manage temporary diversions during construction, ensuring pedestrian access is maintained wherever possible and that safe, clearly signposted alternatives are implemented where necessary. These are set out in the aforementioned outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan (oPRWMP) [EN010012/APP/LVS/07.09] submitted as part of the Application.</p>
<p>Site Selection and Alternatives</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges feedback received regarding the site selection process, including the adequate consideration of alternatives. Full details of the site selection process are</p>

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<p>Respondents requested clarification on the rationale for the location of the site. Some respondents added concern for the further expansion of the project later in the development process.</p> <p>Some respondents questioned how the location of the site fits into the National Planning Policy Framework regarding Green Belt land.</p>	<p>included within ES Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Iteration [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.03].</p> <p>The Applicant can confirm that no further sites have or will be added to the Proposed Development from the site proposed at Phase Two consultation.</p> <p>The availability of grid connections is limited and represents a significant risk to the UK’s approach to achieving net zero. The utilisation of existing grid infrastructure is therefore fundamental to ensure that new renewable energy projects can be brought online quickly. Following discussions with National Grid, a point of connection was identified at the Monk Fryston Substation which has available capacity for a utility scale energy project. From this, an area of search was established to determine the site options for the Proposed Development. The Site Selection Assessment Report (SSAR) (ES Volume 3) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.03.01] referenced in ES Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Iteration [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.03] confirms that assessment of previously developed/brownfield land was carried out within a 25km radius of the Monk Fryston substation. The SSAR considered, along with proximity to Monk Fryston Substation, planning, environmental and spatial constraints including flood risk, Green Belt, Agricultural Land Classifications and Public Rights of Way, and aspects including vehicle access and visual impacts.</p> <p>The Applicant recognises suggestions of local brownfield sites; however these are often fragmented sites considerable distances from each other, providing neither the space for solar generation required or ease of connectivity between sites. The Applicant also recognises expressions of preference for rooftop solar; on this, the Applicant supports rooftop solar and believes that to meet clean energy and legally-binding targets by 2030, a combination of rooftop and ground-mounted solar will be required.</p> <p>The Applicant’s Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02] sets out that NPS EN-1 paragraph 6.11.2 directs Applicants to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Chapter 13, for details regarding the purposes of Green Belt policy. This sets out that in December 2024, the government made a change to Green Belt policy with the introduction of the ‘grey belt’. This section summarises why it can be considered that the Proposed Development is located on grey belt land, meaning it is not inappropriate development within the Green Belt. The Applicant has set out the way in which the Proposed</p>

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	<p>Development complies with this is set out and further detailed in section 34 and Appendix B of the Applicant’s Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02].</p>
<p>Soils and Agriculture</p> <p>Respondents expressed concern regarding the Proposed Development being located on agricultural land.</p> <p>Some respondents requested further information on soil management, and some expressed scepticism at the land being returned to agricultural use following construction.</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges the feedback received on this topic and recognises the concerns surrounding the use of agricultural land. ES Chapter 5: Agricultural Land and Soils [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05] sets out the Applicant’s position on the use of agricultural land alongside its place in national policy, along with the methodology of the soil assessment undertaken.</p> <p>An Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) survey has been conducted, and this data has been used, as opposed to the 1990 national ALC survey. The ALC survey is included in Appendix 5.1: Agricultural Land Classification [EN00110012/APP/LVS/06.03.05.01], which sets out the assessment of agricultural land and soils carried out according to the revised ALC guidelines, and provides further detail of the soil quality of each proposed solar site. This assessment also includes Sites 6 – 8 which were still being conducted at the time of the PEIR publication.</p> <p>Key mitigation measures relevant to the construction phase include siting infrastructure on lower-quality agricultural land where this does not conflict with other environmental objectives or project benefits; avoiding or reducing fragmentation of remaining agricultural land; and preparing an outline Soil Resources Management Plan (oSRMP) [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.14] that adopts good practice measures across all phases to minimise soil damage, manage stripped and reinstated soils, reduce soil carbon losses, maintain water infiltration, and enhance soil biodiversity. In addition, sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS) will be provided at source to manage surface water runoff in line with existing site conditions. ES Chapter 5: Agricultural Land and Soils [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05] provides full details on all aforementioned and proposed mitigation. The Applicant recognises concerns regarding the decommissioning phase, the return of the land to its pre-existing grade, and whether soil health can be maintained throughout the Proposed Development’s operational phase. The oSRMP [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.14] details the practices for soil management, including careful handling and storing of topsoil, and provides the commitment for the restoration of land to its pre-existing grade at the decommissioning phase. The Applicant notes that intensively</p>

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	<p>farmed soils can benefit from time out of use to regenerate and boost soil biodiversity and can confirm that through not being farmed for 60 years, and through operational phase adherence to the oSRMP, agricultural land and soil will be protected.</p>
<p>Traffic and Transport</p> <p>Respondents expressed concern about the impact of construction traffic, citing increased congestion, road damage, and safety risks to drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders. Many noted local roads are unsuitable for HGVs and LGVs, with narrow lanes, sharp bends, and limited pedestrian infrastructure.</p> <p>Some specific concerns were raised for Monk Fryston, Fryston Common Lane, Skipwith, Birkin, Hillam, and other local roads, including cumulative effects from other developments.</p> <p>Some respondents requested clear traffic management, routing, timing outside peak hours.</p>	<p>The Applicant recognises the comments and concerns received regarding traffic and transport.</p> <p>Concerns regarding traffic are addressed in ES Chapter 14: Traffic and Transport [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.14], including assessment of cumulative impacts. This includes the Transport Assessment (TA), which is available in Appendix 14.1: Transport Assessment (ES Volume 3) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.14.01]. The TA reviewed the current highway network and determined the highway mitigation required. Mitigation measures, secured in the outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (oCTMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12] include the provision of suitable access points for construction vehicles and appropriate protection or separation between construction routes and existing PRowS where necessary. HGV movements and abnormal indivisible loads (AILs) will be restricted to designated routes, with improvement works and the provision of passing places on narrow rural roads undertaken where required to facilitate safe access and vehicle movements. Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) will also be implemented where necessary to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the local highway network during construction. The oCTMP also secures measures to manage impacts of construction traffic pertaining to aspects such as noise, vehicle emissions, dust, mud and debris on roads. These will be mitigated through strict adherence to the proposed construction routes and permitted hours of working.</p> <p>The TA also considers any existing developments as part of the cumulative assessment scenario. The oCTMP [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12] identifies the routes that should be used by construction traffic and takes into account the existing highway capacity of each route. Details of the construction routes are outlined in Section 2.4 of the oCTMP and presented in ES Volume 2 Figure 4.4: Construction Routing [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.14.04].</p> <p>The oCTMP also establishes the scheduling of deliveries will avoid morning and evening peak hours. The oCTMP sets out further the traffic management plans for construction,</p>

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	<p>operational, and decommissioning, alongside the temporary measures use to manage traffic during installation.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Transport Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.14.01] concluded a minimal impact on the routes that are forecast to see a change in baseline traffic conditions due to other committed developments in the area.</p> <p>Subsequent to the Proposed Development being approved, the final iteration of the oCTMP will be provided to North Yorkshire Council to approve prior to construction works.</p> <p>Full descriptions of construction compounds and access points are included within ES Chapter 2: The Proposed Development [EN00110012/APP/LVS/06.01.02].</p>

13 Section 42 responses received, issues raised, and changes made

13.1 Background

13.1.1 Across the Statutory and Targeted Consultations, the Applicant received responses from 56 Section 42 consultees.

13.1.2 A detailed record of all comments received from Section 42 and Section 43 consultees, and the Applicant’s response to all of these comments, is provided in two separate tables in Appendix 12: Section 42 Applicant Response Table **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.12]**.

13.1.3 The Applicant also received 8 responses from consultees identified under Section 44 as set out in Chapter 9. A detailed record of all comments received from Section 44 consultees, and the Applicant’s response to all of these comments, is provided in Appendix 12: Section 42 Applicant Response Table **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.12]**.

13.1.4 Table 13.1 presents a summary of the feedback received from Section 42, 43 and 44 consultees.

Table 13.1: Summary of Section 42 and Section 43 feedback, including how the Applicant has considered this feedback.

Feedback comments	Applicant response
<p>Air Quality</p> <p>Consultees expressed concern for the impact of the Proposed Development on air quality during the construction phase.</p> <p>In particular, consultees expressed concern about air quality impacts as a result of traffic movements during construction and proximity to ecologically sensitive sites.</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges the feedback on this topic and recognises the importance in ensuring good air quality is maintained.</p> <p>A Construction Dust Assessment (CDA) is included in ES Appendix 16.1: Construction Dust Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.01] which supports the Application. The assessment, which conservatively assesses on a whole site basis, acknowledges a high risk of dust soiling during construction, but determines that the dust emitted can be greatly reduced or limited by applying mitigation measures meaning the resulting effect, including from traffic movements on sensitive ecological receptors and from construction activity, would not be significant. Mitigation measures, including monitoring during the construction phase, provision to erect barriers around dustier activities, and requirement to produce a Dust Management Plan (DMP) are secured by the CDA and outline</p>

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	<p>Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02].</p> <p>A construction traffic assessment has been screened out due to the daily movements falling below the IAQM/EPUK criteria, with no significant increases in traffic movements during the construction phase on a site-wide basis.</p> <p>Chapter 6 of the ES: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06] notes that for ecological receptors within 50m of traffic routes IAQM guidance indicates that with the successful implementation of best practice embedded dust mitigation measures (as detailed in Appendix 16.1: Construction Dust Assessment (ES Volume 3) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.01] and secured via the oCEMP [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]), there is likely to be a negligible effect on existing receptors from the dust-generating activities.</p>
<p>Climate Change and Energy Need</p> <p>Consultees expressed support for renewable energy and recognised the national importance of renewables.</p> <p>Some Consultees raised the issue of the carbon intensity of the construction phase of the Proposed Development, requesting a carbon assessment is conducted.</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges comments regarding support for renewable energy in principle.</p> <p>A Greenhouse Gas (GHG) assessment is included within Chapter 9 of the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.09]. This addresses the net impact of the Proposed Development in terms of emissions and concludes that residual construction effects would remain minor adverse (not significant), with the construction phase being the most carbon-intensive phase of the Proposed Development, due to the volume of construction material and traffic required. The GHG assessment recognises minor adverse impacts resulting from the construction phase but does confirm significant beneficial effects in EIA terms overall.</p> <p>The overall aim of the Proposed Development is to generate renewable energy, therefore the assessment has concluded significant beneficial effects in EIA terms. Despite the residual emissions associated with construction and decommissioning, the Proposed Development is, by design, reducing national emissions and the</p>

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	<p>UK's reliance on fossil fuels within the UK National Grid.</p>
<p>Construction and Decommissioning</p> <p>Consultees raised the issues of the environmental cost of construction and decommissioning.</p> <p>Some Consultees requested further information regarding management plans to set out mitigation impacts during construction, as well as funding for decommissioning.</p> <p>Consultees have asked for further clarification regarding the impact of Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) and its environmental impact, and for reassurance that sensitive areas are avoided.</p>	<p>The Applicant recognises comments and concerns regarding the construction and decommissioning phases.</p> <p>Details regarding the construction, operation and decommissioning phases, including Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD), are included within ES Chapter 2: The Proposed Development [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.02]. Environmental impacts resulting from the construction and decommissioning phases are assessed in the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) assessment [EN00110012/APP/LVS/06.03.09.01], included within Appendix 9.1: GHG Emissions Assessment and outlined above under Climate Change and Energy Need.</p> <p>The management plans relevant to the construction phase include an Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02], which describes the framework of mitigation measures to be followed and carried forward into a detailed CEMP prior to construction, with the aim of avoiding and/or reducing environmental impacts arising from construction activities such as dust generation, noise and vibration, site lighting and waste management. An outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (oCTMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12] has also been prepared, securing mitigation measures relating to construction traffic and proposed construction traffic access routes; this includes a Construction Worker Travel Plan (CWTP), which sets out measures such as establishing a car share scheme, providing shuttle buses for construction workers, identifying cycle and bus routes to the Order Limits, and appointing a Travel Plan Coordinator.</p> <p>In addition, an Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan (oOEMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03] has been prepared to support the DCO Application and sets out the general environmental principles to be followed during the operation of the Proposed</p>

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	<p>Development, including during general operational maintenance.</p> <p>Regarding sensitive areas, the Applicant has committed to a number of areas where non-intrusive (trenchless) installation watercourses, hedgerows and mature vegetation. These figures are displayed in Figure 2.5: Avoidance Areas of ES Volume 2 [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02].</p> <p>As the decommissioning activities associated with the Proposed Development will occur far into the future, more than 65 years from 2025, there is considerable uncertainty over the total estimate of emissions and the environmental impacts that would be produced, and the available technology. Therefore, prior to decommissioning, an outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (oDEMP) [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.04] will be prepared that must ensure that decommissioning activities are carried out substantially in accordance with the oDEMP, as secured through the requirements in the DCO.</p> <p>The decommissioning phase primarily involves the dismantling and removal of existing solar infrastructure components, which is generally less emissions-intensive than the initial construction activities.</p>
<p>Cultural Heritage</p> <p>Consultees voiced concern regarding the harm towards heritage assets, including listed buildings and archaeological assets.</p>	<p>The Applicant appreciates comments regarding cultural heritage and is committed to ensuring the protection of historical buildings and sites of archaeological significance.</p> <p>The impact of the Proposed Development on the heritage resource, including impacts incurred through changes in their setting is fully considered within ES Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.08.00]. The Proposed Development has undertaken extensive surveys including geophysical survey and trial trenching to identify potential impacts. An Archaeological Mitigation Strategy accompanies the submission.</p>
<p>Cumulative Effects</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges the feedback received on this topic and recognises the presence of other developments in the local</p>

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<p>Some Consultees expressed concerns regarding the PEIR documentation not included existing and proposed assets and infrastructure in the area.</p> <p>Consultees have also noted nearby proposed infrastructure and have asked for the Proposed Development to interact with these proposals in order to maximise benefits, particularly during the construction phase.</p>	<p>area. Information regarding cumulative effects can be found in ES Chapter 17: Cumulative and In-Combination Effects [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.17.00].</p> <p>In addition, through developing our ES, each topic chapter, where relevant, has included a cumulative impact assessment, considering other committed developments in the area and potential added impacts to aspects such as traffic. The assessment has considered nearby developments that fall within the relevant zones of influence for each topic to evaluate potential combined effects.</p> <p>The Applicant is interacting with developers promoting projects immediately adjacent to / across the Proposed Development to mitigate and reduce cumulative impact of aspects including construction traffic.</p>
<p>Ecology and Biodiversity</p> <p>Consultees expressed concern towards the impact of the Proposed Development on wildlife. Some Consultees requested further information on the passage of wildlife through the site including the cable corridor.</p> <p>Comments were made on species such as deer, bats, badgers, and various plant species.</p> <p>Consultees also welcomed design commitments related to avoiding trees but asked for further reassurances on this in the final application.</p> <p>Consultees mentioned a number of ecologically sensitive sites nearby such as Skipwith Common and the Lower Derwent Valley and have asked that these sites are not impacted.</p> <p>Some Consultees supported the proposals for Biodiversity Net Gain,</p>	<p>The Applicant recognises the feedback received on the topic of ecology and biodiversity.</p> <p>The Applicant can confirm that the final design will include additional habitat enhancement and creation, the full details of which are included within the Outline Environmental Masterplan (OEM) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.03.01], and the outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (oLEMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05] included within the DCO Application.</p> <p>A UK Habitat Classification survey has been undertaken across the Proposed Development, the results of which are detailed in Appendix 6.1: Habitats Report [EN0110012/APP/06.03.06.01]. The Application also includes a Biodiversity Net Gain Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.09] which sets out the gains that we propose.</p> <p>Regarding the identification and avoidance of trees, an Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) has been undertaken and identifies any potential ancient woodland and veteran trees. The results of the AIA are presented in Appendix</p>

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<p>with some requesting further information on how the figure is calculated.</p>	<p>16.2 (ES Volume 3) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.02].</p> <p>The Applicant can confirm that the Proposed Development will not have an impact on either the Skipwith Common or Lower Derwent Valley SSSIs, as concluded in ES Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06] and Chapter 12: Ornithology [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.12].</p> <p>The Applicant can also confirm that commuting routes through the site for deer, such as ditches, hedgerows and their surrounding buffers, have been included throughout the Proposed Development, and fencing has been designed to allow the passage of small mammals.</p>
<p>Glint and Glare</p> <p>Consultees requested that the assessments regarding impact of Glint and Glare provided in the PEIR should be expanded to include more Public Rights of Way and Waterways.</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges the feedback provided on this topic.</p> <p>Information regarding glint and glare can be found in ES Chapter 16: Other Environmental Matters [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.16.00]. This includes the Solar Photovoltaic Glint and Glare Study [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.04] which was updated for the purposes of developing the ES. The study concludes that without mitigation, significant impacts are predicted from both fixed south facing panels and single axis tracking panels towards aviation activity, and with the embedded mitigation proposed no significant impacts are predicted upon road safety, residential amenity and railway operations, and no additional mitigation is recommended.</p> <p>Regarding aviation activity, the study concludes that for the nearby Sherburn-in-Elmet Airfield and Burn Airfield could experience yellow glare (potential for a temporary 'after image' visual effect). Any possible glare would occur from behind the pilot whilst they are approaching the thresholds and is therefore unlikely to be experienced by pilots in practice. A low impact is predicted but consultation is being undertaken with Sherburn-In-Elmet Airfield to understand their position towards the proposed development and their operations.</p>

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<p>Water Resources and Flood Risk</p> <p>Consultees expressed concern for the Proposed Development potentially exacerbating flood risk and drainage issues, and the potential for increased run off, in the area both on the solar sites and along the cable corridor.</p> <p>Consultees have commented on the impact of HDD and the impact to rivers that the Proposed Development crosses.</p> <p>Consultees have noted areas that may be at a higher risk of flood risk such as the village of Wistow and land near to the River Aire.</p> <p>Some Consultees expressed concern regarding the impact on groundwater and potential contamination.</p> <p>A number of consultees have asked for further assessment to be carried out beyond what was set out in the PEIR, for the ES that accompanies that DCO application.</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges the concerns surrounding hydrological aspects, and based on assessment work and feedback on this, has made changes to the design, such as the removal of the lower half of Solar Development Site 4 from the Proposed Development.</p> <p>A Water Resource Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.04] has been produced which has been included in the ES, this includes calculations of water requirements (including dust suppression, HDD, wheel washing and BESS cooling) and potential sources of water. Both mains water supply and repurposing of existing licensed abstractions were investigated as part of this piece of work.</p> <p>Other measures outlined in ES Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15] include the locating of flood-sensitive infrastructure outside Flood Zones 2 and 3 where possible. This avoids or reduces the potential for increasing the flood risk to the Proposed Development, as well as to other receptors as a result of our works.</p> <p>A minimum offset of 10 m has been introduced between the bank tops of all watercourses (50 m for Canal and River Trust watercourses - the River Ouse) from all infrastructure (including fencing) and construction works (e.g. oil/ fuel storage, stockpiles etc) will be applied, except where watercourse crossings are required (access tracks / cable routing / fencing will be located to use existing watercourse crossings where feasible). The Applicant can confirm that while there would be no physical interaction with main rivers, an existing river-crossing culvert may require upgrading or replacement. If it is determined these works are required, then they would be carried out during the construction phase.</p> <p>The outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02] outlines pollution prevention measures pertaining to watercourses</p>

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	and confirms that a 10 metre buffer has been applied to design layouts.
<p>Landscape and Visual</p> <p>Consultees expressed concern for the visual impact of the Proposed Development, with some references being made to the ‘industrialisation of the countryside’.</p> <p>Consultees noted the potential impacts on visual amenity from villages such as Escrick, Monk Fryston, Hillam, Birkin and Hambleton.</p> <p>Consultees have noted the Proposed Development’s interaction with the Green Belt.</p> <p>Some Consultees made specific requests to mitigate regarding specific locations and viewpoints. Consultees have asked for more detail regarding planting, including requests for further planting mitigation to be included in the final design.</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges feedback received regarding landscape and visual impacts. The design of the Proposed Development identifies many opportunities for landscape restoration and enhancement, by introducing planting which repairs or reinforces existing vegetation patterns and contributes to biodiversity net gain. Details of these opportunities and landscape and visual mitigation measures are detailed in ES Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10] and in the outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05].</p> <p>Baseline photography (ES Appendix 10.4: Photography and Photomontages [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.0.04]) for each agreed viewpoint (agreed with North Yorkshire Council) as well as a number of photomontages for selected viewpoints is included within the DCO Application to help demonstrate the nature of baseline views including the extent of existing screening [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.10.04].</p>
<p>Ornithology</p> <p>Consultees noted some surveys referenced in the PEIR were still underway and requested to review them as soon as complete.</p> <p>Consultees noted nearby sites such as the Lower Derwent Valley and Skipwith Common as areas that are supportive of bird habitats, and have asked how the Proposed Development will avoid impacting these sites.</p> <p>Some Consultees welcomed the precautionary approach taken at the PEIR stage, ensuring alignment with Natural England Guidance.</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges the feedback provided on this topic.</p> <p>Assessment details and results pertaining to ornithology are included within ES Chapter 12: Ornithology [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.12]. This chapter includes the Ornithology Assessment, which included consideration of both Skipwith Common and the Lower Derwent Valley SSSIs, concluding that significant adverse effects on both are unlikely, with Natural England agreeing with this conclusion.</p> <p>The results of the assessment are included within the Breeding Bird Survey Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.12.01], the Non-breeding Bird Survey Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.12.02], and the Breeding Bird Survey Report for Sites 6-8 [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.12.03].</p>

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	<p>Embedded and good practice mitigation relevant to all ecological receptors, including birds, is set out in ES Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06] and Chapter 12: Ornithology [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.12]. The measures outlined will be secured through the oLEMP [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05] and other related management plans.</p>
<p>Public Rights of Way</p> <p>Consultees requested further information on the plan for Public Rights of Way presented during the Phase Two consultation.</p> <p>Consultees have asked that public rights of way are not harmed during construction, and that diversions are created if required, to facilitate pedestrian access at all times.</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges the feedback received on this topic; information regarding recreational amenity and Public Rights of Way can be found within ES Chapter 13: Socioeconomics [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.13].</p> <p>Measures have been put in place to minimise disruptions and manage temporary diversions during construction, ensuring pedestrian access is maintained wherever possible and that safe, clearly signposted alternatives are implemented where necessary. These are set out in the outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan (oPRWMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.09] submitted as part of the Application.</p> <p>It is expected that all existing PRowWs will remain open during construction, with appropriate management measures in place to ensure user safety wherever practicable.</p> <p>The Applicant can confirm that there are three permanent PRow diversions planned for Solar Development Site 1. These diversions have been designed to maintain connectivity and accessibility for local users. In addition, the Proposed Development will create approximately 8 km of new permissive paths, improving local walking routes and enhancing recreational opportunities, illustrated within the Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/LVS/APP/06.02.03.01].</p> <p>The amenity of PRowWs has been assessed within the Socioeconomics chapter of the ES [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.13], recognising</p>

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	<p>that the surrounding landscape will change as a result of the solar arrays.</p>
<p>Site Selection and Alternatives</p> <p>Consultees requested clarification on the rationale for the location of the site. Some Consultees added concern for the further expansion of the project later in the development process.</p> <p>Some consultees have commented that other sites would be more suitable, including brownfield sites, rooftops of large buildings and car parks.</p> <p>Some Consultees questioned how the location of the site fits into the National Planning Policy Framework regarding Green Belt land.</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges feedback regarding site selection; full details of the site selection process are included within ES Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Iteration [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.03].</p> <p>Limited grid connection availability poses a significant risk to the UK's net zero ambitions, making the use of existing grid infrastructure essential for the timely delivery of new renewable energy projects. Discussions with National Grid identified available capacity at Monk Fryston Substation, from which an area of search was defined to identify site options for the Proposed Development; the Site Selection Assessment Report (SSAR) (ES Volume 3 [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.03.01]) provides an assessment of alternative sites. The assessment considered, along with proximity to Monk Fryston Substation, planning, environmental and spatial constraints including flood risk, Green Belt, Agricultural Land Classifications and Public Rights of Way, and aspects including vehicle access and visual impacts. The assessment concluded that the search did not identify any suitable land of an adequate area to facilitate a 500MW solar project, either individually or in combination with other sites.</p> <p>The Applicant can confirm that no further sites have or will be added to the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The Applicant's Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02] sets out that NPS EN-1 paragraph 6.11.2 directs Applicants to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Chapter 13, for details regarding the purposes of Green Belt policy. This sets out that in December 2024, the government made a change to Green Belt policy with the introduction of the 'grey belt'. This section summarises why it can be considered that the Proposed Development is</p>

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	<p>located on grey belt land, meaning it is not inappropriate development within the Green Belt. The Applicant has set out the way in which the Proposed Development complies with this is set out and further detailed in section 34 and Appendix B of the Applicant’s Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02].</p>
<p>Socioeconomics, Tourism and Recreation</p> <p>Consultees expressed a preference for the use of supply chains and labour from the local economy.</p> <p>Some Consultees expressed concern regarding the impact of the Proposed Development on the quality of life of local residents and the impact on local property value.</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges the feedback received regarding this topic. The Applicant is committed to using local supply chains, contractors and the local labour force in constructing the Proposed Development, with further details contained within ES Chapter 13: Socioeconomics [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10] and the Outline Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.13].</p> <p>The Applicant acknowledges the concerns raised regarding potential impacts on residents’ quality of life. The design of the Proposed Development has been informed by a range of environmental and social considerations, including landscape and visual impact assessments. Mitigation measures, such as strategic planting and buffer zones, have been incorporated to help reduce potential likely significant effects on residential amenity and landscape character. Further information on this can be found in ES Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10] and in the outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (oLEMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05].</p>
<p>Soils and Agriculture</p> <p>Consultees expressed concern regarding the Proposed Development being located on agricultural land.</p> <p>Some Consultees requested further information on the Agricultural Land Classification survey (ALC), and further information on soil management.</p>	<p>The Applicant acknowledges the feedback received on this topic and recognises the concerns surrounding the use of agricultural land. ES Chapter 5: Agricultural Land and Soils [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05] sets out the Applicant’s position on the use of agricultural land alongside its place in national policy.</p> <p>The Applicant recognises concerns regarding both the management of soil and the return of the land to its pre-existing grade. The outline Soil Resources Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.14] details the practices for soil management, including careful</p>

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	<p>handling and storing of topsoil, while the Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (oDEMP) [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.04] provides the commitment for the restoration of land to its pre-existing grade.</p> <p>An Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) survey was conducted at PEIR-stage, and this data has been used, as opposed to the 1990 national ALC survey. The ALC survey is included in Appendix 5.1: Agricultural Land Classification [EN00110012/APP/LVS/06.03.05.01].</p>
<p>Traffic and Transport</p> <p>Consultees stated concern regarding the impact of traffic on the local area, particularly during the construction phase.</p> <p>Roads such as the A19 and A63 have been noted as being busy roads, and reassurance has been sought by consultees on how the Proposed Development's impact will be mitigated.</p> <p>More rural roads have been asked to be avoided as much as possible due to their narrow nature.</p> <p>Consultees have asked for more detail on how access along the cable route will be achieved, including more precise locations of construction compounds.</p> <p>Some Consultees requested further information on traffic management plans and coordination with local authorities.</p>	<p>The Applicant recognises the comments and concerns received regarding traffic and transport. Concerns regarding traffic are addressed in ES Chapter 14: Traffic and Transport [EN011012/APP/LVS/06.01.14]. This includes the Transport Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.14.01], which reviewed the current highway network and determined the highway mitigation required.</p> <p>Mitigation measures, secured in the outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (oCTMP) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12] include the defining of routes that HGVs should use to travel to and from each Site that are identified as suitable for the size of vehicles, the provision of vehicle passing places, and how the impact of construction traffic, including noise, vehicle emissions, dust, mud and debris on roads will be mitigated through strict adherence to the proposed construction routes and permitted hours of working.</p> <p>The assessment takes into account any existing developments as part of the cumulative assessment scenario. The oCTMP [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12] identifies the routes that should be used by construction traffic. The oCTMP takes into account the existing highway capacity of each route, and the Transport Assessment concluded no likely significant cumulative effects.</p> <p>The Applicant notes that rural roads cannot be fully avoided, although where rural, narrower roads are used, the oCTMP ensures plans and</p>

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	<p>measures are in place to ensure the safe usage of these roads, and the protection of other road users.</p> <p>Subsequent to the Proposed Development being approved, the final iteration of the oCTMP will be provided to North Yorkshire Council to approve prior to construction works.</p> <p>Full descriptions of construction compounds and access points are included within ES Chapter 2: The Proposed Development [EN00110012/APP/LVS/06.01.02].</p>

14 Conclusion

14.1 Concluding remarks

- 14.1.1 The Applicant has undertaken a comprehensive pre-application consultation on the Proposed Development.
- 14.1.2 This consultation has been informed by and complied with the requirements of the 2008 Act, the EIA Regulations, the APFP Regulations and associated guidance and advice.
- 14.1.3 The Applicant's strategy of coordinating consultation activities across the Proposed Development has resulted in a high level of engagement and consultation responses. The Applicant's hosting of design workshops to ensure a sustainable, well-designed, and inclusive approach to revising the proposals is an example of the Applicant's approach of following the Advice on Good Design.
- 14.1.4 The Applicant's strategy of undertaking an iterative consultation process has allowed for feedback to inform the development of the Proposed Development in a timely manner, including reporting back to consultees at an interim stage.
- 14.1.5 The Applicant has actively sought and taken due regard to feedback provided by stakeholders on its approach to consultation and has made changes where possible as documented in this Consultation Report.
- 14.1.6 Consultation responses to each stage of consultation have been carefully documented and considered as part of the iterative development of the Proposed Development, with stakeholders playing a key role in the design of the proposals.
- 14.1.7 The Applicant has had regard to comments, concerns and issues raised in the final Proposed Development design and Application documentation, where possible, and has responded to the comments raised during the consultation process in this Consultation Report.
- 14.1.8 As well as preparing the Consultation Report, the Applicant has set out how it has complied with guidance and advice on consultation in the Section 55 checklist **[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.01]**.
- 14.1.9 The Applicant is grateful to all parties who have engaged throughout the pre-application process.