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1 Introduction

Approach to Policy Compliance Document

1.1.1 This Policy Compliance Document (PCD) has been prepared to assist the Examining Authority and any other interested parties in their review of the performance of the DCO Application against policy requirements and objectives. It has been prepared with the aims to:

- 1) Demonstrate relevant policies have been properly considered and addressed, and
- 2) Keep details proportionate by presenting key information only and signposting the reader to where full details are available in the wider DCO Application package.

1.1.2 To keep the level of information to a proportionate level, the following principles have been followed in preparing the PCD:

- 1) Policies extracted are referenced to their source. However, not all policies are fully quoted. In order to improve readability of the PCD, shorter summaries of policies may be used, with a focus on the key purpose of that policy relevant to the Proposed Development.
- 2) Policies which set out a requirement for consultation with stakeholders are not reported in this document. Instead, consultation with relevant bodies is set out in full detail in the submitted Light Valley Solar Consultation Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01], plus consultation with Statutory Engagement Bodies (SEBs) is detailed in the relevant chapters of the Environmental Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01], and Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02].
- 3) Overviews of approaches to delivery of solar projects, and advice regarding methodological approaches to Environmental Assessments presented in National Policy Statements (NPSs) are not repeated in this PCD.
- 4) The focus of the PCD is on NPS policies relating directly to the application and how it will be assessed rather than on broader Government Policy position statements.
- 5) NPSs are the focus of the PCD. To avoid unnecessary duplication of information regarding policies for sustainability, the environment, heritage, the economy and communities, the Applicant has drawn out key policies only from the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the local plans.

1.1.3 Policy documents reviewed in this PCD are as follows:

- 1) National Policy Statement EN-1 (Ref 2);
- 2) National Policy Statement EN-3 (Ref 3);

- 3) National Policy Statement EN-5 (Ref 4);
- 4) National Planning Policy Framework (Ref 5);
- 5) Selby District Core Strategy Local Plan (Ref 6);
- 6) Selby District Local Plan (Ref 7);
- 7) North Yorkshire County Council, North York Moors National Park Authority and City of York Council Minerals and Waste Joint Plan (Ref 5); and
- 8) Escrick Neighbourhood Development Plan (Ref 9).

2 National Policy Accordance Tables

National Policy Statement EN-1

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Paragraph 4.1.5 and 4.1.6 Weighing Impacts and Benefits	<p>In considering any proposed development, in particular when weighing its adverse impacts against its benefits, the Secretary of State should take into account its potential benefits and potential adverse impacts.</p> <p>In this context, the Secretary of State should take into account environmental, social and economic benefits and adverse impacts, at national, regional and local levels</p>	The Planning Statement confirms that the Proposed Development is Critical National Priority Infrastructure. The residual adverse effects identified through the EIA process are considered to be outweighed by the need for, and benefits arising from, the Proposed Development,	<p>Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1 [EN110012/APP/LVS/06]</p>
Paragraph 4.1.7 Critical National Priority (CNP) Infrastructure	For projects which qualify as CNP Infrastructure, it is likely that the need case will outweigh the residual effects not capable of being addressed by application of the mitigation hierarchy, in all but the most exceptional cases. This presumption does not apply to residual impacts which present an unacceptable risk to, or interference	The Environmental Statement (ES) and Planning Statement confirm that no residual effects of the Proposed Development have been identified that would result in an unacceptable risk to: human health and public safety; defence; irreplaceable habitats; the achievement of net zero; offshore navigation; or, flood and coastal erosion. Further, there are no residual HRA or MCZ impacts.	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1 [EN110012/APP/LVS/06]</p> <p>Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02]</p>

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	with, human health and public safety, defence, or irreplaceable habitats.		
<p>Paragraph 4.2.24 Mitigation measures and CNP infrastructure</p>	<p>Applicants must apply the mitigation hierarchy and demonstrate that it has been applied. Measures that result in a significant reduction in generation capacity for CNP infrastructure are unlikely to be considered appropriate as mitigation.</p>	<p>The mitigation hierarchy to protect the environment and biodiversity: the process is to avoid, reduce, mitigate, and lastly compensate.</p> <p>The mitigation hierarchy has been followed throughout the project lifecycle to date. Where the EIA predicts a significant adverse effect on one or more receptors, it has been considered whether further mitigation measures could be implemented to avoid or reduce the effect, or reduce the likelihood of it happening.</p> <p>Regarding capacity, the Proposed Development will deliver its grid connection offer of 500MW of renewable electricity, including storage capacity, which takes into account various embedded mitigation measures.</p> <p>Provision has been made for ‘overplanting’ of the solar PV panel arrays to ensure that the Proposed Development can maximise its clean energy generation potential in light of mitigation measures and life cycle decline.</p>	<p>Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1 [EN110012/APP/LVS/ 06]</p>

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<p>Paragraph 4.2.25 Residual impacts and mitigation and compensation</p>	<p>Applicants should set out how residual impacts will be compensated for as far as possible.... Set out how any mitigation or compensation measures will be monitored and reporting agreed to ensure success and that action is taken. Changes to measures may be needed e.g. adaptive management... cumulative impacts of multiple developments with residual impacts should also be considered.</p>	<p>Each ES chapter contains a section on the residual effects of each topic area (e.g. Biodiversity, Traffic and Movement, etc.). The assessment takes into account the baseline conditions, embedded mitigation/good practice measures and additional mitigation. Monitoring is achieved via various management plans (listed in the adjacent column of this table), including for example the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan; Outline Operational Environment Management Plan; and Outline Decommissioning Environment Management Plan.</p> <p>Cumulative and in-combination effects are addressed in Chapter 17 of the ES.</p>	<p>Outline Construction Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 17: Cumulative and In-Combination Effects [EN110012/APP/LVS/06.01.17]</p>
<p>Paragraph 4.2.26 HRA derogation</p>	<p>Policy relates to HRA and residual impacts and need for provision of a derogation case if required.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>	<p>Shadow Habitats Regulation Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.11]</p>
<p>Paragraph 4.2.28 Non HRA residual impacts</p>	<p>Non HRA residual impacts – these are unlikely to outweigh the urgent need for this type of infrastructure. Therefore, in all but the most exceptional circumstances, it is</p>	<p>The assessment of residual environmental impacts of the Proposed Development demonstrates that there are no ‘unacceptable risks to’ or ‘unacceptable interference with’</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 18: Conclusions and summary of environmental effects [EN110012/APP/LVS/06.01.18]</p>

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	unlikely that consent will be refused on the basis of these residual impacts. Exception where: "unacceptable risk to, or unacceptable interference with, human health and public safety, defence, or irreplaceable habitats."	human health, public safety, defence, irreplaceable habitats, or onshore flood risk.	
Paragraph 4.3.4 Mitigation hierarchy	The applicant must set out information on the likely significant environmental, social and economic effects of the development, and show how any likely significant negative effects would be avoided, reduced, mitigated or compensated for, following the mitigation hierarchy.	<p>The Proposed Development has followed a robust EIA process, which has identified where environmental effects are likely to be 'moderate' or 'major', and therefore 'significant' in EIA terms. The mitigation hierarchy has been followed throughout the project. Where the EIA predicts a significant adverse effect on one or more receptors, it has been considered whether further mitigation measures could be implemented to avoid or reduce the effect, or reduce the likelihood of it happening.</p> <p>Each ES chapter follows a similar structure: identification of baseline conditions, embedded and good practice mitigation measures, assessment of impact, additional mitigation and residual effects.</p> <p>Monitoring and ongoing commitments to mitigation are achieved via various management plans, such as the Outline Construction Environmental Management</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1 [EN110012/APP/LVS/ 06]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p>

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		Plan; Outline Operational Environment Management Plan ; and Outline Decommissioning Environment Management Plan.	
Paragraph 4.3.11 Design detail at application stage	In some instances, it may not be possible at the time of the application for development consent for all aspects of the proposal to have been settled in precise detail. Where this is the case, the applicant should explain in its application which elements of the proposal have yet to be finalised, and the reasons why this is the case.	<p>Chapter 2 of the ES: Proposed Development lists aspects of the proposal that still require design flexibility so that the detailed design of the proposal can be best informed by technical considerations, post-consent work, and take advantage of innovation in technology.</p> <p>Design detail that requires flexibility includes solar panel type/specification, Conversion Units and 33 kV Switch Rooms, Battery energy storage systems BESS area and substations; the routing of the cables within the Cable Route Corridor, final electrical design and access arrangements.</p> <p>ES Chapter 2: Proposed Development also confirms that the remainder of the ES has assessed the worst-case effects of the Proposed Development to account for the flexibility sought.</p>	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 2: Proposed Development [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.02]
Paragraphs 4.3.15 and 4.3.22 Reasonable alternatives	Applicants are obliged to include information about the reasonable alternatives they have studied in their ES. This should include an indication of the main reasons for the applicant's	Alternatives and the reasons for the Applicant's choice for the project location, the solar development sites (SDS), the cable route corridor (CRC), the Highway Improvement Areas (HIAs) and SDS 8 Access, are addressed to a proportionate level the ES	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Iteration [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.03]

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<p>Paragraph 4.6.17 Environmental Net Gain at part of options appraisal</p>	<p>choice, taking into account the environmental, social and economic effects and including, where relevant, technical and commercial feasibility.</p> <p>The information presented for consideration should be proportionate and only alternatives that meet the objectives of the proposed development need to be considered.</p> <p>Where environmental net gain was considered as part of strategic options appraisal, applicants should reference that information.</p>	<p>Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Iteration and described further in the associated Appendix 3.1: Site Selection Assessment Report.</p> <p>The Project Objectives are set out in the Applicant’s Planning Statement and Design Approach Document (DAD) and referred to in the Site Selection Assessment Report. These set out what the Proposed Development aims to achieve and contextualises the alternatives and design iteration direction.</p> <p>The Proposed Development has also followed an environmentally-led design approach, with biodiversity and nature recovery key Design Principles. The BNG Report sets out that the Proposed Development will deliver biodiversity net gain of 78.30% for habitat units, 72.12% for hedgerow units and 10.42% for watercourse units. The delivery of BNG is secured via DCO Requirement.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 3.1: Site Selection Assessment Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.03.01]</p> <p>Design Approach Document (DAD) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05]</p> <p>Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02]</p> <p>Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.09]</p>
<p>Paragraph 4.4.4 Human health</p>	<p>Where the proposed project has an effect on humans, the ES should assess these effects for each element of the project, identifying any potential adverse health impacts, and identifying measures to avoid, reduce</p>	<p>ES Appendix 1.1: EIA Scoping Report details the rationale for scoping out human health from the EIA assessment as a standalone assessment, a decision which was supported by PINS in their Scoping Opinion adopted on 19 December 2024. It should be noted that human health is still considered throughout the</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 1.1: EIA Scoping Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.01.01]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 18: Conclusions and Summary of Environmental Effects</p>

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	or compensate for these impacts as appropriate	<p>ES where relevant, and an Equality Impact Assessment has been submitted with the DCO Application.</p> <p>The assessment of environmental impacts of the Proposed Development demonstrates that there are no 'unacceptable risks to' or 'unacceptable interference with' human health taking account of assessments of noise and vibration, transport, water resources and flood risk, construction dust, electromotive force (EMF) impacts, and battery fire safety.</p>	<p>[EN110012/APP/LVS/06.01.18]</p> <p>Planning Statement, Appendix 4: Equality Impact Assessment</p> <p>[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02.04]</p>
<p>Paragraph 4.4.6 Health and well-being</p>	<p>Opportunities should be taken to mitigate indirect impacts by promoting local improvements to encourage health and wellbeing. This includes potential impacts on vulnerable groups within society and impacts on those with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 (Ref 10), i.e. those groups which may be differentially impacted by a development compared to wider society as a whole.</p>	<p>An Equality Impact Assessment has been produced, appended to the Planning Statement, which addresses the potential impacts and mitigation measures on those with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010 (Ref 10).</p>	<p>Planning Statement, Appendix 4: Equality Impact Assessment</p> <p>[EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02.04]</p>
<p>Paragraph 4.6.2 and 4.6.11</p>	<p>Projects in England should consider and seek to incorporate improvements in natural capital, ecosystem services and the benefits</p>	<p>Chapter 6 of the ES: Biodiversity, and the Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Report confirm that a BNG assessment has been completed for the Proposed Development to describe the</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 6: Biodiversity</p> <p>[EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06]</p>

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Environmental and Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)	<p>they deliver when planning how to deliver biodiversity net gain.</p> <p>Details of any off-site delivery of BNG to be set out within the application for Development Consent.</p>	<p>expected biodiversity change post development.</p> <p>The Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG Report sets out that the Proposed Development will deliver biodiversity net gain of 78.30% for habitat units, 72.12% for hedgerow units and 10.42% for watercourse units. The delivery of BNG is secured via DCO Requirement.</p> <p>No off-site delivery of BNG is proposed.</p>	<p>Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.09]</p>
<p>Paragraph 4.6.13 and 4.6.15</p> <p>Environmental and Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)</p>	<p>Developments may also deliver wider environmental gains and benefits to communities relevant to the local area and to national policy priorities.</p> <p>A Statement demonstrating how opportunities for wider net gains have been considered and, where appropriate, incorporated into proposals should be provided.</p>	<p>Each ES chapter contains an assessment summary, which factors in receptors, impact, magnitude and mitigation (if relevant). In these sections areas of benefit are highlighted, such as in ES Chapter 9: Greenhouse Gas Emissions which outlines a beneficial impact arising from the Proposed Development at the global scale, aligning with national policy priorities.</p> <p>The Planning Statement also contains sections on the Project Objectives and a planning balance, weighing up the benefits of the proposal with the potential adverse effects.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 9.1: Greenhouse Gas Emissions [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.09.01]</p> <p>Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02]</p>
<p>Paragraph 4.7.5 to 4.7.7</p> <p>Design principles</p>	<p>To ensure good design is embedded within the project development, a project board-level design champion could be appointed, and a representative design panel used to</p>	<p>The Applicant has appointed a Board Level Design Champion to ensure good design is embedded across their portfolio of projects.</p>	<p>Design Approach Document (DAD) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05]</p> <p>Design Parameters and Commitments [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.06]</p>

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	<p>maximise the value provided by the infrastructure.</p> <p>Design principles should be set out from the outset to guide development from conception to operation. Applicants should consider how their design principles can be applied post consent.</p> <p>Applicants should apply a sensitive use of materials and embed opportunities for nature inclusive design and demonstrate how the design process was conducted and how it evolved, explaining favoured choices.</p>	<p>In addition to the Board Level Design Champion, several members of the design team (with experience in NSIP solar and other infrastructure projects) worked together to drive the design process in line with the Design Vision and Design Principles (as described below) to ensure an integrated multi-disciplinary approach and the delivery of the Project Objectives for the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The Design Approach Document (DAD) sets out how good design has been embedded into the Proposed Development from the outset of the project, and how it will continue to be achieved through to detailed design, to ensure that the Proposed Development will be a well-designed project and mitigates adverse effects.</p> <p>The DAD presents the core Design Principles that have been used and is supported by a Design Parameters and Commitments document, which sets out how design will be secured by the Draft Development Consent Order.</p>	<p>Draft Development Consent Order [EN0110012/APP/LVS/03.01]</p>
<p>Paragraph 4.7.8 Good design</p>	<p>Consider independent professional advice on design aspects.</p>	<p>The Applicant has dedicated significant resource both internally and through appointment of an experienced team of</p>	<p>Design Parameters and Commitments [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.06]</p>

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		<p>consultants to develop a high-quality design for the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The Applicant appointed an external consultancy, separate from the Applicant's in-house engineering design team, who worked collaboratively with the EIA and Planning teams to progress Design Integration for the Proposed Development. The output is reported in the Design Approach Document (DAD) and secured through the Design Parameters and Commitments.</p> <p>Prior to the commencement of Statutory Consultation on 26 June 2025, the Applicant hosted two in-person Design Workshops and invited delegates including planning, conservation, rights of way, landscape and highways officers from North Yorkshire Council, plus colleagues from relevant statutory bodies, Parish Councils and local special interest groups. The workshops were used to facilitate discussions regarding the emerging Design Principles and draft layouts.</p> <p>The primary aim of the design workshops was to present the emerging design (including the design principles) of the Proposed Development and obtain local insight from community representatives, and statutory</p>	<p>Design Approach Document (DAD) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05]</p> <p>Consultation Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01]</p> <p>Consultation Report Appendix 5: Design Workshop Materials [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.01.05]</p>

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		consultees, prior to the launch of the statutory consultation.	
<p>Paragraph 4.10.5 Climate change adaptation</p>	To support adaptation, applicants should take reasonable steps to maximise the use of nature-based solutions alongside conventional techniques	Adaptive measures which combine natural and conventional techniques include using a weather-resilient material specification, elevation of flood-sensitive components and operational mitigation are secured through environmental management plans. Battery energy storage systems (BESS) will be located outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3 and will include Heating, Ventilation and Cooling (HVAC) systems to maintain appropriate operating temperatures to mitigate the risk of overheating and fire. This is secured by the Outline Battery Safety Management Plan	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 7: Climate Change Resilience [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.07.00]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p> <p>Outline Battery Safety Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.06]</p>
<p>Paragraph 4.10.09 to and 4.10.12 Climate change resilience and maximum</p>	The ES should set out how the proposal will take account of the projected impacts of climate change, using government guidance and industry standard benchmarks such as the Climate Change Allowances for	Chapter 7 of the ES covers climate change resilience. UKCP18 climate projection data for Representative Concentration Pathway 8.5 has been used to describe the future baseline. This represents a high emissions and high impact future scenario	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 7: Climate Change Resilience [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.07.00]

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credible scenario	<p>Flood Risk Assessments, Climate Impacts Tool , and British Standards for climate change adaptation, in accordance with the EIA Regulations.</p> <p>Applicants should assess the impacts on and from their proposed energy project across a range of climate change scenarios, in line with appropriate expert advice and guidance available at the time.</p> <p>A high level of climate resilience should be built-in from the outset and Applicants should demonstrate how proposals can be adapted over their predicted lifetimes to remain resilient to a credible maximum climate change scenario.</p> <p>For safety critical elements, apply credible maximum climate change scenario.</p>	<p>Embedded mitigation measures include using a weather-resilient material specification, elevation of flood-sensitive components and operational mitigation secured through environmental management plans. No significant residual effects on climate change, following the implementation of embedded mitigation measures, has been found.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.15.00]</p>
<p>Paragraph 4.11.5 Network connection</p>	<p>The applicant must liaise with National Grid who own and manage the transmission network in England and Wales or the relevant regional DNO or TSO to secure a grid connection.</p>	<p>Through early engagement with the National Grid a point of connection was identified at the National Grid Monk Fryston substation. This substation has available capacity for a utility scale energy project.</p>	<p>Grid Connection Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.10]</p>

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		The existing National Grid Monk Fyston substation is a key connection point in the national 275 kV network in the Humber and North East region and is being upgraded as part of National Grid's Yorkshire Green project.	
Paragraphs 4.12.7 and 4.12.8 Environmental permits and consents	<p>Applicants should understand what non-planning permits / consents the development will require and consider the timings for gaining these permissions alongside the timing for gaining the DCO. They should make early contact with relevant regulators, including EA or NRW and the MMO, to discuss their requirements for Environmental Permits and other consents, such as marine licences</p> <p>Wherever appropriate, applicants should submit applications for Environmental Permits and other necessary consents at the same time as applying to the Secretary of State for development consent.</p>	<p>The majority of consents required for the delivery of the Proposed Development are included, or addressed, within the Draft DCO, as permitted by various provisions of the PA 2008.</p> <p>Details of other consents and licenses are set out in the submitted Other Consents and Licenses Statement.</p>	<p>Draft Development Consent Order [EN0110012/APP/LVS/03.01]</p> <p>Other Consents and Licenses Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.04]</p>
Paragraph 4.13.6 Safety and COMAH regulations	Applicants seeking to develop infrastructure subject to the COMAH regulations should make early contact with the Competent Authority.	Through consultation, the HSE has advised on potential interfaces with Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) consultation zones related to gas networks. Through consultation, the HSE has advised on potential interfaces with COMAH consultation zones	Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02]

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		<p>related to gas networks. The Applicant is engaging with National Gas Transmission PLC and Northern Gas Networks Limited to agree protective provisions to manage the interface between the assets and protect each statutory undertakers' infrastructure.</p>	
<p>Section 4.14.5 and 4.14.6 Hazardous substances</p>	<p>Applicants must consult the Hazardous Substances Authority (HSA) and Health and Safety Executive (HSE) at pre-application stage.</p> <p>Applicants must consult the LPA at pre-application stage to identify whether its proposed site is within the consultation distance of any site with hazardous substances.</p>	<p>HSA: Fire - no significant effects associated with battery fires or other electrical fires are likely and so further assessment of the risk and effects of fires is scoped out of the ES. An Outline Battery Fire Safety Management Plan is submitted as a part of the Application. Utilities - good practice measures are included to protect against any interference with below ground utilities during construction, operation and decommissioning in the various management plans (including relevant Protective Provisions within the DCO). Unexploded ordnance (UXO) – the Proposed Development is low risk for presence of unexploded ordnance (UXO). Appropriate best practice and mitigation measures will be in place via the Construction Environment Management Plan.</p> <p>HSE: There is unlikely to be any significant effects as a result of interactions between the nearest COMAH site and the Proposed Development. Therefore, further assessment</p>	<p>Light Valley Solar EIA Scoping Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.01.01]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Battery Fire Safety Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.06]</p>

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		of the risk and effects from COMAH sites was scoped out of the ES. Through consultation, the HSE has advised on potential interfaces with COMAH consultation zones related to gas networks. The Applicant is engaging with National Gas Transmission PLC and Northern Gas Networks Limited to agree protective provisions to manage the interface between the assets and protect each statutory undertakers' infrastructure.	
Paragraph 4.15.5 Nuisance	At the application stage of an energy NSIP, possible sources of nuisance under section 79(1) of the EPA 1990 and how they may be mitigated or limited should be identified by the applicant so that appropriate requirements can be included in any subsequent order granting development consent.	A Statutory Nuisance Statement is submitted with this application covering matters relating to noise, vibration, lighting, odours, dust and air quality. It concludes that the construction, operation and decommissioning phases of the Proposed Development would not cause a nuisance.	Statutory Nuisance Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.07]
Paragraph 4.16.6 Security	Where national security implications have been identified, the applicant should consult with relevant security experts from NPSA, ONR (for civil nuclear) and/or DESNZ to ensure security measures have been adequately considered in the design process and that adequate consideration has been given to the management of security risks.	No national security implications have been identified.	NA

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<p>Paragraphs 5.2.8 to 5.2.14 Air quality and emissions</p>	<p>Where the project is likely to have adverse effects on air quality the applicant should undertake an assessment of the impacts of the proposed project as part of the ES.</p> <p>The ES should describe existing air quality concentrations and the relative change in air quality, any significant air quality effects, mitigation action taken and any residual effects, the predicted absolute emissions, concentration change and absolute concentrations as a result of the proposed project, and any eutrophication impacts.</p> <p>Applicants should consider the Environment Targets (Fine Particulate Matter) (England) Regulations 2023 and associated Defra Guidance. The applicant's assessment should be consistent with this but may include more detailed modelling and evaluation to demonstrate local and national impacts.</p>	<p>A full air quality assessment has been scoped out and only construction dust has been considered in the ES.</p> <p>Appendix 16.1 Construction Dust Assessment of the ES includes a summary of methods used to consider and assess the potential impacts, any likely effects and where necessary, recommended mitigation.</p> <p>The Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan and Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan also includes details on how best practice methods will be put in place to manage dust effects on air quality, such as avoiding idling vehicles when not in use.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 16.1: Construction Dust Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.01]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12]</p>

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	<p>The applicant should work with the relevant authorities to secure appropriate mitigation measures to ensure that those statutory limits, objectives or targets are not breached</p> <p>A construction management plan may help codify mitigation</p> <p>The mitigations identified in Section 5.14 on traffic and transport impacts will help mitigate the effects of air emissions from transport.</p>		
<p>Paragraphs 5.3.5 and 5.3.7 Green House Gas emissions</p>	<p>Applicants should look for opportunities within the proposed development to embed nature-based or technological solutions to mitigate or offset the emissions of construction and decommissioning.</p> <p>Steps taken to minimise and offset emissions should be set out in a GHG Reduction Strategy. The Strategy should consider the creation and preservation of carbon stores and sinks including through woodland creation, hedgerow creation and restoration, peatland restoration and through other natural habitats.</p>	<p>Chapter 9: Greenhouse Gas Emissions (ES Volume 1) assesses the likely significant effects arising from GHG and makes reference to additional relevant legislation in Table 9.2 therein. The baseline scenario is the “Do-Minimum” which comprises the cumulative GHG emissions within the Study Area without the Proposed Development. During the operation phase, impact is concluded to be beneficial and significant, due to implementation of good practice but also the active generation of low carbon electricity. It is also noted that in terms of cumulative impacts, the receptor, unlike other aspects of the proposal, is the global climate, and so a</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 9: Greenhouse Gas Emissions [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.09.00]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Chapter 9: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.09.01]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environment Management Plan</p>

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		<p>cumulative assessment is considered inappropriate.</p> <p>The Outline Construction Environment Management Plan, Outline Operational Environment Management Plan and Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan contain information on how emissions will be mitigated and offset, such as the encouragement of using low carbon modes of transport and regular maintenance of gear to optimise efficiency.</p>	<p>[EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p>
<p>Paragraphs 5.4.18, 5.4.20 to 5.4.23 Biodiversity and Geological interests</p>	<p>Where the development is subject to EIA, the applicant should ensure that the ES clearly sets out any effects on internationally, nationally, and locally designated sites of ecological or geological conservation importance (including those outside England and Wales), on protected species and on habitats and other species identified as being of principal importance for the conservation of biodiversity, including irreplaceable habitats</p> <p>The applicant should show how the project has taken advantage of opportunities to conserve and</p>	<p>Chapter 6 of the ES: Biodiversity identifies and assesses the relevant designated sites and states that identified wildlife commuting corridors have been kept free of fencing where possible (shown on the Outline Environmental Masterplan). The Biodiversity Net Gain Report sets out how the proposal will deliver biodiversity net gain across the Proposed Development.</p> <p>Embedded mitigation measures will be employed through an Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan such as reducing the risk of artificial lighting on species, such as the use of sensor-triggered lighting.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06.00]</p> <p>Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.09] Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]</p>

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	<p>enhance biodiversity and geological conservation interests.</p> <p>Applicants should consider wider ecosystem services and benefits of natural capital when designing enhancement measures.</p> <p>The design process should embed opportunities for nature inclusive design.</p> <p>Consider the movement of mobile/migratory species such as birds, fish and marine and terrestrial mammals and their potential to interact with infrastructure.</p>	<p>The Outline Landscape and Environmental Management Plan details the range of buffers that will be implemented from habitats.</p> <p>The Proposed Development is located in various Mineral Safeguarding Areas across its area. The Mineral Assessment reports that the Proposed Development’s construction and operational works will locally sterilise mineral resources temporarily. Following decommissioning of the development, future extraction of any mineral will not be restricted. As the area occupied by the site is small in comparison to the overall resource, it is concluded that the need for the Proposed Development is considered to outweigh the need to safeguard the mineral in the temporary case.</p>	<p>Planning Statement, Appendix C, Minerals Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02.03].</p>
<p>Paragraphs 5.4.33 t 5.4.35 Habitats</p>	<p>Applicants should include measures to mitigate fully the direct and indirect effects of development on ancient woodland, ancient and veteran trees or other irreplaceable habitats during both construction and operational phases</p> <p>Applicants should consider any reasonable opportunities to maximise the restoration, creation, and enhancement of wider biodiversity,</p>	<p>A shadow Habitats Regulation Assessment has been undertaken to determine if the Proposed Development is likely to have a Likely Significant Effect or adverse effect on any designated site.</p> <p>The methodology adopted for the HRA follows the approach set out in the PINS’ advice Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on Habitats Regulations Assessments (2024). Section 37 of the Assessment outlines how secured mitigation measures will not result in an adverse effect on site integrity of</p>	<p>Shadow Habitats Regulation Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.11]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06.00]</p> <p>Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.09]</p>

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	<p>and the protection and restoration of the ability of habitats to store or sequester carbon.</p> <p>Consideration should be given to improvements to, and impacts on, habitats and species in, around and beyond developments, for wider ecosystem services and natural capital benefits, beyond those under protection and identified as being of principal importance.</p>	<p>the Lower Derwent Valley SPA/Ramsar, Humber Estuary SPA/Ramsar or Humber Estuary SAC.</p> <p>The Proposed Development has also been carefully designed to avoid loss of irreplaceable habitats, including ancient woodland and veteran trees, as per the findings of the Arboricultural Impact Assessment.</p> <p>A BNG assessment has been completed for the Proposed Development to describe the expected biodiversity change post development. Methods for enhancement and monitoring of biodiversity are secured in the Outline Landscape and Environmental Management Plan and Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan.</p>	<p>Outline Operational Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Arboricultural Impact Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.02]</p>
<p>Paragraph 5.4.37 Biodiversity Management Strategy</p>	<p>Applicants should produce and implement a Biodiversity Management Strategy as part of their development proposals.</p>	<p>The Outline Construction, Operational, Decommissioning and Landscape and Ecological Management Plans make provisions for Biodiversity Management.</p>	<p>Outline Construction Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p>

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			Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]
Paragraph 5.4.38 Cooling systems and ecology	In the design of any direct cooling system the locations of the intake and outfall should be sited to avoid or minimise adverse impacts on the receiving waters, including their ecology.	<p>A Water Resource Assessment (WRA) has been prepared which covers the potential sources of water. The WRA 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>Standard pollution prevention measures are outlined in the Outline Environmental Management Plans including the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.15.00]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 15.4: Water Resource Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.04]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]</p>

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<p>Paragraph 5.4.39 Geodiversity</p>	<p>To further minimise any adverse impacts on geodiversity, where appropriate applicants are encouraged to produce and implement a Geodiversity Management Strategy to preserve and enhance access to geological interest features, as part of relevant development proposals.</p>	<p>No geological Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) or locally designated geodiversity sites have been identified within the Order Limits, or within 250m therefore it was not appropriate to prepare a Geodiversity Management Strategy.</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>Section 5.5.38 – 5.5.43 Civil and Military Aviation and Defence</p>	<p>Where the proposed development may affect the performance of civil or military aviation activities including: communication, navigation, and surveillance (CNS) / meteorological radars / generation of weather warnings and forecasts / Instrument Flight Procedures / flight patterns / aerodrome operational procedures / bird strike / building turbulence / thermal plume turbulence / electro-magnetic and electrical noise interference - an assessment of potential effects should be set out in the ES.</p> <p>The requirement for ATC (Advanced Conversion Technologies) and non-cooperative surveillance (radar/tracking technologies) forms</p>	<p>NPS EN-1 policies regarding navigation and civil/military aviation relate principally to onshore and offshore wind, and plume associated with thermal cooling. NPS EN-3 does not identify CNS, meteorological radars and or other defence assets as technical considerations for solar energy development. EN-3 does point to glint and glare only and requires applicants to map receptors qualitatively to identify potential issues and determine if an assessment is necessary.</p> <p>The Applicant has commissioned a Glint and Glare study. The study considered potential effects on the following aviation facilities: Leeds East Airport, Sherburn-In-Elmet Airfield, Burn Airfield, Redmoor Farm Airfield, Gilrudding Grange Airfield, Bridge Cottage Airfield, Elvington Airfield, Birchwood Lodge Airfield, Acaster Malbis Airfield, Garforth</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 16: Other Environmental Matters [EN110012/APP/LVS/ 06.01.16.00]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 16.04: Glint and Glare Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.04]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 16.04: Glint and Glare Assessment, Annex H Glint and Glare and Aviation [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.04.01]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p>

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	part of the environmental baseline for proposed developments.	Airfield, Cliffe Airfield, Brighton Airfield, and Melrose Farm Airfield.	Outline Construction Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02].
Paragraph 5.7.5 Insect infestation and emissions	The applicant should assess the potential for insect infestation and emissions of odour, dust, steam, smoke, and artificial light to have a detrimental impact on amenity, as part of the ES	The Proposed Development is not anticipated to cause any effects from insect infection, steam, or other effluvia. A Construction Dust Assessment has been prepared and has informed the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan. In the context of the BESS, an Outline Battery Safety Management Plan has been prepared. For lighting, embedded mitigation measures will be employed through an Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan such as the use of sensor-triggered lighting that is not always on. During construction, lighting will utilise directional fittings to minimise outward light spill and glare.	Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 16.1: Construction Dust Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.01] Outline Construction Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02] Outline Battery Safety Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.06]
Paragraph 5.8.36 Flood Risk	In determining an application for development consent, the Secretary of State should be satisfied that where relevant that the application is supported by a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA), the Sequential Test, and if required, the Exception Test has been applied, the proposal is in line with national and local flood	Chapter 15 of the ES and the Site Selection Assessment Report sets out how flood risk has been considered at the site selection stage, including consideration of the Sequential Test. An FRA and Drainage Strategy have been submitted with the application, appended to Chapter 15 of the ES. The FRA includes	Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 15.4: Water Resource Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.04] Outline Construction Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]

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	<p>risk management strategies, sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) will be used, the project will be safe (including escape routes) and not increase flood risk elsewhere, and land safeguarded for future flood risk management infrastructure is safeguarded.</p>	<p>details of the site-specific Sequential Test and Exceptions Test. Further details on the Sequential Test and Exceptions Test are considered in the submitted Planning Statement.</p> <p>Chapter 15 sets out that any required mitigation required (embedded and good practice) will be secured through the Outline Construction Environment Management Plan, the Outline Operational Environment Management Plan and the Outline Decommissioning Environment Management Plan.</p>	<p>Outline Operational Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 3.1: Site Selection Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.03.01]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 15.1a: Flood Risk Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.01a]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 15.1a: Drainage Strategy [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.01a]</p> <p>Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02]</p>
<p>Paragraph 5.8.37 Drainage</p>	<p>The Secretary of State will need to be satisfied that the proposed drainage system complies with any National Standards published by Ministers under paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 3 to</p>	<p>All receptors that are potentially in hydraulic continuity with the Proposed Development have been included in the ES (such as downstream receptors and wider flood risk areas). All associated documents including Appendix 15.1: Flooding Risk</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 3.1: Site Selection Assessment Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.03.01]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 15.1: Flood Risk Assessment</p>

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	the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.	Assessment including an outline Drainage Strategy and a Water Framework Directive Compliance Assessment have used the same Study Area. These assessments have been carried out with regard to the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.	<p>[EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.01]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 15.2: Water Environment Regulations (Water Framework Directive) Compliance Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.02]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 15.4: Outline Drainage Strategy [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.04]</p>
<p>Paragraph 5.8.39 Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)</p>	The Secretary of State should be satisfied that the most appropriate body is being given the responsibility for maintaining any SuDS, taking into account the nature and security of the infrastructure on the proposed site.	<p>A detailed SuDS Maintenance Plan will be provided during subsequent stages of design for the Proposed Development. This will cover the various SuDS elements that are ultimately proposed (e.g infiltration basins, swales, etc) alongside the recommended inspection and maintenance requirements.</p> <p>Commitment C53 provides for regular monitoring and inspection of drainage systems, materials and structures to identify signs of deterioration with additional checks after extreme weather events.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 15.4: Outline Drainage Strategy [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.04]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 1.3: Commitments Register [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.01.03]</p>
<p>Paragraph 5.9.19 Historic Environment</p>	Where the loss of significance of any heritage asset has been justified by the applicant on the merits of the new development and the significance of	No designated heritage asset will experience loss of significance as a result of the Proposed Development.	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage [EN0110012/APP/LVS/ 06.01.08.00]

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	the asset in question, the Secretary of State should consider imposing a requirement and requiring the applicant to enter into an obligation that will prevent the loss occurring until the relevant part of the development has commenced, or it is reasonably certain that the relevant part of the development is to proceed.		
Paragraph 5.9.29 Historic Environment	The Secretary of State should give considerable importance and weight to the desirability of preserving all heritage assets.	<p>Chapter 8 of the ES: Cultural Heritage, supported by geophysical surveys, archaeological evaluations and Statements of Significance and Impact Assessments, identifies and assesses the historic environment, such as heritage assets, archaeological remains, Important Hedgerows, as well as other heritage assets beyond the order limits (including views).</p> <p>There remains the potential for as yet unidentified buried archaeological remains within un-surveyed areas of the Cable Route Corridor and in small areas adjacent to some HIAs, significant effects cannot be ruled out.</p> <p>Where effects on the buried archaeological resource could occur, mitigation is set out within the Archaeological Mitigation Strategy.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage [EN0110012/APP/06.01.08]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 8.3: Geophysical surveys [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.08.03]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 8.4: Trial Trenching Reports [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.08.04].</p> <p>Statements of Significance and Impact Assessments [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.08.05]</p> <p>Archaeological Mitigation Strategy [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.11]</p> <p>Tree Preservation Order and Hedgerow Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.10]</p>

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<p>Paragraph 5.10.19 Landscape and Visual</p>	<p>The applicant should consider landscape and visual matters in the early stages of siting and design, where site choices and design principles are being established. This will allow the applicant to demonstrate in the ES how negative effects have been minimised and opportunities for creating positive benefits or enhancement have been recognised and incorporated into the design, delivery and operation of the scheme.</p>	<p>The Design Approach Document (DAD) sets out that one of the Project Objectives for the Proposed Development is to deliver on its environmental mitigation requirements and deliver community benefits. This includes ensuring the Proposed Development is sensitive to the landscape, which has fed into the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Methodology. The Design Parameters and Commitments Document secures how the landscape will be protected, such as applying subdued, non-reflective finishes for the BESS enclosures.</p> <p>Chapter 10 of the ES: Landscape and Visual contains a landscape and visual assessment supported by a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Methodology, a Landscape Baseline and Effects document and a Visual Baseline and Effects document.</p>	<p>Design Approach Document (DAD) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05]</p> <p>Design Parameters and Commitments Document [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05.01]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10.00]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 10.1: Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Methodology [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.10.01]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 10.2: Landscape Baseline and Effects [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.10.02]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 10.3: Visual Baseline and Effects [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.10.03]</p>
<p>Paragraph 5.10.21 Landscape and Visual</p>	<p>The assessment should include the visibility and conspicuousness of the project during construction and of the presence and operation of the project and potential impacts on views and visual amenity. This should include light pollution effects, including on</p>	<p>Chapter 10 of the ES: Landscape and Visual contains a landscape and visual assessment supported by a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Methodology, a Landscape Baseline and Effects document and a Visual Baseline and Effects document, which all address aspects such as light pollution, local</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10.00]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 10.1: Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Methodology [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.10.01]</p>

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	dark skies, local amenity and nature conservation.	<p>amenity and ecology. The methodology document references how the night time baseline has taken into account England's Light Pollution and Dark Skies map published by CPRE: The Countryside Charity. Mitigation measures include sensor-triggered lighting.</p> <p>Impacts are considered across the construction, operation and decommissioning phases, as well as the cumulative effects.</p> <p>The latter has been assessed with regard to ES Chapter 17: Cumulative and In-Combination Effects. Cumulative impacts have been assessed with regard to the solar development sites, Public Right of Way (PRoW), transitional viewpoints and landscape designations.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 10.2: Landscape Baseline and Effects [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.10.02]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 10.3: Visual Baseline and Effects [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.10.03]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 17: Cumulative and In-Combination Effects [EN0110012/APP/06.01.17.00]</p>
Paragraph 5.10.24 Landscape and Visual	Applicants should consider how landscapes can be enhanced using landscape management plans, as this will help to enhance environmental assets where they contribute to landscape and townscape quality.	An Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan is submitted with this application which secures measures such as natural screening of the Proposed Development.	Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]
Paragraph 5.10.30 Landscape and Visual	The Secretary of State should be satisfied that local authorities will have sufficient design content secured to ensure future consenting will meet	Sufficient information is provided in the Design Approach Document, the Design Parameters and Commitments Document, ES Chapter 2: The Proposed Development, 10: Landscape and Visual, and 17: Cumulative and In-	Design Approach Document (DAD) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05] Design Parameters and Commitments Document [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05.01]

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	landscape, visual and good design objectives.	<p>Combination Effects. These set out how the Proposed Development was designed to a clear framework and how it will meet landscape, visual and good design objectives.</p> <p>These can be further assured with adherence to the various management plans submitted, such as the Outline Landscape and Environmental Management Plan .</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 2: Proposed Development [EN0110012/APP/06.01.02]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10.00]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 17: Cumulative and In-Combination Effects [EN0110012/APP/06.01.17]</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]</p>
<p>Paragraph 5.11.6 and 5.11.24 Open Space – connecting communities</p>	<p>The government’s policy is to ensure there is adequate provision of high quality open space and sports and recreation facilities to meet the needs of local communities. Connecting people with open spaces, sports and recreational facilities all help to underpin people’s quality of life and have a vital role to play in promoting healthy living.</p> <p>Where affecting green infrastructure, the Secretary of State should consider</p>	<p>Permissive paths are also proposed across the Solar Development Sites including SDS1, SDS4 and SDS6. Further details regarding potential routes are shown in the Outline Environmental Masterplan and details set out in the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan.</p> <p>A key design aspect to help mitigate the impact of the Proposed Development is the inclusion of a minimum 15 m offset from all infrastructure, including fencing, to PRowS.</p>	<p>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]</p> <p>Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12]</p> <p>Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.09]</p>

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	imposing requirements to ensure the functionality and connectivity of the green infrastructure network is maintained in the vicinity of the development	This will provide areas of screening and soften the appearance of the proposed development.	
Paragraph 5.11.32 Development on open space, sports and recreational buildings and land	The SoS should not grant consent for development on existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land. In the case of the Proposed Development	No permanent works will affect such land uses and therefore no independent assessment to demonstrate such uses are surplus to requirements is necessary. Any temporary impacts (three Village Greens in the Highway Improvement Areas) relate to temporary road widening, temporary removal of street furniture (where necessary) and vegetation management.	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 13: Socio Economics [EN0110012/APP/06.01.17] Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02]
Paragraph 5.11.12 to 5.11.13 and 5.11.34 Agricultural Land	Applicants should seek to minimise impacts on the best and most versatile agricultural land (defined as land in grades 1, 2 and 3a of the Agricultural Land Classification) and preferably use land in areas of poorer quality (grades 3b, 4 and 5). Applicants should also identify any effects and seek to minimise impacts on soil health and protect and improve soil quality taking into account any mitigation measures proposed.	ES Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Iteration and the Site Selection Assessment Report explains the stages undertaken in site selection, which included an early consideration of the likely presence of best and most versatile ('BMV') land. It was found that it was possible to use only previously developed land, due to the need to use land within a technically feasible and commercially viable proximity to the available grid. The BMV land required for the Proposed Development represents approximately 1% of the likely BMV land in Selby District and 0.09% of the likely BMV land in North Yorkshire.	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 3: Alternatives [EN110012/APP/LVS/06.01.03] Site Selection Assessment Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.03.01] Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 5: Agricultural Land and Soils [EN110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05] Outline Soil Resources Management Plan [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.14]

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	The Secretary of State should ensure that applicants do not site their scheme on the best and most versatile agricultural land without justification. Where schemes are to be sited on best and most versatile agricultural land the Secretary of State should take into account the economic and other benefits of that land. Where development of agricultural land is demonstrated to be necessary, areas of poorer quality land should be preferred to those of a higher quality.	The submitted Outline Soil Resources Management Plan details commitments to mitigating impacts to soil resources. This refers to good practice measures to minimise damage to soils that remain in place and those that are stripped, stockpiled and reinstated; minimise soil carbon losses; maintain water infiltration; and enhance soil biodiversity.	
Paragraph 5.11.19 and 5.11.28 Minerals	Applicants should safeguard any mineral resources on the proposed site as far as possible, taking into account the long-term potential of the land use after any future decommissioning has taken place. Where a proposed development has an impact upon a Mineral Safeguarding Area (MSA), the Secretary of State should ensure that appropriate mitigation measures have been put in place to safeguard mineral resources.	The Proposed Development is located in various Mineral Safeguarding Areas across its area. The Mineral Assessment reports that the Proposed Development’s construction and operational works will locally sterilise mineral resources temporarily. Following decommissioning of the development, future extraction of any mineral will not be restricted. As the area occupied by the site is small in comparison to the overall resource, the need for the Proposed Development is considered to outweigh the need to safeguard the mineral in the temporary case.	Planning Statement, Appendix C, Minerals Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02.03] .
Paragraph 5.11.20 and	There is a general presumption against inappropriate development	Table 7-3 of the Planning Statement identifies which components of the Proposed	Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02]

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<p>5.11.36 to 5.11.37 Green Belt</p>	<p>within the Green Belt. Such development should not be approved except in very special circumstances. Applicants should therefore determine whether their proposal, or any part of it, is within an established Green Belt and, if it is, whether their proposal may be inappropriate development within the meaning of Green Belt policy.</p> <p>The Secretary of State should ensure that substantial weight is given to any harm to the Green Belt when considering any application for such development, while taking account, in relation to renewable and linear infrastructure, of the extent to which its physical characteristics are such that it has limited or no impact on the fundamental purposes of Green Belt designation. Very special circumstances may include the wider environmental benefits associated with increased production of energy from renewables and other low carbon sources.</p>	<p>Development are located within Green Belt land.</p> <p>In December 2024, the government made a significant change to Green Belt policy with the introduction of the grey belt. Appendix B of the Planning Statement summarises why the Proposed Development is located on grey belt land, meaning it is not inappropriate within the Green Belt.</p>	

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<p>Paragraph 5.11.27 Trees and Woodlands</p>	Existing trees and woodlands should be retained wherever possible.	<p>Some localised loss of treelines within the Cable Route Corridor will be required to facilitate visibility splays, Cable Route Corridor accesses and working areas, but these will be reinstated and the proposal will adhere to the BNG outcomes set out in the Biodiversity Net Gain Report</p> <p>The Arboriculture Impact Assessment states that a number of scattered trees, treelines and two/three trees within a woodland copse require removal to facilitate development. Any loss will be compensated as illustrated in the Outline Environmental Masterplan.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06.00]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Appendix 16.2, Arboriculture Impact Assessment [EN110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.02]</p> <p>Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12]</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecological Mitigation Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]</p> <p>Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.09]</p>
<p>Paragraph 5.11.30 Public Rights of Way</p>	The Secretary of State should expect applicants to take appropriate mitigation measures to address adverse effects on coastal access, National Trails, other rights of way and open access land and, where appropriate, to consider what opportunities there may be to improve or create new access. In considering revisions to an existing right of way, consideration should be given to the	A key design aspect to help mitigate the impact of the Proposed Development is the inclusion of a minimum 15 m offset from all infrastructure, including fencing, to PRoWs. This will provide areas of screening and soften the appearance of the proposed development. Information and locations of PRoWs is presented in the Outline Environmental Masterplan and Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan.	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 13: Socioeconomics [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.13]</p> <p>Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.09]</p>

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	use, character, attractiveness, and convenience of the right of way.	During construction, local management and/or short- term, temporary closures of some PRow is anticipated. Where the PRow runs directly through the Proposed Development, bespoke mitigation will be required as outlined in the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan.	Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12]
Paragraph 5.12.17 Noise and Vibration	The Secretary of State should not grant development consent unless they are satisfied that the proposals will meet the following aims, through the effective management and control of noise: avoid significant adverse impacts on health and quality of life from noise; mitigate and minimise other adverse impacts on health and quality of life from noise; and where possible, contribute to improvements to health and quality of life through the effective management and control of noise.	The noise environment of this area is relatively quiet, typical of a rural area. Various design choices have been implemented to minimise operational noise impacts and these are outlined in the Design Approach Document (DAD) and the Design Parameters and Commitments document. ES Chapter 11: Noise and Vibration also provides an assessment of construction noise and vibration; construction traffic noise; operational noise from stationary sources; operational road traffic noise and maintenance and replacement activity noise. No significant impacts have been identified by the assessment.	Design Approach Document (DAD) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05] Design Parameters and Commitments [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.06] Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 11: Noise and Vibration [EN0110012.APP/LVS/06.01.11]
Paragraph 5.13.9	The Secretary of State should have regard to the potential socio-economic impacts of new energy infrastructure identified by the applicant and from	The construction period is anticipated to take up to 36 months and is expected to deliver minor beneficial (not significant) effects.	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 13: Socioeconomics [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.13]

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Socio-Economic Impacts	any other sources that the Secretary of State considers to be both relevant and important to its decision.	<p>Impact on the Private Rented Sector (PRS) and hotel accommodation, using a worst-case assumption that 50% of workers would be drawn from the local area, meaning 50% (estimated 231 workers) would require temporary housing. The socioeconomic assessment concludes that the adverse effect on the PRS and hotel accommodation is considered to be minor adverse and not significant, when a mixed accommodation strategy (i.e. PRS and hotel) is applied.</p> <p>Four business receptors (Birkin Fisheries, Birkin Fisheries Tea Room, Gascoigne Wood Fishery and Fairfield Equine) have been identified through the assessment as having potential to experience significant socioeconomic impacts due to their proximity to the construction works. However, where additional mitigation (such as limits placed on construction and traffic related noise and disruption) has been committed to during the construction phase (and secured through the oCEMP), it is concluded that the residual effects would reduce and not be significant.</p> <p>In relation to community facilities, recreation and PRoWs, no public open spaces will be lost and only temporary disruption to three Village Greens to accommodate transit of Abnormal</p>	<p>Socioeconomic Receptors Impact Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.13.01]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]</p>

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		Indivisible Loads is identified. The creation of new permissive paths to improve local connectivity is secured through the oLEMP. These new routes provide an opportunity to create an enhanced and better-connected network of recreational routes within the local area, adding to the existing PRow network and providing increased opportunity for recreation in the areas surrounding the Proposed Development	
Paragraph 5.13.12 Socio-Economic Impacts	The Secretary of State may wish to include a requirement that specifies the approval by the local authority of an employment and skills plan detailing arrangements to promote local employment and skills development opportunities, including apprenticeships, education, engagement with local schools and colleges and training programmes to be enacted.	An Outline Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan has been submitted with the DCO Application and is secured via a requirement of the Draft DCO.	Outline Skills, Supply Chain and Employment Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.13]
Paragraph 5.14.8 Traffic and Transport	The applicant should prepare a travel plan adopting a vision-led approach to identify demand management and monitoring and fall-back measures that proactively mitigate transport impacts	A Travel Plan has not been developed for the Proposed Development. The rural nature of the area and the planned shift patterns (early starts) means that the majority of construction workers will rely on a vehicle to get to site. Details regarding managing trips, parking, travel options and decarbonisation will be managed	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 14: Traffic and Transport [EN110012/APP/LVS/ 06.01.14] Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12]

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		through the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan.	
Paragraph 5.14.22 Traffic and Transport	The Secretary of State should only consider refusing development on highways grounds if there would be an unacceptable impact on highway safety, residual cumulative impacts on the road network would be severe, or it does not show how consideration has been given to the provision of adequate active public or shared transport access and provision.	Possible disruption to roads has been assessed in the ES with regard to other proposed developments (cumulative assessment). In the event the Gascoigne Wood Power Plan (2021/1531/EIA) development were to overlap with the Proposed Development, driver delays have been identified if plans to improve the A63/162 roundabout are not implemented. However, this impact can be mitigated through use of alternative routes and avoiding peak hours to access the strategic network. The planned investment in the A63/162 roundabout has been discussed with North Yorkshire Council Highways. The Proposed Development does not trigger a requirement for a contribution to this infrastructure highway investment. Measures to mitigate impacts are detailed in the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan .	Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12]
Paragraph 5.15.2, 5.15.6 and 5.15.14	Sustainable waste management is implemented through the waste hierarchy, which sets out the priorities that must be applied when managing waste. These are (in order): prevention, preparing for reuse,	A Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP) will be prepared by the Contractor, in substantial accordance with the Outline Materials and Waste Management Plan which will specify the waste streams which would be monitored and targets set with regards to the waste	Outline Materials and Waste Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.07]

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Resource and Waste Management	<p>recycling, other recover, including energy recovery, and disposal.</p> <p>Applicants must ensure that all proposals align with circular economy objectives.</p> <p>Any such waste will be properly managed, both on-site and off-site.</p> <p>The waste from the proposed facility can be dealt with appropriately by the waste infrastructure which is, or is likely to be, available. Such waste arisings should not have an adverse effect on the capacity of existing waste management facilities to deal with other waste arisings in the area.</p>	<p>produced, including any re-use and recycling of materials. The SWMP will be finalised with specific measures to be implemented prior to the start of construction.</p> <p>The Outline Materials and Waste Management Plan acts as a record of the application of the waste hierarchy and circular economy principles with the aim of prioritising the avoidance and reduction of waste and promoting resource efficiency. It will be updated every six months as a minimum throughout design and construction.</p>	
<p>Paragraph 15.16.5 Water Quality and Resources</p>	<p>Where appropriate, applicants should manage surface water during construction by treating surface water runoff from exposed topsoil prior to discharging and to limit the discharge of suspended solids e.g. from car parks or other areas of hard standing, during operation.</p>	<p>A suite of management plans will be in place for the Proposed Development which will include measures for effective management of surface water and are listed under the document reference column.</p>	<p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (oDEMP) [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p>

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<p>Paragraph 15.16.6 Water Quality and Resources</p>	<p>Applicants should avoid locating potentially polluting activities in the most sensitive locations for groundwater, in particular Source Protection Zone 1 (SPZ) and close to nationally important drinking water supplies. Applicants should consider implementing protective measures to control the risk of pollution to groundwater, for example, through the use of protective barriers.</p>	<p>Chapter 15 of the ES provides an assessment of the existing status of, and impacts of the proposed project on, water quality, water resources and physical characteristics of the water environment.</p> <p>Please refer to ES Table 15-1 which summarises the water resources and flood risk assessment scope, confirming that a site walkover has been undertaken to establish water receptor importance and targeted hydraulic modelling and calculations undertaken using the best available information supplied by the EA.</p> <p>The Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan makes provision for monitoring as appropriate.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 15 – Water Resources and Flood Risk [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.15]</p> <p>Water Resource Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.16]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p> <p>Outline Pollution and Spillage Response Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.08]</p> <p>Outline Battery Safety Management Plan [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.06]</p> <p>Outline Drainage Strategy [EN110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.01a]</p>
<p>Paragraph 15.16.15</p>	<p>The Secretary of State should be satisfied that a proposal has regard to current River Basin Management</p>	<p>Eleven WER surface water body catchments and four groundwater body catchments fall within the Order Limits. Of these, six surface</p>	<p>Water Environment Regulations (Water Framework Directive) Compliance Assessment</p>

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Water Quality and Resources	Plans and meets the requirements of the Water Environment (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Regulations 2017 (including regulation 19)	<p>water bodies contain watercourses within the Order Limits. These are summarised in Table 15-16 of ES Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk.</p> <p>The Proposed Development is not likely to cause deterioration of a water body or its ability to achieve good status or good potential.</p> <p>Provisions for water monitoring are included in the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan, for example where works, including HDD, are close to a water body. The need for monitoring will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.</p> <p>Dewatering, if required, will be subject to further assessment for monitoring to ensure nearby water resources are protected.</p>	<p>[EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.02]</p> <p>Water Resource Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.16]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter15: Water Resources and Flood Risk [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.15]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p>

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Paragraph 2.4.11 Climate change adaptation	Solar photovoltaic (PV) sites may also be proposed in low lying exposed sites. For these proposals, applicants should	Mitigation measures include using a weather-resilient material specification, elevation of flood-sensitive components and operational	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 7: Climate Change Resilience [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.07]

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	consider, in particular, how plant will be resilient to: increased risk of flooding; and impact of higher temperatures	mitigation secured through environmental management plans. The Battery energy storage system (BESS) will be located outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3 and will include Heating, Ventilation and Cooling (HVAC) systems to maintain appropriate operating temperatures to mitigate the risk of overheating and fire.	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter15: Water Resources and Flood Risk [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.15]
Paragraph 2.5.2 Good Design	Proposals for renewable energy infrastructure should demonstrate good design, particularly in respect of landscape and visual amenity, opportunities for co-existence/co-location with other marine and terrestrial uses, and in the design of the project to mitigate impacts such as noise and effects on ecology and heritage.	The proposed development has been guided by the design principles set out in the Design Approach Document (DAD). The outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan and outline Environment Management Plan set out how principles of good design can and will be achieved.	Design Approach Document (DAD) EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05 Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05] Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12]
Paragraph 2.6.1 and 2.6.2 Flexibility in the project details	Where details are still to be finalised, applicants should explain in the application which elements of the proposal have yet to be finalised, and the reason why this is the case. Where flexibility is sought in the consent as a result, applicants should, to the best of their knowledge, assess the likely	Chapter 2 of the ES: Proposed Development lists aspects of the proposal that still require design flexibility so that the detailed design of the proposal can be best informed by technical considerations, post-consent work, and take advantage of innovation in technology. Design detail that requires flexibility includes solar panel type/specification, Conversion Units and 33 kV Switch Rooms, BESS area and substations; the routing of the cables within the	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 2: Proposed Development [EN0110012/APP/06.01.02]

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	worst-case environmental, social and economic effects of the Proposed Development to ensure that the impacts of the project as it may be constructed have been properly assessed.	Cable Route Corridor, final electrical design and access arrangements. ES Chapter 2 confirms that the Applicant has assessed the worst-case effects of the proposed development to account for the flexibility sought.	
Paragraph 2.10.17 and 2.10.18 Cumulative Effects	To maximise existing grid infrastructure, minimise disruption to existing local community infrastructure or biodiversity and reduce overall costs, applicants may choose a site based on nearby available grid export capacity. Where this is the case, applicants should consider the cumulative impacts of situating a solar farm in proximity to other energy generating stations and infrastructure.	The proposed development will connect to the existing grid infrastructure (at Monk Fryston substation). Utilising existing grid infrastructure will ensure that the Proposed Development is brought online quickly. EIA regulations require that cumulative and in-combination effects must be assessed. The approach to EIA methodology for LVS includes inter-project cumulative assessment. This is included in Chapter 17 of the ES.	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 17: Cumulative and In Combination Effects [EN0110012/APP/06.01.17]
Paragraph 2.10.21 Agricultural land	Where the proposed use of any agricultural land has been shown to be necessary, poorer quality land should be preferred to higher quality land avoiding the use of “Best and Most Versatile” agricultural land where possible.	ES Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Iteration explains the stages undertaken in site selection, which included an early consideration of the likely presence of best and most versatile (‘BMV’) land. It was found that it was not possible to use only previously developed land, due to the need to use land within a technically	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 3: Alternatives [EN110012/APP/LVS/06.01.03] Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 5: Agricultural Land and Soils [EN110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05]

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		feasible and commercially viable proximity to the available grid. ES Chapter 5: Agricultural Land and Soils identifies that the BMV land required for the Proposed Development represents approximately 1% of the likely BMV land in Selby District and 0.09% of the likely BMV land in North Yorkshire.	
Paragraph 2.10.24 Agricultural land	Where sited on agricultural land, consideration may be given as to whether the proposal allows for continued agricultural use and/or can be co-located with other functions (for example, onshore wind generation, storage, hydrogen electrolyzers) to maximise the efficiency of land use.	While the majority of the land under solar panels will remain permeable and available for some agricultural use, there will be a temporary loss of productive farmland during construction and operation, and some disturbance to soil quality. Mostly, the land will be used for pasture, which will deliver long term improvement to the soil quality The installation will be temporary and reversible, meaning that once removed, the vast majority of soils beneath will retain their existing quality and will be capable of being returned to agricultural use.	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 5: Agricultural Land and Soils [EN110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05]
Paragraph 2.10.26 Agricultural Land	Applicants are encouraged to develop and implement a Soil Resources and Management Plan which could help to use and manage soils sustainably and minimise adverse impacts on soil health and potential land contamination. This should be in line with the ambition set out	The submitted Outline Soil Resources Management Plan details commitments to mitigating impacts to soil resources. This refers to good practice measures to minimise damage to soils that remain in place and those that are stripped, stockpiled and reinstated; minimise soil carbon losses; maintain water infiltration; and enhance soil biodiversity.	Outline Soil Resources Management Plan [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.14]

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	in the Environmental Improvement Plan to bring at least 40% of England's agricultural soils into sustainable management by 2028 and increase this up to 60% by 2030.		
Paragraph 2.10.27 and 2.10.31 Access Routes	<p>Applicants will need to consider the suitability of the access routes to the proposed site for both the construction and operation of the solar farm with the former likely to raise more issues.</p> <p>Applications should include the full extent of the access routes necessary for operation and maintenance and an assessment of their effects</p>	<p>Chapter 14 of the ES: Traffic and Movement reviews the traffic and movement interventions and impacts on both the Solar Development Sites and Cable Route Corridor, including access. It assesses the potential impacts of construction on severance, driver and pedestrian delay, pedestrian and cyclist amenity, and fear and intimidation.</p> <p>An Outline Construction Management Plan and Transport Assessment have also been produced. The former sets out the embedded mitigation measures that will be implemented for the proposed development during the construction stage such as clear signage and regular debris clearance.</p> <p>Traffic impacts and management is also covered in the Outline Construction, Operational and Decommissioning Environmental Management Plans.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 14: Traffic and Movement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.14]</p> <p>Outline Construction Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 14.1: Transport Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.14.01]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p>

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<p>Paragraph 2.10.34 to 35 Public rights of Way</p>	<p>Applicants are encouraged to design the layout and appearance of the site to ensure continued recreational use of public rights of way where possible during construction, and in particular during operation of the site.</p> <p>Where possible, minimise visual impacts for those using existing PRoWs.</p>	<p>To help mitigate the impact of the Proposed Development a minimum 15 m offset from all infrastructure, including fencing, to PRoWs has been set. This will provide areas of screening and soften the appearance of the proposed development.</p> <p>Permanent diversions of three Public Rights of Ways (PRoW) will be required within Solar Development Site 1 to maintain connectivity and minimise disruption. Information regarding the proposed diversion of the PRoWs is presented in the Outline Environmental Masterplan and Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan.</p> <p>During construction, local management and/or short- term, temporary closures of some PRoW is anticipated.</p> <p>Bespoke mitigation will be required and is outlined in the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan.</p>	<p>Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/ 02.12]</p> <p>Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/ 07.09]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10.00]</p>
<p>Paragraph 2.10.36 and 2.10.37 Public Rights of Way</p>	<p>Maximise opportunities to facilitate enhancements to the public rights of way and the inclusion, through site layout and design of access, of new opportunities for the public to access and cross proposed solar development sites.</p>	<p>To help mitigate the impact of the Proposed Development a minimum 15 m offset from all infrastructure, including fencing, to PRoWs has been set. This will provide areas of screening and soften the appearance of the proposed development.</p> <p>Permanent diversions of three Public Rights of Ways (PRoW) will be required within Solar</p>	<p>Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/ 02.12]</p> <p>Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/ 07.09]</p>

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	Applicants should set out detail on how public rights of way would be managed to ensure they are safe to use in an outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan	<p>Development Site 1 to maintain connectivity and minimise disruption. Information regarding the proposed diversion of the PRowS is presented in the Outline Environmental Masterplan.</p> <p>During construction, local management and/or short- term, temporary closures of some PRowS is anticipated.</p> <p>Bespoke mitigation will be required and is outlined in the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan.</p> <p>Detail on how public rights of way are managed to ensure they are safe to use can also be found in the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan.</p>	
Paragraph 2.10.38 to 2.10.40 Security	Security of the site is a key consideration for developers. Applicants may wish to consider not only the availability of natural defences such as steep gradients, hedging and rivers but also perimeter security measures such as fencing, electronic security, CCTV and lighting, with the measures proposed on a site-specific basis.	<p>Chapter 2 of the ES: Proposed Development outlines the security measures that will be put in place for the proposed development. This includes pole-mounted CCTV, sensor-triggered lighting, perimeter fencing and other measures. During construction, temporary fences will be installed where required to secure work areas not naturally contained by existing hedgerows or fencing.</p> <p>Chapter 10 of the ES: Landscape and Visual assesses the visual impact of these types of works. Where security fencing is present, it will</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 2: Proposed Development [EN0110012/APP/06.01.02]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10]</p>

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	<p>Applicants should assess the visual impact of these security measures, as well as the impacts on local residents, including for example issues relating to intrusion from CCTV and light pollution in the vicinity of the site.</p> <p>Applicants should consider the need to minimise the impact on the landscape and the visual impact of security measures.</p>	<p>be visually permeable to retain views from PRoW.</p> <p>Construction-based lighting will be temporary, while permanent lighting will be sensor-triggered.</p>	
<p>Paragraph 2.10.56 Underground cabling</p>	<p>In the case of underground cabling, applicants are expected to provide a method statement describing cable trench design, installation methodology, as well as details of the operation and maintenance regime.</p>	<p>A Cable Route Construction Method Statement is submitted with the application.</p>	<p>Cable Route Method Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.02.01]</p>
<p>Paragraph 2.10.57 to 2.10.59 Project lifetime</p>	<p>Applicants should consider the design life of solar panel efficiency over time when determining the period for which consent is required. An upper limit of 40 years is typical, although applicants may seek consent without a time-period or for differing time-periods of operation.</p>	<p>The Proposed Development will have a 60 year design life. This is longer than the typical design life of solar PV panels. This will be managed through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of individual defective and broken panels on an ad-hoc basis. • A planned replacement of all solar PV panels once during the operational phase, 	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 2: Proposed Development [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.02]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p>

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		<p>anticipated to be replaced over a 12 to 24 month period.</p> <p>This proactive approach to panel replacement aligns with the policy's recognition of efficiency deterioration and the need for replacement during the site's lifetime.</p> <p>It is not expected that an extensive replacement of all components will be required across the entirety of the Proposed Development during one period; instead, the programme for replacement of equipment across the Proposed Development is anticipated to be staged to maintain the electrical export to the National Grid. See Chapter 2 of the ES for a full summary of the operational programme for replacement activities.</p>	<p>Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan. [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p>
<p>Paragraph 2.10.60 and 2.10.61 Decommissioning</p>	<p>Generally, it is expected that the panel arrays and mounting structures will be decommissioned, and underground cabling dug out to ensure that prior use of the site can continue.</p> <p>Applicants should set out what would be decommissioned and removed from the site at the end of the operational life of the</p>	<p>The Proposed Development will be decommissioned and reinstated in accordance with a Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan. An outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan is included with the DCO Application.</p> <p>The decommissioning process will involve removing all solar infrastructure, including solar PV modules and BESS, along with associated infrastructure down to 1.2 meters below ground level. These materials will be recycled or</p>	<p>Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p>

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	generating station, considering instances where it may be less harmful for the ecology of the site to keep or retain certain types of infrastructure	disposed of as per good practices and processes at that time. Cable connections within Cable Route will remain in place after decommissioning.	
Paragraph 2.10.63 Flexibility in project details	Applicants should set out a range of options based on different panel numbers, types and layout, with and without storage	Chapter 2 of the ES: Proposed Development lists aspects of the proposal that still require design flexibility so that the detailed design of the proposal can be best informed by technical considerations, post-consent work, and take advantage of innovation in technology. Design detail that requires flexibility includes solar panel type/specification, Conversion Units and 33 kV Switch Rooms, BESS area and substations; the routing of the cables within the Cable Route Corridor, final electrical design and access arrangements. Chapter 2 of the ES also confirms that the remainder of the ES has assessed the worst-case effects of the proposed development to account for the flexibility sought.	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 2: Proposed Development [EN0110012/APP/06.01.02]
Paragraph 2.10. 72 and 2.10.74 Biodiversity, ecological, geological conservation and water management	Applicants should consider earthworks associated with construction compounds, access roads and cable trenching. Applicants should consider how security and lighting installations may impact on the	A Cable Route Construction Method Statement is submitted with the application. A Construction Dust Assessment has also been prepared. This considers potential dust soiling, human health and ecological effects, where applicable, at existing sensitive receptor locations, as a result of demolition, earthworks, construction and track-out of dirt and mud onto the public highway.	Cable Route Construction Method Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.02.01] Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 16.1: Construction Dust Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.01]

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	local ecology. Where pole mounted CCTV facilities are proposed the location of these facilities should be carefully considered to minimise impact. If lighting is necessary, it should be minimised and directed away from areas of likely habitat	Chapter 6 of the ES: Biodiversity considers how lighting and security installations may affect ecology. Identified wildlife commuting corridors will be kept free of fencing where possible (see the Outline Environmental Masterplan). Embedded mitigation measures will be employed through an Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan and Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan such as reducing the risk of artificial lighting on species, such as the use of sensor-triggered lighting that is not always on. During construction, lighting will utilise directional fittings to minimise outward light spill and glare. A CCTV system is proposed to be installed on the perimeter of the solar PV sites and the BESS with poles painted green to mitigate the visual impact.	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06] Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.03.01] Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02] Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]
Paragraph 2.10.75 Site boundary management	If any hedges/scrub are to be removed, further surveys may be necessary to account for impacts. Buffer strips between perimeter fencing and hedges may be proposed, and the construction and design of any fencing should account for enabling mammal, reptile and other fauna access into the site	Some localised loss of hedgerows and treelines within the Cable Route Corridor will be required to facilitate visibility splays, accesses, working areas and to create the Bird Mitigation Area on Site 1. These will be compensated for and BNG requirements will be adhered to. Wildlife commuting corridors have been identified and will be kept free of fencing where	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06] Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.03.01] Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]

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	if required to do so in the ecological report	<p>possible (shown on the Outline Environmental Masterplan).</p> <p>The submitted Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan and the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan include details the range of buffers that will be implemented from habitats.</p>	
<p>Paragraph 2.10.76 to 2.10.80 Flood Risk and Drainage</p>	<p>The Flood Risk Assessment will need to consider the impact of drainage. As solar PV panels will drain to the existing ground, the impact will not, in general, be significant.</p> <p>Where access tracks need to be provided, permeable tracks should be used, and localised Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), such as swales and infiltration trenches, should be used to control any run-off where recommended.</p> <p>Sites should be configured or selected to avoid the need to impact on existing drainage systems and watercourses.</p>	<p>Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk and the Flood Risk Assessment state that existing accesses will be used where possible, and new ones will constructed of asphalt or gravel over a levelling layer of substrate.</p> <p>The Applicant has submitted an Outline Drainage Strategy with the DCO Application. Once more detail is available regarding track alignments in relation to the topography, a more formal drainage solution will be prepared if appropriate. The drainage design will mimic existing conditions or include appropriate storage, to enable greenfield runoff rates to be maintained.</p> <p>A detailed SuDS Maintenance Plan will be provided as part of the detailed Drainage Strategy submitted for approval post-consent. This will cover the various SuDS elements that are ultimately proposed (e.g. infiltration basins, swales, etc.) alongside the</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.15]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 15: Flood Risk Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.01]</p> <p>Outline Drainage Strategy [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.04]</p>

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	<p>Culverting existing watercourses / drainage ditches should be avoided. Where unavoidable, applicants should demonstrate that no reasonable alternatives exist and where necessary it will only be in place temporarily for the construction period.</p>	<p>recommended inspection and maintenance requirements and responsibilities.</p> <p>The Proposed Development requires two new permanent culverts on Solar Development Sites (SDS) 2 and 4, and a single temporary culvert (less than 2 years) on SDS 1, plus seventeen temporary culverts within the Cable Route Corridor. The northern access route to SDS 8, if created, would require a new access road culvert over Habholme Dike. Additionally, the condition of the existing culvert crossing Selby Dam, is not known at present. As a worst case scenario, the culvert may need to be removed and replaced with a new crossing structure. During the replacement of the culvert (if required) a temporary crossing structure would be installed to maintain current access. If a temporary crossing structure is required, this would likely to be in place for less than 6 months.</p> <p>Culverts will be designed in accordance with CIRIA C786, with sizing based on upstream catchment assessments, anticipated flows, and existing upstream and downstream control structures. Each crossing will be supported by detailed design information and standard drawings, including culvert dimensions, headwall details, and erosion protection.</p>	

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Paragraph 2.10.82 Biodiversity Net Gain	Applicants should consider enhancement, management, and monitoring of biodiversity. This may include considerations and opportunities identified through Local Nature Recovery Strategies, and national goals and targets set through the Environment Act 2021 and the Environmental Improvement Plan.	Chapter 6 of the ES: Biodiversity confirms that a BNG assessment has been completed for the Proposed Development to describe the expected biodiversity change post development. Methods for enhancement and monitoring of biodiversity are outlined in the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan and Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06] Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.03.01] Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05] Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]
Paragraph 2.10.84 Geotechnical and hydrological information	Applicants should consider whether they need to provide geotechnical and hydrological information (such as identifying the presence of peat according to country-specific definitions at each site) including the risk of landslide connected to any development work.	The Applicant has carried out a Ground Conditions Preliminary Risk Assessment to inform the geotechnical appraisal of ground conditions to support the detailed design of the development. The Construction Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02] will secure measures to avoid, manage and mitigate any risk associated with ground conditions.	Ground Conditions Preliminary Risk Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.02]
Paragraph 2.10.88 to 93 Landscape and visual impacts	Potential impacts on the statutory purposes of nationally designated landscapes and their settings should form a part of the pre-application process.	The Proposed Development is not located in a Nationally Designated Landscape. Nevertheless, a comprehensive landscape and visual impact assessment has been carried out, plus an Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan and Outline Operational	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10]

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	<p>Required security measures such as fencing should consider the need to minimise the impact on the landscape and visual impact.</p> <p>Plan to protect and retain, wherever possible, the growth of vegetation on site boundaries, as well as the growth of existing hedges, established vegetation, including mature trees within boundaries.</p> <p>Consider opportunities for individual trees within the boundaries to grow on to maturity.</p>	<p>Environmental Management Plan have been prepared.</p> <p>Where security fencing is present, it will be visually permeable to retain views from PRoW. Construction-based lighting will be temporary, while permanent lighting will be sensor-triggered.</p> <p>Chapter 6 of the ES: Biodiversity confirms some localised loss of hedgerows and treelines within the Cable Route Corridor will be required to facilitate visibility splays, Cable Route Corridor accesses, working areas and the bird mitigation area on SDS 1. These will be reinstated.</p> <p>The Arboriculture Impact Assessment identifies that a number of scattered trees, treelines and two/three trees within a woodland copse require removal to facilitate development; any loss will be compensated as illustrated in the Outline Environmental Masterplan.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 16.2: Arboriculture Impact Assessment [EN110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.02]</p>
<p>Paragraph 2.10.96 Glint and Glare</p>	<p>Consider the geometric possibility of glint and glare affecting nearby receptors, and provide an assessment of potential impact and impairment based on the angle and duration of incidence and the intensity of the reflection.</p>	<p>A Glint and Glare Assessment has been submitted as part of the DCO Application including at Annex H, an empirical study of real world effects of Glint and Glare on aviation.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 16.4: Glint and Glare Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.04].</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 16.04: Glint and Glare</p>

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			Assessment, Annex H Glint and Glare and Aviation [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.04.01]
Paragraph 2.10.97 Glint and Glare	The extent of reflectivity analysis required to assess potential impacts will depend on the specific project site and design. This may need to account for 'tracking' panels if they are proposed as these may cause differential diurnal and/or seasonal impacts.	The submitted Glint and Glare Assessment acknowledges that a potential mitigation measure for impact to aviation receptors may be a tracking panel layout utilised with a resting angle set to avoid 'yellow' glare.	Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 16.4: Glint and Glare Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.04] .
Paragraph 2.10.107 Archaeological investigation	The extent of investigative work should be proportionate to the sensitivity of, and extent of, proposed ground disturbance in the associated study area.	Archaeological trial trenching has been undertaken across all Solar Development Sites; the results of this evaluation has informed Chapter 8 of the ES: Cultural Heritage and the findings are contained within ES Appendix 8.4 Trial Trenching Reports.	Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 8.4: Trial Trenching Reports [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.08.04] . Environmental Statement, Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage [EN0110012/APP/06.01.08]
Paragraph 2.10.108 and 2.10.109 Historic environment and design	Applicants should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - take account of the results of historic environment assessments in their design proposal. - consider what steps can be taken to ensure heritage assets are conserved in a manner appropriate to their significance, including the 	Chapter 8 of the ES: Cultural Heritage, supported by geophysical surveys, archaeological evaluations and Statements of Significance and Impact Assessments, includes an assessment of impact against archaeological remains, Important Hedgerows, as well as heritage assets beyond the order limits (including views).	Environmental Statement, Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage [EN0110012/APP/06.01.08] Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 8.3: Geophysical surveys [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.08.03]

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	impact of proposals on views important to their setting.		Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 8.4: Trial Trenching Reports [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.08.04]. Statements of Significance and Impact Assessments [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.08.05]
Paragraph 2.10.115 and 2.10.116 Movement of materials and components	Assess the various potential routes to the site for delivery of materials and components where the source of the materials is known at the time of the application and select the route that is the most appropriate. Where the exact location of the source of construction materials, such as crushed stone or concrete is not known at the time of the application, applicants should assess the worst-case impact of additional vehicles on the likely potential routes.	Due to the flexibility associated with the proposed development, the traffic generation during the construction period is assessed based on a worst-case scenario. Each site has an assigned route to the Strategic Road Network. These routes have been chosen to avoid passing through villages where possible, to minimise disruption to local residents and businesses	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 14: Traffic and Transport [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.14] Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12]
Paragraph 2.10.117 and 2.10.118 Delivery routes	Applicants should ensure all sections of roads and bridges on the proposed delivery route can accommodate the weight and volume of the loads and	Chapter 14 of the ES includes a summary of anticipated abnormal loads in Table 14-24. The Abnormal Load movements will be coordinated with the local highways authorities	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 14: Traffic and Transport [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.14]

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	<p>width of vehicles. Where modifications to roads and/or bridges are required, these should be identified, and potential effects addressed in the ES.</p> <p>Where a cumulative impact is likely because multiple energy infrastructure developments are proposing to use a common port and/or access route and pass through the same towns and villages, applicants should include a cumulative transport assessment as part of the ES.</p>	<p>and police prior to being undertaken, with the routes subject to agreement with highways authorities.</p> <p>Chapter 17 goes on to provide a cumulative and in-combination effects assessment of the Proposed Development, including traffic generation.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 17: Cumulative and in-combination effects [EN110012/APP/LVS/ 06.01.17]</p>
<p>Paragraph 2.10.119 Soil health and soil structure</p>	<p>To preserve soil health and soil structure to minimise soil carbon loss and maintain water infiltration and soil biodiversity, mitigation measures for agricultural soils include use of green cover, multispecies cover crops - especially during the winter minimising compaction and adding soil organic matter.</p>	<p>The submitted Outline Soil Resources Management Plan (oSRMP) details commitments to mitigating impacts to soil resources. This refers to good practice measures to minimise damage to soils that remain in place and those that are stripped, stockpiled and reinstated; minimise carbon losses; maintain water infiltration; and enhance soil biodiversity.</p>	<p>Outline Soil Resources Management Plan [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.14]</p>
<p>Paragraph 2.10.122 Ecological Monitoring</p>	<p>Applicants are advised to develop an ecological monitoring programme. Results will inform any changes needed</p>	<p>Methods for enhancement and monitoring of biodiversity are outlined in the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan, Outline Operational Environmental</p>	<p>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]</p>

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	to the land management of the site, including, if appropriate, any livestock grazing regime.	Management Plan and Outline Bird Mitigation Area Management Plan.	Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03] Outline Bird Mitigation Area Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.19]
Paragraph 2.10.123 Landscape and Visual Impacts	Applicants should consider the potential to mitigate landscape and visual impacts through, for example, screening with native hedges, trees and woodlands.	Impacts are considered across the construction, operation and decommissioning phases, as well as the cumulative effects. Mitigation measures including screening with native hedges, trees and woodland are set out in the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10] Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.03.01] Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]
Paragraph 2.10.124 Screening security fencing	Applicants should aim to minimise the use and height of security fencing. Where possible applicants should utilise existing features, such as hedges or landscaping, to assist in site security, or screen security fencing.	Chapter 10 of the ES: Landscape and Visual outlines that where security fencing is present, it will be visually permeable to retain views from PRow.	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10]
Paragraph 2.10.125 Security lighting	Applicants should minimise the use of security lighting. Any lighting should utilise a passive infra-red (PIR) technology and should be designed and	Chapter 6 of the ES: Biodiversity states any security cameras use infra-red detection and any security lighting will be sensor-triggered During construction, lighting will utilise directional fittings to minimise outward light spill	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06]

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	installed in a manner which minimises impact.	and glare. Construction based lighting will be temporary, while permanent lighting will be sensor triggered. The Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan and Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan set out how these will be secured.	Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02] Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]
Paragraph 2.10.126 to 128 Glint and Glare	Applicants should consider using, and the SoS may require, panels with anti-glare/anti-reflective coating with a specified angle of maximum reflection attenuation. Consider using screening. Consider adjusting azimuth alignment of or changing elevation tilt angle of solar panels within an economically viable range to alter the angle of incidence	Solar PV Panels will be bifacial monocrystalline panels, comprising two layers of toughened, low reflectivity glass. The solar modules will be either black or dark blue. The tracking panels has been assessed on the basis of an indicative orientation of variable+/-60° angle aligned north-south rows rotating east-west. The fixed panels indicative orientation would be in east-west rows with a fixed tilt angle of +10 to 35 degrees from horizontal. The exact layout of azimuth alignment and elevation tilt angle will not be confirmed until the detailed design stage. The locations where advance planting may be implemented to mitigate impacts on highways, the railway and residential properties are shown in Figure 16.1 Advanced Planting for Glint and Glare Mitigation.	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 2: Proposed Development [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06] Figure 16.1 Advanced Planting for Glint and Glare Mitigation [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.02.16.1]
Paragraph 2.10.133	Where cumulative effects on the local road network or residential amenity are predicted from	Chapter 14 of the ES: Traffic and Movement and the Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan sets out embedded	Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 14: Traffic and Movement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.14]

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Construction impacts on road network	multiple solar farm developments, it may be appropriate for applicants for various projects to work together to ensure that the number of abnormal loads and deliveries are minimised, and the timings of deliveries are managed and coordinated to ensure that disruption to residents and other highway users is reasonably minimised	mitigation measures related to the delivery of materials and components during the construction stage. These include signage and providing drivers with route plans prior. Due to the flexibility associated with the proposed development, the traffic generation during the construction period is deemed to be the worst-case scenario. Chapter 17 goes on to provide a cumulative and in-combination effects assessment of the Proposed Development, including traffic generation. The Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan secure measures for agreement of timing and coordination of deliveries, including with other projects underway, to minimise disruption.	Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12] Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 17: Cumulative and in-combination effects [EN110012/APP/LVS/ 06.01.17]
Paragraph 2.10.137 Agriculture land classification and land type	The Secretary of State should take into account the economic and other benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land. The Secretary of State should ensure that the applicant has put forward appropriate mitigation measures to minimise impacts on soils or soil resources	An Outline Soil Resources Management Plan identifies good practice mitigation measures to reduce damage to soils that remain in place and those that are stripped, stockpiled and reinstated; reduce soil carbon losses; maintain water infiltration; and enhance soil biodiversity. ES Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Iteration and the Site Selection Assessment Report explains the stages undertaken in site selection, which included an early consideration of the likely presence of best and most versatile ('BMV') land. It was found that it was possible to use only previously developed land, due to the need to use land within a technically feasible	Outline Soil Resources Management Plan [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.14] Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 3: Alternatives [EN110012/APP/LVS/06.01.03] Site Selection Assessment Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.03.01]

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		<p>and commercially viable proximity to the available grid.</p> <p>The BMV land required for the Proposed Development represents approximately 1% of the likely BMV land in Selby District and 0.09% of the likely BMV land in North Yorkshire.</p>	
<p>Paragraph 2.10.138 to 2.10.143 Project lifetime and decommissioning</p>	<p>The Secretary of State should ensure that the applicant has put forward outline plans for decommissioning the generating station when no longer in use and restoring the land to a suitable use (taking into account paragraphs 2.10.60 and 2.10.61).</p> <p>The Secretary of State should consider the period of time the applicant is seeking to operate the generating station, as well as the extent to which the site will return to its original state, when assessing impacts such as landscape and visual effects and potential effects on the settings of heritage assets and nationally designated landscapes</p>	<p>Chapter 2 of the ES: Proposed Development confirms the operational phase of the Proposed Development is up to 60 years.</p> <p>The Proposed Development will be decommissioned and reinstated in accordance with a Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan. An Outline Environmental Management Plan is included with the DCO Application.</p> <p>The decommissioning process will involve removing all solar infrastructure, including solar PV modules and BESS, along with associated infrastructure down to 1.2 metres below ground level. These materials will be recycled or disposed of as per good practices and processes at that time.</p> <p>The mode of dealing with Interconnecting Cables and Grid Connection Cables during decommissioning would be dependent upon government policy and good practice at that</p>	<p>Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan , [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 2: Proposed Development [EN0110012/APP/06.01.02]</p>

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		time. Currently, the most environmentally acceptable option is considered to be leaving the cables in situ, as this avoids disturbance to overlying land and habitats and to neighbouring communities.	
Paragraph 2.10.150 and 2.10.151 Glint and Glare	Whilst there is some evidence that glint and glare from solar farms can be experienced by pilots and air traffic controllers in certain conditions, there is no evidence that glint and glare from solar farms results in significant impairment on aircraft safety. Therefore, unless a significant impairment can be demonstrated, the Secretary of State is unlikely to give any more than limited weight to claims of aviation interference because of glint and glare from solar farms.	Based on current illustrative layouts and the modelling undertaken, the Glint and Glare Study identifies potential moderate impacts on Sherburn-In-Elmet Airfield and Burn Airfield. However, with reference to the submitted Empirical Study (Annex H), the Applicant has determined that the development of specific mitigation measures for these airfields is not required, as the Empirical Study demonstrates that the modelled results do not lead to real world impacts.	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 16.4: Glint and Glare Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.04]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 16.4: Glint and Glare Assessment, Annex H, Empirical Study for Aviation [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.04]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 16.04: Glint and Glare Assessment, Annex H Glint and Glare and Aviation [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.04.01]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02].</p>

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<p>Paragraph 2.10.53 and 2.10.54</p> <p>Construction including traffic and transport noise and vibration</p>	<p>Once solar farms are in operation, traffic movements to and from the site are generally very light, in some instances a few visits each month by a light commercial vehicle or car. Should there be a need to replace machine components, this may generate heavier commercial vehicle movements, but these are likely to be infrequent. The Secretary of State is unlikely to give any more than limited weight to traffic and transport noise and vibration impacts from the operational phase of a project.</p>	<p>Chapter 14 of the ES: Traffic and Movement states there are anticipated to be around five visits to each Solar Development Site per month for maintenance purposes (less than one trip a day on average). These would typically be made by light goods vehicles (LGVs). Thus, it is expected that any operational impacts on traffic and movement will be minimal, and hence the topic has been scoped out of the operational assessment.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 14: Traffic and Movement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.14]</p>

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<p>Paragraph 2.3.2</p> <p>Climate change adaptation and resilience.</p>	<p>As climate change is likely to increase risks to the resilience of some of this infrastructure, from flooding for example, or in situations where it is located near the coast or an estuary or is</p>	<p>Chapter 7 of the ES: Climate Change Resilience and Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk outlines mitigation measures include using a weather-resilient material specification, elevation of flood-sensitive components and operational mitigation</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 7: Climate Change Resilience [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.07]</p>

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	<p>underground, applicants should in particular set out to what extent the proposed development is expected to be vulnerable, and, as appropriate, how it has been designed to be resilient to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • flooding, particularly for substations that are vital to the network; and especially in light of changes to groundwater levels resulting from climate change; • the effects of wind and storms on overhead lines; • higher average temperatures leading to increased transmission losses; • earth movement or subsidence caused by flooding or drought (for underground cables); and • coastal erosion – for the landfall of offshore transmission cables and their associated substations in the inshore 	<p>secured through environmental management plans. The Battery energy storage system (BESS) will be located outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3 and will include Heating, Ventilation and Cooling (HVAC) systems to maintain appropriate operating temperatures to mitigate the risk of overheating and fire.</p> <p>An Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan, Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan and Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan have all been produced and submitted which will detail how monitoring and reporting of weather-related impacts will be managed.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.15]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p>

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	and coastal locations respectively.		
Paragraph 2.3.3 Climate change resilience	Section 4.10 of EN-1 advises that the resilience of the project to the effects of climate change must be assessed in the Environmental Statement (ES) accompanying an application. For example, future increased risk of flooding would be covered in any flood risk assessment (see Sections 5.8 in EN-1). Consideration should also be given to coastal change (see sections 5.6 in EN1)	<p>This application is accompanied by an ES and Chapter 7: Climate Change Resilience which addresses resilience in the face of climate change.</p> <p>An FRA and Drainage Strategy have been submitted with the application, appended to Chapter 15 of the ES. The FRA includes details of the site-specific Sequential Test and Exceptions Test.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 7: Climate Change Resilience [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.07]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 15.1a: Flood Risk Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.01a]</p>
Part 2.4 .2 Consideration of good design for energy infrastructure	2.4.2 Applicants should consider the criteria for good design set out in EN1 Section 4.7 at an early stage when developing projects.	The proposed development has been guided by the design principles set out in the Design Approach Document. Design Parameters and Commitments are also detailed and submitted with the DCO Application.	<p>Design Approach Document (DAD) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05]</p> <p>Design Parameters and Commitments [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.06]</p>
Paragraph 2.4.4 Functional performance and safety	While the principles of good design should govern the design of an electricity network infrastructure application – including in its avoidance and/or mitigation of potential adverse impacts – the functional performance of the infrastructure in respect of security of supply and public and	Safety and security will be a key component of management of the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Proposed Development. A suite of outline Management Plans have been prepared as listed here.	<p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p>

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	occupational safety must not thereby be threatened.		<p>Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p> <p>Outline Battery Fire Safety Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.06]</p> <p>Outline Pollution and Spillage Response Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.08]</p> <p>Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12]</p> <p>Outline Soil Resource Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.14]</p>

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Section 2, paragraph 7 Achieving sustainable development	The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development, including the provision of homes, commercial development, and supporting infrastructure in a sustainable manner.	The Proposed Development will deliver wider sustainability benefits, being a renewable energy development that will make a substantial contribution to the country achieving net-zero carbon emissions.	<p>Statement of Need [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.03]</p> <p>Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02]</p>

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	At a very high level, the objective of sustainable development can be summarised as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. At a similarly high level, members of the United Nations – including the United Kingdom – have agreed to pursue the 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development in the period to 2030. These address social progress, economic well-being and environmental protection.	As set out in the Statement of Need and Section 2.2 of the Planning Statement, clean electricity generated by the Proposed Development, if consented, will be supplied to the National Grid at the existing Monk Fryston substation (where a 500 MW alternating current (AC) connection has been agreed) over its 60-year operational lifetime.	
Section 8, paragraph 96 Promoting healthy and safe communities	<p>Planning policies and decisions should aim to achieve healthy, inclusive and safe places which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Promote social interaction b. are safe and accessible, so that crime and disorder, and the fear of crime, do not undermine the quality of life or community cohesion – for example through the use of well-designed, clear and legible pedestrian and cycle routes, and high quality public space, which encourage the active and continual use of public areas; and 	<p>Permissive paths are also proposed across the Solar Development Sites including SDS1, SDS4 and SDS6. Further details regarding potential routes are shown in the Outline Environmental Masterplan and details set out in the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan.</p> <p>A key design aspect to help mitigate the impact of the Proposed Development is the inclusion of a minimum 15 m offset from all infrastructure, including fencing, to PRoWs. This will provide areas of screening and soften the appearance of the proposed development.</p> <p>The Planning Statement sets out the benefits of the Proposed Development which includes</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 13: Socioeconomics [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.13]</p> <p>Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.09]</p> <p>Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02]</p> <p>Environmental Statement Volume 3, Appendix 1.2: EIA Scoping Opinion [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.01.02]</p>

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	<p>c. enable and support healthy lives, through both promoting good health and preventing ill-health, especially where this would address identified local health and well-being needs and reduce health inequalities between the most and least deprived communities – for example through the provision of safe and accessible green infrastructure, sports facilities, local shops, access to healthier food, allotments and layouts that encourage walking and cycling.</p>	<p>ecological and landscape enhancements, biodiversity net gain, creation of new permissive paths to provide pedestrians and riders improved accessibility to the countryside and improved connectivity of the wider Public Rights of Way (PRoW) network, and job creation and economic benefits.</p> <p>ES Appendix 1.1: EIA Scoping Report details the rationale for scoping out human health as a standalone ES chapter from the EIA assessment. However, human health matters have been considered through the ES in various chapters and assessments which form part of the EIA, including within: ES Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual; ES Chapter 11: Noise and Vibration; ES Chapter 13: Socioeconomics; ES Chapter 14: Traffic and Movement; and ES Appendix 16.1: Construction Dust Assessment.</p> <p>Security measures for the Proposed Development are outlined in ES Chapter 2: The Proposed Development. These include CCTV and fencing around the perimeter of the operational areas of the Solar Development Sites (SDSs).</p>	<p>Environmental Statement Volume 1, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10.00]</p> <p>Environmental Statement Volume 1, Chapter 2: The Proposed Development Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Appendix 2.1: The Proposed Development [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.02]</p>
<p>Section 8, paragraph 105 Promoting</p>	<p>Planning policies and decisions should protect and enhance public rights of way and access, including taking</p>	<p>To help mitigate the impact of the Proposed Development a minimum 15 m offset from all infrastructure, including fencing, to PRoWs has</p>	<p>Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/ 02.12]</p>

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healthy and safe communities	opportunities to provide better facilities for users, for example by adding links to existing rights of way networks including National Trails.	<p>been set. This will provide areas of screening and soften the appearance of the proposed development.</p> <p>Permanent diversions of three Public Rights of Ways (PRoW) will be required within Solar Development Site 1 to maintain connectivity and minimise disruption. Information regarding the proposed diversion of the PRoWs is presented in the Outline Environmental Masterplan.</p> <p>It is anticipated that local management and/or short-term, temporary closures of some PRoWs would be required to facilitate the construction of the Proposed Development. A hierarchy for managing closures, outlined in the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan submitted as part of the DCO Application, will be agreed with NYC before construction of the Proposed Development commences.</p> <p>Bespoke mitigation will be required and is outlined in the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan.</p>	<p>Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/ 07.09]</p>
Section 9, paragraph 109 Promoting sustainable transport	Transport issues should be considered from the earliest stages of plan-making and development proposals, using a vision-led approach to identify transport solutions that deliver well-designed,	ES Chapter 14: Traffic and Movement outlines that a vision-led Transport Assessment has been undertaken and that transport matters have been	Environmental Statement Volume 1, Chapter 14: Traffic and Movement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.14]

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	<p>sustainable and popular places. This should involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. making transport considerations an important part of early engagement with local communities; b. ensuring patterns of movement, streets, parking and other transport considerations are integral to the design of schemes, and contribute to making high quality places; c. understanding and addressing the potential impacts of development on transport networks; d. realising opportunities from existing or proposed transport infrastructure, and changing transport technology and usage – for example in relation to the scale, location or density of development that can be accommodated; e. identifying and pursuing opportunities to promote walking, 	<p>considered in the early stages of design development.</p> <p>Impacts of the Proposed Development on the existing transport networks and users has been assessed in ES Appendix 14.1 Transport Assessment. Mitigation measures have been embedded into the design of the Proposed Development to mitigate residual adverse effects to a level which is not considered significant in EIA terms.</p> <p>Permissive paths are proposed across the Solar Development Sites including SDS1, SDS4, SDS6 and SDS7. Further details regarding potential routes are shown in the Outline Environmental Masterplan and details set out in the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 14.1: Transport Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.14.01]</p> <p>Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/ 02.12]</p> <p>Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/ 07.09]</p>

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	<p>cycling and public transport use; and</p> <p>f. identifying, assessing and taking into account the environmental impacts of traffic and transport infrastructure – including appropriate opportunities for avoiding and mitigating any adverse effects, and for net environmental gains.</p>		
<p>Section 11, paragraph 124 Effective use of land</p>	<p>Planning decisions should promote an effective use of land in meeting the need for homes and other uses, while safeguarding and improving the environment and ensuring safe and healthy living conditions</p>	<p>The Proposed Development is located in the countryside. ES Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Iteration and the Site Selection Assessment Report set out the process of site selection that has been undertaken for the Proposed Development, and demonstrates how impacts to best and most versatile (BMV) land has been balanced against other factors in determining the Solar Development Sites as being the most appropriate location for the Proposed Development, including flood risk, sensitive receptors, heritage impacts and safe access.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Iteration [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03]</p> <p>Site Selection Assessment Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.03.01]</p>
<p>Section 12, paragraphs 131 and 132 Well design places</p>	<p>The creation of high quality, beautiful and sustainable buildings and places is fundamental to what the planning and development process should achieve. Good design is a key aspect of</p>	<p>The proposed development has been guided by the design principles set out in the Design Approach Document (DAD).</p>	<p>Design Approach Document (DAD) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05]</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]</p>

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	sustainable development, creates better places in which to live and work and helps make development acceptable to communities. Being clear about design expectations, and how these will be tested, is essential for achieving this. So too is effective engagement between applicants, communities, local planning authorities and other interests throughout the process.	<p>The outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan and outline Environment Management Plan set out how principles of good design can and will be achieved.</p> <p>Design workshops were held with Stakeholders as part of the Applicant's statutory consultation process (further information is set out in the DAD).</p>	Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12]
<p>Section 13, paragraph 142 and 153 Green Belt</p>	<p>The aim of Green Belt policy is to “prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open”, and “the essential characteristics are their openness and their permanence”.</p> <p>When considering any planning application, local planning authorities should ensure that substantial weight is given to any harm to the Green Belt, including harm to its openness⁵⁵. Inappropriate development is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved except in very special circumstances. ‘Very special circumstances’ will not exist unless the potential harm to the Green Belt by reason of inappropriateness, and any other harm resulting from the proposal,</p>	<p>The Applicant is satisfied that the Proposed Development is demonstrably located on ‘grey belt’ land, and is not inappropriate development under current policy.</p> <p>The Proposed Development is located in Grey Belt and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - will not fundamentally undermine the purpose of the remaining Green Belt, - there is a demonstrable unmet need for the development (NPS EN-1), and - the site is in a sustainable location (noting post construction, the trip generation from the Proposed Development is negligible). 	Planning Statement including Appendix 2 (Grey Belt Assessment) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02]

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	is clearly outweighed by other considerations.		
Section 14, paragraph 161 Climate change and flooding	The planning system should support the transition to net zero by 2050 and take full account of all climate impacts including overheating, water scarcity, storm and flood risks and coastal change. It should help to: shape places in ways that contribute to radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimise vulnerability and improve resilience; encourage the reuse of existing resources, including the conversion of existing buildings; and support renewable and low carbon energy and associated infrastructure.	<p>The Outline Construction, Operational and Decommissioning Environmental Management Plans contain information on how emissions will be mitigated, such as the encouragement of using low carbon modes of transport and regular maintenance of gear to optimise efficiency.</p> <p>Chapter 7 of the ES: Climate Change Resilience and Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk outlines mitigation measures include using a weather-resilient material specification, elevation of flood-sensitive components and operational mitigation secured through environmental management plans. Battery energy storage systems (BESS) will be located outside of Flood Zones 2 and 3 and will include Heating, Ventilation and Cooling (HVAC) systems to maintain appropriate operating temperatures to mitigate the risk of overheating and fire.</p> <p>An Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan, Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan and Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan have all been produced and submitted which will detail how monitoring and reporting of weather-related impacts will be managed.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 7: Climate Change Resilience [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.07]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.15]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p>

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<p>Section 15, paragraph 187 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment</p>	<p>Planning decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, sites of biodiversity or geological value and soils; b. recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside, and the wider benefits from natural capital and ecosystem services – including the economic and other benefits of the best and most versatile agricultural land, and of trees and woodland; c. <i>coast – not applicable</i> d. minimising impacts on and providing net gains for biodiversity; e. preventing new and existing development from contributing to, being put at unacceptable risk from, or being adversely affected by, unacceptable levels of soil, air, water or noise pollution or land instability. Development should, wherever possible, help to improve local environmental conditions; and 	<p>The Design Approach Document sets out how the applicant has considered and enhanced the natural and local environment by following a clear set of Design Principles, including ‘environmentally led design’.</p> <p>The ES scope includes a Landscape and Visual assessment, agriculture land and soils, biodiversity (including aquatics), and water resources and flood.</p> <p>The suite of management plans include Construction, Operation and Decommissioning Environmental Management Plans, an outline Soil Resource Management Plan and a Construction Dust Assessment.</p>	<p>Design Approach Document [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05]</p> <p>Environmental Statement Volume 1, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10]</p> <p>Environmental Statement Volume 1, Chapter 5: Agricultural Land and Soils [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05]</p> <p>Environmental Statement Volume 1, Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p>

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	<p>f. remediating and mitigating despoiled, degraded, derelict, contaminated and unstable land, where appropriate.</p>		<p>Outline Battery Fire Safety Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.06]</p> <p>Outline Pollution and Spillage Response Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.08]</p> <p>Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12]</p> <p>Outline Soil Resource Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.14]</p> <p>Construction Dust Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.01]</p>
<p>Section 15, paragraph 193 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment</p>	<p>When determining planning applications, local planning authorities should apply the following principles:</p> <p>a. if significant harm to biodiversity resulting from a development cannot be avoided (through locating on an alternative site with less harmful impacts),</p>	<p>Detail regarding the outcomes of the Environmental Impact Assessments are reported in the ES.</p> <p>Summaries of the matters relevant to decision making in the context of significant harm or loss to biodiversity, habitats, including trees are set out in the relevant ES chapters, including Chapter</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1 [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06]</p> <p>ES Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06]</p> <p>ES Chapter 12: Ornithology [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.12]</p>

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	<p>adequately mitigated, or, as a last resort, compensated for, then planning permission should be refused;</p> <p>b. development on land within or outside a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and which is likely to have an adverse effect on it (either individually or in combination with other developments), should not normally be permitted. The only exception is where the benefits of the development in the location proposed clearly outweigh both its likely impact on the features of the site that make it of special scientific interest, and any broader impacts on the national network of Sites of Special Scientific Interest;</p> <p>c. development resulting in the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats (such as ancient woodland and ancient or veteran trees) should be refused, unless there are wholly exceptional reasons and a suitable compensation strategy exists; and</p>	<p>6 Biodiversity, Chapter 12 Ornithology and Appendix 16.2 Arboricultural Impact Assessment.</p> <p>The submitted Planning Statement provides an assessment of the ES outcomes in the context of planning policy requirements to inform the overall planning balance and confirms no residual impacts relating to human health, public safety, defence, irreplaceable habitats or onshore flood risk remain after application of the mitigation hierarchy.</p>	<p>Appendix 16.2: Arboricultural Impact Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.02]</p> <p>Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02]</p>

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	<p>d. development whose primary objective is to conserve or enhance biodiversity should be supported; while opportunities to improve biodiversity in and around developments should be integrated as part of their design, especially where this can secure measurable net gains for biodiversity or enhance public access to nature where this is appropriate.</p>		
<p>Section 15, paragraph 198 Conserving and enhancing the natural environment</p>	<p>Ensure that new development is appropriate for its location taking into account the likely effects (including cumulative effects) of pollution on health, living conditions and the natural environment, as well as the potential sensitivity of the site or the wider area to impacts that could arise from the development.</p>	<p>ES Appendix 1.1 EIA Scoping Report details the rationale for scoping out human health from the EIA assessment, a decision which was supported by PINS in their Scoping Opinion return on 19 December 2024.</p> <p>The assessment of environmental impacts of the Proposed Development demonstrates that there are no 'unacceptable risks to' or 'unacceptable interference with' human health taking account of assessments of noise and vibration, transport, water resources and flood risk, construction dust, electromotive force (EMF) impacts, and battery fire safety.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 1.1: EIA Scoping Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.01.01]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 17: Cumulative and In-combination Effects [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.17]</p>

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		<p>Details of how scoped in EIA topics converge on humans is proved in ES Chapter 17 Cumulative and In-combination Effects.</p> <p>Regarding the natural environment, refer to notes in response to paragraph 193 above.</p>	
<p>Section 16, paragraph 207 Conserving and enhancing the historic environment</p>	<p>As a minimum the relevant historic environment record should have been consulted and the heritage assets assessed using appropriate expertise where necessary. Where a site on which development is proposed includes, or has the potential to include, heritage assets with archaeological interest, local planning authorities should require developers to submit an appropriate desk-based assessment and, where necessary, a field evaluation.</p>	<p>ES Chapter 8 Cultural Heritage, supported by geophysical surveys, archaeological evaluations and Statements of Significance and Impact Assessments, includes an assessment of impact against archaeological remains, Important Hedgerows, as well as heritage assets beyond the order limits (including views). It also identifies the historic records that have been consulted in Section 8.5, along with the assessment methodology.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage [EN0110012/APP/06.01.08]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 8.3: Geophysical Surveys [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.08.03]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 8.4: Trial Trenching Reports [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.08.04].</p> <p>Statements of Significance and Impact Assessments [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.08.05]</p>
<p>Section 16, paragraph 212 Conserving and enhancing the historic environment</p>	<p>When considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset's conservation (and the more important the asset, the greater the</p>	<p>An assessment of likely significant heritage impacts of the Proposed Development has been undertaken. Assessment undertaken for the SDSs are complete and have been reported on the DCO Application. A single significant effect has been identified on an Important Hedgerow</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage [EN110012/APP/LVS/ 06.01.08]</p>

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	weight should be). This is irrespective of whether any potential harm amounts to substantial harm, total loss or less than substantial harm to its significance.	within SDS 1 if it is removed in full. The ES has assessed the hedgerow as being of low importance, with its physical removal resulting in a moderate adverse effect. There remains potential for as yet unidentified buried archaeological remains within un-surveyed areas of the CRC and in small areas adjacent to some HIAs. An addendum to the ES will be submitted following the conclusion of the surveys within the Cable Route Corridor.	

3 Local Policy Accordance Tables

North Yorkshire Council’s Selby District Core Strategy Local Plan 2011-2027

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SP1 Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development	The Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework.	The Proposed Development will support sustainable development. As a renewable energy project, the Proposed Development will make a substantial contribution to the country achieving net-zero carbon emissions in line with Clean Power 2030 Action Plan (December 2024).	Planning Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02]
SP2A(c) Spatial Development Strategy	Development in the countryside (outside Development Limits) will be limited to the replacement or extension of existing buildings, the re-use of buildings preferably for employment purposes, and well-designed new buildings of an appropriate scale, which would contribute towards and improve the local economy and where it will enhance or maintain the vitality of rural communities, in accordance with Policy SP13; or meet rural affordable housing need (which meets the provisions of Policy SP10), or other special circumstances.	<p>The Proposed Development covers some 1270.7 hectares of land, principally in the Selby Countryside. The development location is informed by: available grid connection at Monk Fryston, site availability within reasonable proximity of the grid connection location, avoiding environmentally (including heritage) constrained land. Further information is set out in ES Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Iteration.</p> <p>The Proposed Development is estimated to support some 434 jobs through the construction phase of which half would be from the local area.</p> <p>According to Solar Energy UK, “solar farms provide diversification for landowners, by adding an index-linked, consistent income stream to their business that is not dependent on agriculture. It provides longer-term security against volatility in wholesale food commodity markets and yields,</p>	<p>ES Chapter 3: Alternatives and Design Iteration [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.13]</p> <p>ES Chapter 13: Socioeconomics [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.13]</p>

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		offering support to their wider farming business/ operations.” (Ref 11)	
SP13 Scale and Distribution of Economic Growth c. Rural Economy	In rural areas, sustainable development (on both Greenfield and Previously Developed Sites) which brings sustainable economic growth through local employment opportunities or expansion of businesses and enterprise will be supported.	The Proposed Development is expected to enhance local employment opportunities with the creation of 434 net construction jobs, of which 217 would be from within the study area.	ES Chapter 13: Socioeconomics [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.13]
SP17C Low-Carbon and Renewable Energy	All development proposals for new sources of renewable energy and low-carbon energy generation and supporting infrastructure must meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. are designed and located to protect the environment and local amenity or ii. can demonstrate that the wider environmental, economic and social benefits outweigh any harm caused to the environment and local amenity, and iii. impacts on local communities are minimised. 	The Applicant has followed an Environmentally Led design approach ensuring that location and design decisions have been taken with a view to protecting the environment and local amenity. Wider environmental, economic and social impacts, including on communities, have been assessed in the submitted ES to inform understanding of how the benefits of the scheme will outweigh any harm caused.	Design Approach Document [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05] Environmental Statement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06]
SP18	The high quality and local distinctiveness of the natural and	ES Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage supported by geophysical surveys, archaeological evaluations and Statements of Significance and Impact	ES Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.13.01]

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Protecting and Enhancing the Environment	<p>man-made environment will be sustained by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safeguarding and, where possible, enhancing the historic and natural environment including the landscape character and setting of areas of acknowledged importance. 2. Conserving those historic assets which contribute most to the distinct character of the District and realising the potential contribution that they can make towards economic regeneration, tourism, education and quality of life. 3. Promoting effective stewardship of the District's wildlife by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Safeguarding international, national and locally protected sites for nature conservation, including SINC's, from inappropriate development. b. Ensuring developments retain, protect and enhance features of biological and geological interest and provide appropriate management of these 	<p>Assessments, presents an assessment of impacts on archaeological remains, Important Hedgerows, and heritage assets (including views).</p> <p>No designated heritage asset will experience loss of significance as a result of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>The Proposed Development does not significantly impact any international or national sites for conservation.</p> <p>Methods for enhancement and monitoring of biodiversity are outlined in the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan, Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan and Outline Bird Mitigation Area Management Plan.</p> <p>A BNG assessment has been completed for the Proposed Development to describe the expected biodiversity change post development.</p> <p>A minimum 15 m offset from all infrastructure, including fencing, to PRow's is allowed for in the Proposed Development Parameters.</p>	<p>ES Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06]</p> <p>Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12]</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p> <p>Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.09]</p> <p>ES Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10]</p> <p>Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.14]</p> <p>ES Chapter 5: Agricultural Land and Soils [EN110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05]</p>

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	<p>features and that unavoidable impacts are appropriately mitigated and compensated for, on or off-site.</p> <p>c. Ensuring development seeks to produce a net gain in biodiversity by designing-in wildlife and retaining the natural interest of a site where appropriate. Supporting the identification, mapping, creation and restoration of habitats that contribute to habitat targets in the National and Regional biodiversity strategies and the local Biodiversity Action Plan.</p> <p>4. Wherever possible a strategic approach will be taken to increasing connectivity to the District’s Green Infrastructure including improving the network of linked open spaces and green corridors and promoting opportunities to increase its multi-functionality. This will be informed by the Leeds City Region Infrastructure Strategy.</p> <p>5. Identifying, protecting and enhancing locally distinctive</p>	<p>Permissive paths are also proposed across the Solar Development Sites including SDS1, SDS4, SDS6 and SDS7. Further details regarding potential routes are shown in the Outline Environmental Masterplan and details set out in the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan.</p> <p>Landscape and visual have been assessed and reported on in the ES and measures to mitigate and enhance are outlined in the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan and Outline Environmental Masterplan.</p> <p>Outline Soil Resources Management Plan is submitted with the application which contains commitments with respect to mitigating impacts to soil resources.</p> <p>Air quality impacts have been scoped out of the ES with the exception of dust associated with construction. Further information is provided in the ES Chapter 16, Other Environmental Matters.</p> <p>Water resources potential impacts have been assessed and reported on in the ES including a Water Environment Regulations Assessment.</p>	<p>Outline Bird Mitigation Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.19]</p> <p>Outline Soil Resources Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.09]</p> <p>ES Chapter 16: Other Environmental Matters [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.16]</p> <p>ES Appendix 16.3: Construction Dusts Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.01]</p> <p>ES Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.15]</p> <p>ES Appendix 15.02: Water Environment Regulations (Water Framework Directive) Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.02]</p>

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	<p>landscapes, areas of tranquillity, public rights of way and access, open spaces and playing fields through Development Plan Documents.</p> <p>6. Encouraging incorporation of positive biodiversity actions, as defined in the local Biodiversity Action Plan, at the design stage of new developments or land uses.</p> <p>7. Ensuring that new development protects soil, air and water quality from all types of pollution.</p> <p>8. Ensuring developments minimise energy and water consumption, the use of non-renewable resources, and the amount of waste material.</p> <p>9. Steering development to areas of least environmental and agricultural quality.</p>		
SP19 Design Quality	Proposals for all new development will be expected to contribute to enhancing community cohesion by achieving high quality design and have regard to the local character, identity and context of its surroundings including historic	The Proposed Development has been shaped by environmentally led design. The submitted Design Approach Document (DAD) sets out how the principles of good design have informed the Proposed Development from the outset, following the Applicant's Project Objectives, Design Principles and Design Vision.	Design Approach Document (DAD) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05] Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]

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	<p>townscapes, settlement patterns and the open countryside.</p> <p>Where appropriate schemes should take account of design codes and Neighbourhood Plans to inform good design.</p> <p>Non-residential development should meet the following key requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Make the best, most efficient use of land without compromising local distinctiveness, character and form. b. Positively contribute to an area’s identity and heritage in terms of scale, density and layout; c. Be accessible to all users and easy to get to and move through; d. Create rights of way or improve them to make them more attractive to users, and facilitate sustainable access modes, including public transport, cycling and walking which minimise conflicts; e. Incorporate new and existing landscaping as an integral 	<p>Regarding the non-residential development key requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Efficient use of land without compromising local distinctiveness, character and form and contributing to identity and heritage and create new and existing landscaping – while there is limited choice in terms of physical appearance of a solar development, the Applicant has followed an environmentally led design approach promoting good design and will embed opportunities for a nature inclusive design including extensive planting to screen the Proposed Development. 2) Accessible and improved rights of way and access to open space – provision has been made for a network of pathways, including for walkers, cyclists and equines across SDSs 1, 4, 6 and 7. Works will be offset from existing Public Rights of Way by 15 m. 3) Safety and public and private spaces clearly distinguished, safe and secure – provisions for detailed design of fencing and security are secured through the Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan. 4) Sustainable construction principles and preventing unacceptable impacts (soil, air, water, light, noise) are secured through the full suite of submitted outline Management Plans 	<p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p> <p>Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.14]</p> <p>Outline Bird Mitigation Area Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.19]</p> <p>Outline Soil Resources Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.09]</p>

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	<p>part of the design of schemes, including off-site landscaping for large sites and sites on the edge of settlements where appropriate;</p> <p>f. Promote access to open spaces and green infrastructure to support community gatherings and active lifestyles which contribute to the health and social well-being of the local community;</p> <p>g. Have public and private spaces that are clearly distinguished, safe and secure, attractive and which complement the built form;</p> <p>h. Minimise the risk of crime or fear of crime, particularly through active frontages and natural surveillance;</p> <p>i. Create mixed use places with variety and choice that compliment one another to encourage integrated living, and</p> <p>j. Adopt sustainable construction principles.</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> k. Preventing development from contributing to or being put at unacceptable risk from, or being adversely affected by unacceptable levels of soil, air, water, light or noise pollution or land instability. l. Development schemes should seek to reflect the principles of nationally recognised design benchmarks to ensure that the best quality of design is achieved. 		

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ENV1 Control of Development	<p>In considering proposals the District Council will take account of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The effect upon the character of the area or the amenity of adjoining occupiers; 2. The relationship of the proposal to the highway network, the proposed means of access, the need 	<p>The character of the areas potentially affected by the Proposed Development, and visual impacts on receptors, has been assessed in the submitted Landscape and Visual Assessment LVIA.</p> <p>The ES, developed in consultation with North Yorks Council, has assessed potential amenity impacts, including cumulative, on adjoining occupiers in the context of noise and vibration, construction dust, fire emissions modelling,</p>	<p>ES Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06]</p> <p>ES Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.08]</p> <p>ES Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.10]</p> <p>Outline Environmental Masterplan</p>

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	<p>for road/junction improvements in the vicinity of the site, and the arrangements to be made for car parking;</p> <p>3. The capacity of local services and infrastructure to serve the proposal, or the arrangements to be made for upgrading, or providing services and infrastructure;</p> <p>4. The standard of layout, design and materials in relation to the site and its surroundings and associated landscaping;</p> <p>5. The potential loss, or adverse effect upon, significant buildings, related spaces, trees, wildlife habitats, archaeological or other features important to the character of the area;</p> <p>6. The extent to which the needs of disabled and other inconvenienced persons have been taken into account;</p> <p>7. The need to maximise opportunities for energy</p>	<p>glint and glare, traffic and transport, and water resources and flood risk.</p> <p>The relationship of the Proposed Development to the highway network, the proposed means of access, the need for road/junction improvements in the vicinity of the site, and the arrangements to be made for car parking have been discussed with North Yorkshire Council, are reported in the ES traffic and transport chapter and management proposals set out in the Construction Traffic Management Plan.</p> <p>The capacity of local services and infrastructure to serve the Proposed Development have been assessed in the ES Socioeconomics chapter.</p> <p>The proposed layout and landscaping, informed by the Proposed Development’s relationship to its surroundings are set out in the Outline Environmental Masterplan.</p> <p>Detailed design of the components of the Proposed Development, including considerations such as appearance, materials, colour and alignment set out in the Design Parameters and Commitments Document.</p> <p>The potential loss, or adverse effect upon, trees, wildlife habitats, archaeological or other features important to the character of the area are reported on throughout the ES.</p>	<p>[EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12]</p> <p>ES Chapter 11: Noise and Vibration [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.11]</p> <p>ES Chapter 13: Socio Economics [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.13]</p> <p>ES Chapter 14: Traffic and Movement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.14]</p> <p>ES Chapter 16: Water Resources and Flood Risk [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.15]</p> <p>ES Chapter 16: Other Environmental Matters [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.16]</p> <p>Glint and Glare Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.04]</p> <p>Design Parameters and Commitments Document [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.06]</p> <p>Arboricultural Impact Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.03]</p>

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	<p>conservation through design, orientation and construction; and</p> <p>8. Any other material considerations</p>	<p>Regarding the needs of disabled and other inconvenienced persons, details on the make up of proposed permissive paths are not yet confirmed and will be subject to discussion with North Yorkshire Council as set out in the outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan.</p>	<p>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]</p>
<p>ENV2 Environmental Pollution and Contaminated Land</p>	<p>A. Proposals for development which would give rise to, or would be affected by, unacceptable levels of noise, nuisance, contamination or other environmental pollution including groundwater pollution will not be permitted unless satisfactory remedial or preventative measures are incorporated as an integral element in the scheme. Such measures should be carried out before the use of the site commences.</p> <p>B. Where there is a suspicion that the site might be contaminated, planning permission may be granted subject to conditions to prevent the commencement of development until a site investigation and assessment</p>	<p>The ES and associated Outline Construction Environment Management Plan, Outline Operational Environment Management Plan and Outline Decommissioning Management Plan set out details regarding Environmental Pollution risks and management of construction, operational and decommissioning risks.</p>	<p>ES Chapter 11: Noise and Vibration [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.11]</p> <p>ES Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.15]</p> <p>ES Appendix 15.02: Water Environment Regulations (Water Framework Directive) Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.02]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Appendix 16.3: Ground Conditions Preliminary Risk Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.16.03]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p>

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	has been carried out and development has incorporated all measures shown in the assessment to be necessary.		<p>Outline Operational Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p> <p>Outline Decommissioning Environment Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.04]</p> <p>Outline Pollution and Spillage Response Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.08]</p> <p>Outline Battery Safety Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.06]</p> <p>Outline Soil Resources Management Plan [EN110012/APP/LVS/07.14]</p>
ENV3 Light Pollution	<p>Proposals involving outdoor lighting will only be permitted where lighting schemes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Represent the minimum level required for security and/or operational purposes; 2. Are designed to minimise glare and spillage; 	<p>Construction-based lighting will be temporary, while operational permanent lighting will be sensor-triggered.</p> <p>Embedded mitigation measures will be employed through an Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan such as reducing the risk of artificial lighting on species, such as the use of sensor-triggered lighting.</p>	<p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.03]</p>

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	<p>3. Would not create conditions prejudicial to highway safety or which would have a significant adverse effect on local amenity; and</p> <p>4. Would not detract significantly from the character of a rural area. Proposals for development involving outdoor lighting should incorporate details of lighting schemes as part of applications for development.</p> <p>Proposals for development involving outdoor lighting should incorporate details of lighting schemes as part of applications for development.</p>	<p>A sensitive lighting strategy will also be implemented during construction, operation and replacement campaigns.</p>	
<p>ENV9 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation</p>	<p>Proposals for development which would harm a local nature reserve, a site of local importance for nature conservation or a regionally important geological/geomorphological site, will not be permitted unless there are no reasonable alternative means of meeting the development need and it can be demonstrated</p>	<p>As set out in ES Chapter 6: Biodiversity, no significant effects are anticipated on the qualifying habitats of the designated sites within the Proposed Development study area (as applied for ecology) during the construction, operation and decommissioning phases. Similarly, no effects are anticipated for geological SSSIs or locally designated geodiversity sites, as there are none identified within 250 m of the Order Limits.</p>	<p>ES Chapters 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06]</p>

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	that there are reasons for the proposal which outweigh the need to safeguard the intrinsic local nature conservation value of the site or feature.	Embedded mitigation includes trenchless techniques for the crossing of the River Ouse, main rivers and IDB watercourses as well as ditches connected to SSSI and SINCs within the Cable Route Corridor to avoid impacts on ecologically important habitats.	
ENV12 River and Stream Corridors	Proposals for development likely to harm the natural features of or access to river, stream and canal corridors will not be permitted unless the importance of the development outweighs these interests, and adequate compensatory measures are provided.	Embedded mitigations measures include establishing 10 m buffer zones around watercourses (50 m from the River Ouse), avoiding Flood Zones 2 and 3 as much as possible through design development and a commitment to develop a suitable drainage strategy incorporating sustainable drainage systems (SuDS).	ES Chapters 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06] ES Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.15] Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]
ENV13 Development Affecting Ponds	Proposals for development which would harm the landscape, townscape, historical or wildlife value of a pond will not be permitted unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The need for a particular development outweighs the particular value of the pond; 2. An equivalent habitat can be created on site or elsewhere in the locality which will provide the same landscape, townscape or 	The Proposed Development is not likely to cause deterioration of a water body or its ability to achieve good status or good potential. ES Appendix 15.2: Water Environment Regulations (Water Framework Directive) Compliance Assessment concludes effects would be minor and negligible. Embedded mitigation detailed in the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan ensures no additional pollution, above current levels, enters ponds within the vicinity of the Cable Route Corridor and Highways Improvement Area, protecting the flora and fauna present. As a results, there	Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 15.2: Water Environment Regulations (Water Framework Directive) Compliance Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.02]

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	<p>wildlife value of the existing pond; and</p> <p>3. Appropriate management measures are incorporated in the scheme.</p>	<p>will be no impacts on this habitat during the construction of the cable.</p> <p>Provisions for water monitoring are included in the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan, for example where works, including HDD, are close to a water body. The need for monitoring will be assessed on a case by case basis.</p>	
ENV28 Other Archaeological Remains	<p>A. Where development proposals affect sites of known for possible archaeological interest, the District Council will require an archaeological assessment/evaluation to be submitted as part of the planning application.</p> <p>B. Where development affecting archaeological remains is acceptable in principle, the Council will require that archaeological remains are preserved in situ through careful design and layout of new development.</p> <p>Where preservation in situ is not justified, the Council will require that arrangements are made by the developer to ensure that adequate</p>	<p>Chapter 8 of the ES: Cultural Heritage, supported by geophysical surveys, archaeological evaluations and Statements of Significance and Impact Assessments, includes a worst case assessment of impact against archaeological remains, Important Hedgerows, as well as heritage assets beyond the order limits (including views).</p> <p>No designated heritage asset will experience loss of significance as a result of the Proposed Development.</p> <p>Mitigation has been embedded into the Proposed Development by design including the avoidance of direct impact to archaeologically sensitive areas. Where appropriate, the installation of concrete feet or non-ground penetrative techniques for the panels will help to preserve archaeological remains in situ.</p>	<p>ES Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.13.01]</p> <p>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.02]</p> <p>Archaeological Mitigation Strategy [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.11]</p>

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	time and resources are available to allow archaeological investigation and recording by a competent archaeological organisation prior to or during development.	<p>There remains the potential for as yet unidentified buried archaeological remains within un-surveyed areas of the Cable Route Corridor and in small areas adjacent to some HIAs, significant effects cannot be ruled out. Where effects on the buried archaeological resources could occur, mitigation is set out within the Archaeological Management Strategy (AMS).</p> <p>Section 8 of the AMS states all archaeological features and deposits revealed will be excavated by hand in an archaeologically controlled and stratigraphic manner, in order to establish their extent, form, date, function and relationship to other features. A full written, drawn and photographic record will be made of all features revealed during the course of the archaeological mitigation works. No finds will be discarded without assessment. The provisions of the Treasure Act 1996 (as amended) (Ref 12), will be followed. All finds of gold and silver, and associated objects, will be reported to the coroner according to the procedures under the Treasure Act 1996 (as amended), after discussion with the Applicant, the landowner, the Archaeological Advisor to North Yorkshire Council and the Finds Liaison Officer.</p>	
T1 and T2 Development in Relation to the	Development proposals should be well related to the existing highways network and will only be	Chapter 14 of the ES: Traffic and Movement reviews the traffic and movement interventions and impacts on both the Solar Development	ES Chapter 14: Traffic and Movement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.14]

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Highway Network and Access to Roads	<p>permitted where existing roads have adequate capacity and can safely serve the development, unless appropriate off-site highway improvements are undertaken by the developer.</p> <p>Development proposals which would result in the creation of a new access or the intensification of the use of an existing access will be permitted provided:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There would be no detriment to highway safety; and 2. The access can be created in a location and to a standard acceptable to the highway authority. <p>Proposals which would result in the creation of a new access onto a primary road or district distributor road will not be permitted unless there is no feasible access onto a secondary road and the highway authority is satisfied that the proposal would not create conditions prejudicial to highway safety.</p>	<p>Sites and Cable route corridor, including access. It assesses the potential impacts of construction on severance, driver and pedestrian delay, pedestrian and cyclist amenity, and fear and intimidation.</p> <p>An Outline Construction Management Plan and Transport Assessment have also been produced. The former sets out the embedded mitigation measures that will be implemented for the proposed development during the construction stage such as clear signage and regular debris clearance.</p> <p>Creation of new accesses onto a primary roads and district distributor roads has been avoided. An emergency only access off the A63 is proposed for SDS 2 but only for use in the event of an emergency where prevailing winds might prevent use of the existing access point from the A63 (main access) and Fryston Common Lane (emergency only).</p>	<p>Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12]</p> <p>Transport Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.14.01]</p>

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T8 Public Rights of Way	<p>Development which would have a significant adverse effect on any route in the district’s public rights of way network will not be permitted unless the following can be achieved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Satisfactory and attractive alternative routes are provided; and 2. Adequate sign posting is provided; and 3. As far as is reasonable, the new route can make provision for walkers, horse riders, cyclists and people with sight or mobility problems; and 4. In the case of new reasonable development, such development must replace extinguished rights of way with attractive highway infrastructure which is equally capable of accommodating appropriate users of the original right of way. 	<p>During construction, local management and/or short- term, temporary closures of some PRow is anticipated. Where a PRow runs directly through the Proposed Development, bespoke mitigation will be required as outlined in the outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan.</p> <p>Permissive paths are also proposed across the Solar Development Sites including SDS1, SDS4, SDS6 and SDS7. Further details regarding potential routes are shown in the outline Environmental Masterplan.</p>	<p>Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.09]</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]</p> <p>Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12]</p>
CS6 Development Contributions to	The District Council will expect developers to provide for or	The Applicant’s Design Vision includes a commitment to “ <i>leave a positive, enduring</i>	Outline Environmental Masterplan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/02.12]

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Infrastructure and Community Facilities	contribute to the provision of infrastructure and community facility needs that are directly related to a development, and to ensure that measures are incorporated to mitigate or minimise the consequences of that development.	<p><i>legacy for local communities through thoughtful, environmentally-led design and sustainable development”.</i></p> <p>Provision is made for recreation routes and spaces, building on consultation feedback and policy provisions of NPS EN-1 and EN-3. Management of paths is secured through the outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan.</p> <p>The submitted Design Parameters and Commitments confirms that provisions will be secured in the draft Order for works number 9 to create and maintain green infrastructure, and works number 10 for creating permissive pathway for walkers, cyclists and equines.</p> <p>Opportunities for further environmental improvements are presented in the Outline Environmental Masterplan.</p>	<p>Design Parameters and Commitments [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.06]</p> <p>Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.09]</p>

North Yorkshire County Council, North York Moors National Park Authority and City of York Council Minerals and Waste Joint Plan

Minerals and Waste Joint Plan (adopted 16 February 2022)

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<p>S02 Safeguarded Surface mineral resources</p> <p>Developments proposed within Safeguarded Surface Mineral Resource areas</p>	<p>Within the Safeguarded Surface Minerals Resource areas shown on the Policies Map, permission for development other than minerals extraction will be granted where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. It would not sterilise the mineral or prejudice future extraction; or ii. The mineral will be extracted prior to the development (where this can be achieved without unacceptable impact on the environment or local communities), or iii. The need for the non-mineral development can be demonstrated to outweigh the need to safeguard the mineral; or iv. It can be demonstrated that the mineral in the location concerned is no longer of any potential value as it does not represent an 	<p>The Proposed Development is located within MSAs.</p> <p>As set out in the Minerals Assessment in appendix C of the Planning Statement there will be a temporary and local sterilisation to minerals of brick clay and sand however the Proposed Development does not restrict the future extraction of these minerals after decommissioning.</p> <p>The need for the Proposed Development being classed as Critical National Priority and contributing to Clean Power 2030 Action Plan (December 2024) is considered to outweigh the need to safeguard the mineral for the operational lifetime of the Proposed Development.</p>	<p>Planning Statement (Appendix C) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.02]</p>

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	<p>economically viable and therefore exploitable resource; or</p> <p>v. It can be demonstrated that the mineral in the location concerned is no longer of any potential value as it does not represent an economically viable and therefore exploitable resource; or</p> <p>vi. It constitutes 'exempt' development (as defined in the Safeguarding Exemption Criteria list), as set out in paragraph 8.55).</p> <p>Applications for development other than mineral extraction in Safeguarded Surface Minerals Resource areas should include an assessment of the effect of the proposed development on the mineral resource beneath or adjacent to the site of the proposed development</p>		
S07 Consideration of applications in Consultation Areas	Where development, other than exempt development as defined in the Safeguarding Exemption Criteria list, as set out in paragraph 8.55, is proposed in an area	The Proposed Development is not within the Exemption List Criteria, Consultation can readily take place, and consultation has already occurred via EIA Scoping Opinion.	ES Appendix 1.2 EIA scoping opinion [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.01.02]

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	safeguarded on the Policies Map for minerals resources, minerals transport infrastructure, minerals ancillary infrastructure and waste infrastructure, and the proposed development site is located outside the City of York and North York Moors National Park areas, consultation with North Yorkshire County Council will be required before permission is granted.		
W01 Moving waste up the waste hierarchy	Proposals will be permitted where they would contribute to moving waste up the waste hierarchy through: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the minimisation of waste, or; 2. the increased re-use, recycling or composting of waste, or; 3. the provision of waste treatment capacity and small scale proposals for energy recovery (including advanced thermal treatment technologies), which would help to divert waste from landfill. 	<p>It is anticipated that the Proposed Development will result in 162,243 tonnes of waste generated through all phases.</p> <p>Targets are included for the diversion of resources from landfill of 70% by weight for non-hazardous construction waste. As set out in ES Chapter 9 GHG waste will be segregated and recycled where reasonably practicable based on the principles in the oMWMP.</p> <p>Where replacement of assets is needed, the Proposed Development will seek to minimize the creation of waste and maximise use of alternative materials with higher recycled content where feasible.</p>	<p>Outline Materials and Waste Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.07]</p> <p>ES Chapter 9 GHG [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.09]</p>

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		<p>Considering legislation, industry best practice and based on the information gathered about the types and quantities of materials likely to be generated, the example targets suggested for waste diversion (by weight) arising from the Proposed Development are up to 90% of the forecast construction waste from non-hazardous landfill and up too 95% from non-hazardous excavation activities.</p> <p>All waste will be managed in accordance with the duty of care requirements under Section 34 of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005</i></p> <p>All hazardous waste, including asbestos containing materials (ACM), will be segregated from non-hazardous waste, stored separately, and managed in accordance with the Hazardous (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 .</p>	

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ED4 Agriculture	<p>Support will be given to proposals for diversification of agricultural or other land-based rural businesses providing the proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports an existing agricultural or rural business • Does not have a significant impact on production or lead to the loss of best and most versatile agricultural land and does not harm the character of the area • Does not result in significant increase in traffic movements, particularly HGVs 	<p>ES Chapter 5: Agricultural Land and Soils presents the assessment of the significant effects on agricultural land and soils.</p> <p>54% of the land within SDS 1 (closest SDS to Escrick Village) is BMV land. The majority of this BMV land is good quality Subgrade 3a land (45%), with only 9% very good quality Grade 2 land.</p> <p>Direct, temporary, long-term (lifetime of the Proposed Development) loss of use of agricultural land across all SDSs is approximately the equivalent of 1% of the likely BMV land in the Selby District and 0.089% of the likely BMV land in the Yorkshire and Humber Region.</p> <p>While the majority of the land under solar panels will remain permeable and available for some agricultural use, there will be a temporary loss of productive farmland during construction and operation, and some disturbance to soil quality.</p> <p>Mostly, the land will be used for pasture, which will deliver long term improvement to the soil quality The installation will be</p>	<p>ES Chapter 5: Agricultural Land and Soils [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.05</p> <p>Outline Soil Resources Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.14</p>

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		<p>temporary and reversible, meaning that once removed, the vast majority of soils beneath will retain their existing quality and will be capable of being returned to agricultural use.</p> <p>The Proposed Development would offer a stable diversification option for agricultural businesses and provide financial security against volatility in wholesale food commodity markets and yields, protecting the remaining farm operations.</p> <p>An Outline Soil Resources Management Plan is submitted with the application which contains commitments with respect to mitigating impacts to soil resources. These measures will ensure that the agricultural land use will be protected in the long term.</p>	
MT1 Traffic flow along A19	Development proposals within the Parish that will result in a major increase in the volume of traffic on the A19, will not be supported unless evidence is provided by the Applicant and/ or District and County Council that measures to address traffic safety and congestion will be part of any proposal made.	<p>Access into SDS 1 would be required to facilitate construction, as well as allow ongoing maintenance access from the local highway network. It is anticipated that access would be from existing accesses wherever possible.</p> <p>HGV access to SDS1 1 will be routed to avoid vehicles passing through the centre of Escrick.</p>	<p>ES Chapter 14: Traffic and Movement [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.14]</p> <p>Outline Construction Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.12]</p>

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		<p>Chapter 14 of the ES: Traffic and Movement includes an assessment of traffic and movement impacts during construction across in various categories like driver/pedestrian delay, pedestrian/cyclist amenity, accidents and safety. These can be readily mitigated by embedded methods outlined in the Outline Construction Management Plan.</p> <p>During the operation and maintenance phase of the Proposed Development, each Solar Development Site is expected to receive approximately five maintenance visits per month, which is expected to generate less than a 1% increase of daily traffic volume.</p>	
NE1 Green infrastructure	<p>New development will be expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> include provision of multi-functional green infrastructure, and where possible, connect with the existing provision of green infrastructure, including Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation and existing woodlands; 	<p>Permissive paths are proposed across the Solar Development Sites including SDS1. Further details regarding potential routes are shown in the Outline Environmental Masterplan and details set out in the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan.</p> <p>During construction, local management and/or short- term, temporary closures of some PRow is anticipated. Where the PRow runs directly through the Proposed Development, bespoke mitigation will be</p>	<p>Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.09]</p> <p>ES Chapter 6: Biodiversity [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.06]</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]</p> <p>Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Report [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.09]</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> not to sever existing green infrastructure networks, and must avoid areas of high ecological value; achieve Biodiversity net gain of at least 10%; replace any trees which are proposed to be removed due to development at a ratio of at least 1:1. Where new or replacement tree planting cannot be achieved within the site, a suitable location within the Plan area should be sought. Replacement planting should consist of native species and be consistent with guidance provided by SDC and/or Natural England; ensure that the design and management of green infrastructure respects and enhances the character and distinctiveness of an area with regard to habitats and landscape types; include space for community food growing such as 	<p>required and outlined in the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan.</p> <p>A BNG assessment has been completed for the Proposed Development to describe the expected biodiversity change post development. Methods for enhancement and monitoring of biodiversity are outlined in the Outline Landscape and Environmental Management Plan and Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan.</p> <p>The southern portion of SDS 1 is being dedicated to create of a Bird Mitigation Area and further details are set out in the outline Bird Mitigation Area Management Plan.</p>	<p>outline Bird Mitigation Area Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.19]</p>

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	allotments or orchards, where possible.		
NE2 Green space connectivity	Proposals for the creation, enhancement or re-wilding of green spaces to provide leisure, recreational, carbon sequestration or biodiversity benefits to the local area are encouraged and will be supported.	Buffer zones and areas within the Solar Development Sites will comprise habitat creation, specifically for the benefit of wildlife and to provide net gain in biodiversity which is set out in the Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan.	Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05]
BEH1 Drainage & flood prevention	<p>New development should not add to the overall level of flood risk in the Parish. Applications should demonstrate how flood mitigation and water management will be achieved and should follow the principles below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surface water management measures will be required for development proposals to ensure that the risk of flooding both on-site and downstream is not increased. • Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) as an alternative to conventional drainage is preferred and will be supported, provided that they can be shown to be suitable in the intended 	<p>ES Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk assesses water resources and flood risk.</p> <p>The Proposed Development is classified as Essential infrastructure which is allowed within Flood Zone 3 where it is designed to be operational and safe at all times, and will not increase the risk of flood risk elsewhere.</p> <p>All flood sensitive assets such as the BESS, substations and Inverter Conversion Units have been located outside of Flood Zone 3 where possible.</p> <p>Embedded mitigations measures include establishing 10 m buffer zones around watercourses. The design includes the incorporation of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) and the implementation of a site wide Flood Evacuation Plan covering all phases of the Proposed Development.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Volume 1, Chapter 15: Water Resources and Flood Risk [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.01.15]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 15.1a: Flood Risk Assessment [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.15.01a]</p>

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	<p>location and that such systems will be properly maintained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unnecessary culverting and the constriction of watercourses and their immediate environs will not be supported. • Enhancements should be made to the existing local sewerage system/ or water distribution network and to provide additional capacity where required. 	<p>The Proposed Development requires two new permanent culverts on Solar Development Sites (SDS) 2 and 4, and a single temporary culvert (less than 2 years) on SDS1, plus seventeen temporary culverts within the Cable Route Corridor to allow construction access. Culverts will be designed in accordance with CIRIA C786, with sizing based on upstream catchment assessments, anticipated flows, and existing upstream and downstream control structures. Each crossing will be supported by detailed design information and standard drawings, including culvert dimensions, headwall details, and erosion protection.</p>	
BEH3 Historic rural environment	<p>Proposals for developments that have an undue adverse effect on the historic rural character of the Parish will not be supported.</p> <p>Any proposals for development outside of current development limits must be of a suitable scale, sensitively designed, particularly where it is visible in open landscapes, and should utilise appropriate planting and screening to minimise visual intrusion.</p>	<p>Chapter 8 of the ES: Cultural Heritage, supported by geophysical surveys, archaeological evaluations and Statements of Significance and Impact Assessments, includes an assessment of impact on heritage assets and conservation areas beyond the Order Limits, archaeological remains, and Important Hedgerows. The Design Approach Document (DAD) also confirms that the Order Limits of the Proposed Development were reduced to respond to archaeological assets.</p>	<p>Environmental Statement, Chapter 8: Cultural Heritage [EN0110012/APP/06.01.08]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 8.3: Geophysical surveys [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.08.03]</p> <p>Environmental Statement, Volume 3, Appendix 8.4: Trial Trenching Reports [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.08.04].</p> <p>Design Approach Document (DAD) [EN0110012/APP/LVS/05.05]</p>

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			Statements of Significance and Impact Assessments [EN0110012/APP/LVS/06.03.08.05]
BEH4 Streets & street scene	<p>All development proposals should be strongly focussed on the provision of safe pedestrian walkways enabling access to all local amenities and facilities. Improvements to ensure the provision and implementation of these safety measures include, but are not limited to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provision of, and where necessary, improvements to footpaths, pavements, paths and street lighting to facilitate safe and convenient movement for pedestrians; • Limiting and reducing unnecessary street signage where it is safe and practical to do so; and • Ensuring that streets, footpaths and pavements are accessible and safe for all, including those with mobility issues or users of wheelchairs or prams and opportunities to 	<p>During construction, local management and/or short- term, temporary closures of some PRow are anticipated. Where the PRow runs directly through the Proposed Development, bespoke mitigation will be required as set out in the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan. Three permanent PRow diversions are proposed within Solar Development Site (SDS) 1, affecting bridleways 35.28/1/1 and 35.67/6/1, and footpath 35.28/3/1, to accommodate site infrastructure. Full details of the diversions are set out in the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan.</p> <p>Measures are also included in the Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan and Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan to target managing driving behaviours and timings of vehicles to reduce the volume of traffic. Permissive paths to create new access routes are detailed in the Outline</p>	<p>Outline Public Rights of Way Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.09]</p> <p>Outline Landscape and Ecological Management Plan [EN0110012/APP/LVS/07.05] for SD1, 1 and 6.</p> <p>Ref 5</p>

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	enhance or extend walking and cycling routes have been included.	Landscape and Ecological Management Plan for SDSs 1, SDS4, SDS6 and SDS7.	

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