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Dear Sirs

Light Valley Solar
Procedural Deadline B – Site visit locations

North Yorkshire Council suggest the following locations for site inspections:

- sufficient information to identify the location - *please refer to [Light Valley Solar Examination Library EN0110012-000337-02.12.03 Outline Environmental Masterplan Site2.pdf](#)*
- the issues to be observed at the location - *the proximity of the proposed 275kV substation and battery energy storage system (BESS) to the A63 and their imposing scale and massing. The A63 forms an important approach to the historic centres for Selby and York. Visitors, tourists and potential investors use the route & first impressions of a place or area are important and tend to be lasting in the memory. Visitors, tourists and investors bring important economic benefits to North Yorkshire.*

275kV substation

The proposed maximum compound area for the on-site substation is 3.5 ha with a maximum height of 13 m to the top of the busbars. The proposed compound perimeter includes a 3m palisade fencing.

BESS compound

The proposed maximum compound area is 10.5 ha. The maximum dimensions 16m x 3m and maximum height of 3.5m per enclosure. There is also a solid BESS noise barrier up to 5m high (assumed to extend around the perimeter of the compound).

The southern edges of both infrastructure components are assumed to be within 10 metres of the A63.

North Yorkshire Council considers that the adverse effects caused by these components of infrastructure have been underestimated and would have an adverse impact on visitors, tourists, potential investors and other users of the A63.

North Yorkshire Council does not consider that embedded mitigation has been sufficiently considered in the siting of the 275kV substation & BESS, nor does the siting comply with some aspects of LVS's Design Approach Document (DAD)

- information on whether the site can be accessed via public land - *the site can be viewed by driving along the A63. In addition, Fox Lane meets the A63 near to the southeast corner of Site 2. There is an informal layby on Fox Lane for parking and Site 2 can be viewed from that location.*
- the reason why the location has been suggested. *The A63 and Fox Lane are good locations to view the proposed siting of the 275 kV substation and BESS*

Kind regards

We look forward to engaging further throughout the Examination.



Head Of Development Management