

# The Droves Solar Farm

# Figure 6.10: PP1-16 and PPa-g Winter Photograph Panels (Part A)

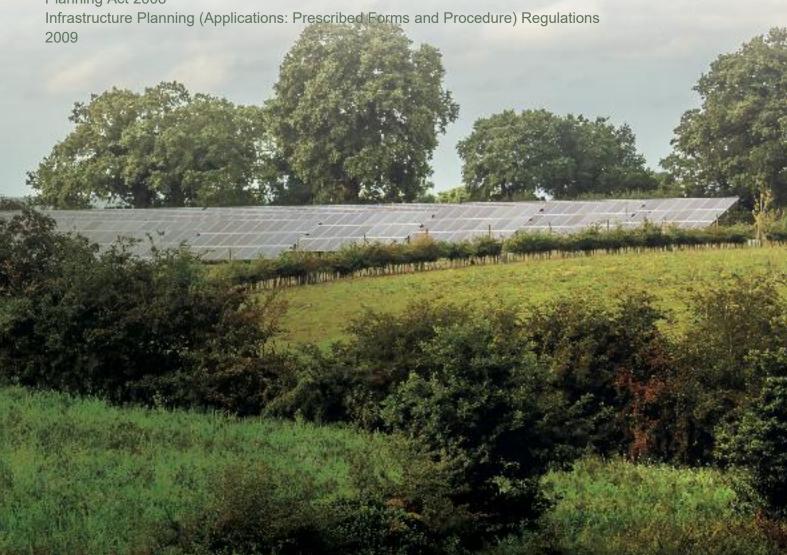
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Representative Viewpoint 1 - PRoW Swaffham RB55 at A1065

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#### Representative Viewpoint 1 - PRoW Swaffham RB55 at A1065

**Existing View** - This view is representative of road users along the A1065 and PRoW users at the western end of PRoW Swaffham RB55. This viewpoint is located at the southern edge of the Site, with filtered views into the agricultural fields adjacent to the A1065. Existing hedgerow and mature hedgerow trees obscure mid to lower level views into the Site from passing traffic. Occasional gaps between trees allow intermittent glimpse views into the Site, beyond the existing vegetation.

**Scale of Effect** - The Scheme would be partially visible from this locality. The tops of proposed Solar PV Arrays would be potentially visible beyond the mature hedgerow and between the hedgerow trees. The proposed Solar PV Arrays would be offset from the field boundary, which would reduce potential visibility of the Scheme. Proposed Grid Connection Infrastructure would likely not be visible from this location.

In the short and medium term during operation, the existing vegetation would partially screen views of the Scheme from this PRoW and road users along the A1065. The scale of effect would be **Medium** to **Small**.

In the long term during operation, once mature and established, the mitigation planting associated with the gapping up and enhancement of existing hedgerow would serve to strengthen the visual screen alongside the A1065. The scale of effect would be **Small**.

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Fincham Drove Keepers Cottage Approximate extent of Order limits



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Round Covert Fincham Drove Approximate extent of Order limits



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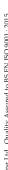
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Photograph Panel 2 (Centre-right) Representative Viewpoints





Representative Viewpoint 2 - Fincham Drove, Swaffham

Existing View – This view is representative of PRoW users along Fincham Drove and PRoW South Acre RB6. There are open views across the western fields within the Site. An existing wind turbine is visible on the skyline which brings an industrial presence to a predominantly rural landscape. The well vegetated internal Site fields are visible on the skyline. The skyline is well wooded, with internal blocks of woodland, such as Round Covert, providing some degree of visual enclosure to the fields. A new hedgerow has been planted and reinstated along Fincham Drove. This viewpoint is from a large break in hedgerow along River Road, which is generally well vegetated and visually contained along its route. As part of the future baseline, the newly planted hedgerow would have grown and established by operation phase year 1, which would enclose views along the linear route of this PRoW, and there would be limited visibility towards the adjacent fields.

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Scale of Effect - In the short and medium term durations, the existing hedgerow would likely have established and would provide some physical delineation between Fincham Drove and the nearby proposed Solar PV Arrays. There would be filtered short distance views of proposed Solar PV Arrays in the foreground of the view, east of River Road. The proposed Solar PV Arrays would be offset from the PRoW and would not appear imposing on the linear experience of this route along Fincham Drove. Proposed Solar PV Arrays would be partially visible through hedgerow in fields adjacent to Fincham Drove, such as Fields 9 and 16. Existing hedgerow and proposed Solar PV Arrays in these fields would largely restrict visibility further northwards, towards Twenty Acre Plantation. There would be very limited to no visibility of the Grid Connection Infrastructure. There would likely be partially filtered views of the Scheme given the proximity of the receptor. The scale of effect would be **Medium** to **Small**.

In the long term, the mitigation planting and existing hedgerow would have fully matured, mostly screening the Scheme and visually enclosing Fincham Drove, focusing views north-eastwards. The scale of effect would be Small.

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Representative Viewpoint 3 (looking east) - Petticoat Drove and PRoW South Acre RB1

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## Representative Viewpoint 3 (looking east) - Petticoat Drove and PRoW South Acre RB1

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Existing View - This view is representative of PRoW users along topographic high points of Petticoat Drove (South Acre RB1). This view is from a gap in the hedgerow, which is generally visually well enclosed by mature hedgerow and hedgerow trees. There are long distance views out north-eastwards, with views comprising woodland and existing overhead transmission lines that punctuate the skyline. The agricultural fields are visible in the foreground, with aligning vegetation also visible to the north as topography slopes away from the field of the view.

Scale of Effect - The proposed Solar PV Arrays would be predominantly screened from views along Petticoat Drove. within this locality. However, through this break in hedgerow, the proposed Solar PV Arrays would be visible in the foreground, offset from the PRoW, to the east. In the short term, the proposed Solar PV Arrays to the east of the PRoW would be directly visible in-between the hedgerow gap, from this short section of Petticoat Drove. The scale of effect would be Large-Medium. In the medium term, the proposed Solar PV Arrays would remain visible from this short section of Petticoat Drove as any new mitigation planting would not yet have fully established. The scale of effect would be Medium. Proposed Grid Connection Infrastructure would likely be partially visible alongside existing pylons in the short and medium term durations.

In the Long term, the gapping up of hedgerow along Petticoat Drove, which forms part of the mitigation proposals, would restrict views eastwards and in fill any existing gaps in hedgerow along this route. The mitigation planting would restrict views of the Scheme from this viewpoint. The scale of effect would be Small.



Representative Viewpoint 4 - PRoW Swaffham RB2

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**Existing View** – This view is representative of PRoW users along Swaffham RB2. This PRoW is vegetated to the north, with views towards the Site intermittent and generally screened. Middle ground views of western fields within the Site are partially visible, where they align Narford Lane. Existing farming structures are visible in the Site and demonstrate existing land use. The well vegetated field boundaries form a partially wooded skyline which restrict views beyond.

Scale of Effect - Proposed Solar PV Arrays would be partially visible within Fields 3, 6, 7 and 8. The Scheme would be visible upon gently undulating landform to the east of River Road. The gently undulating landform and existing field boundary vegetation, both within the Site and its immediate context, would serve to screen views towards some of the proposed Solar PV Arrays on lower landform along the Site's western edge. Mature woodland blocks and field boundary hedgerow would also serve as a backdrop to the visible proposed Solar PV Arrays, which would limit their visual prominence from this locality. Proposed Grid Connection Infrastructure would not be perceptible from this location.

In the short, medium and long term, the scale of effect would be Small. Additional planting and gapping up of existing hedgerow would reinforce their screening effects, but the scale of effect would generally remain the same in the long term.

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Photograph Panel 4 (Right) Representative Viewpoints Figure 6.10: Winter Photograph Panels

Farming structure north of the Site Boundary

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Representative Viewpoint 5 - River Road, Narford

River Road

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#### Representative Viewpoint 5 - River Road, Narford

Existing View - This view is representative of road users along River Road. Generally views into the Site from River Road are very limited, however gaps in hedgerow allow open and intermittent views into the centre of the Site. Existing woodland blocks within the Site are clearly visible on the skyline and serve to contain views beyond, with limited visibility eastwards into the adjacent Field. Field 4 is clearly visible in the foreground. A new stretch of hedgerow has been planted and reinstated along this stretch of River Road. This viewpoint is from a break in hedgerow along River Road, which is generally well vegetated and visually contained along the majority of the route. As part of the future baseline, the newly planted hedgerow would have grown and established by operation phase year 1, which would enclose views along this road, and there would be limited visibility towards the adjacent fields.

Scale of Effect - Views eastwards towards the Scheme would be mostly screened once the newly planted hedgerow has established and grown taller to match that of the existing hedgerow beside it. In the short and medium term durations, the Scheme would be generally screened by roadside vegetation, with some potentially filtered views eastwards of proposed Solar PV Arrays, visible through the hedgerow. Proposed Grid Connection Infrastructure would not be perceptible from this location. The scale of effect in the short and medium term durations would be Medium to Small, as both existing and new infill hedgerow planting alongside River Road gradually establishes. In the long term, the gapping up of existing hedgerow with new reinforcement planting and appropriate hedgerow management regimes would reinstate the hedgerow to full height (assumed to be 3 metres). This would predominantly screen the Scheme from visual receptors along River Road, at this location. The scale of effect would reduce to Small.

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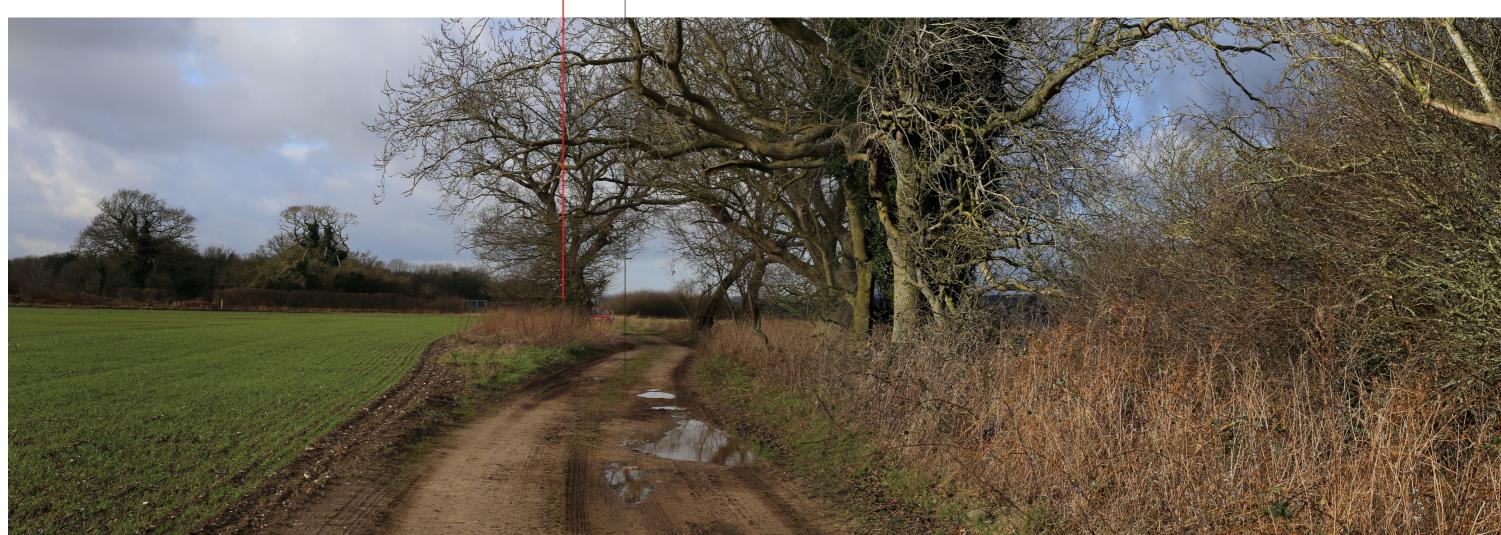
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## Representative Viewpoint 6 - PRoW South Acre RB2, South Acre

Existing View - This view is representative of PRoW users along South Acre RB2. There are short distance direct views of the Site from this location. Views are contained to within this field parcel, with mature hedgerow and hedgerow trees serving to contain intervisibility beyond. This PRoW is well vegetated to the north but open to the south, allowing direct views into the adjacent to the parcel.

Scale of Effect - There would be direct views from this PRoW, of proposed Solar PV Arrays to the south within Field 4. The Scheme would be set back from the PRoW. The full height of the proposed Solar PV Arrays, fencing and margins would be visible from this viewpoint due to the absence of hedgerow to the south of this stretch of the PRoW.

In the short term, the Scheme would be directly visible to the south, offset from the PRoW. New hedgerow planting would not yet have grown to a sufficient height to screen the scheme. Existing vegetation along the boundaries of Field 4 is to be retained and would still serve to screen views beyond the fields to the east and south. The scale of effect would be Large. In the medium term, the Scheme would remain visible as the new mitigation hedgerow planting is establishing within the Site. The scale of effect would be Large. In the long term, new hedgerow planting would have matured and fully established alongside this PRoW. Views along this PRoW would now be enclosed, with any potential views of the Scheme to the south being limited and screened within a short distance of the PRoW. The scale of effect would be Medium.

