

The Drovers Solar Farm

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

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St James the Great Church

Mature tree belt aligning South Acre Road



Representative Viewpoint 13 - Priory Road and Nar Valley Way, Castle Acre

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Pylon and overhead lines
along the northern Site
Boundary

Castle Acre Priory

South Acre Hall

Approximate extent of Order limits



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Representative Viewpoint 13 - Priory Road and Nar Valley Way, Castle Acre

Existing View - This view is representative of PRoW users of the Nar Valley Way, road users and residential dwellings along Priory Road. The Priory is clearly visible in the foreground set against a backdrop comprising a well wooded skyline with overhead transmission lines rising up from the trees. Existing wind turbines are also visible on the skyline. South Acre Hall is partially visible in the valley, with land rising again to the south towards the Site. Bartholomew's Hills Plantation and other woodland blocks within the Site and its context are visible on the skyline.

Scale of Effect - There would be limited visibility of the proposed Solar PV Arrays in the short term, as they would generally blend into the wooded skyline. The maturation and establishment of mitigation planting would further screen views of the proposed Solar PV Arrays in the medium and long term durations. The proposed Grid Connection Infrastructure would be visible across all durations, protruding up upon the wooded skyline, alongside the existing pylons and overhead lines. Where there are potential views of the Scheme from this section of the Nar Valley Way, the wooded character of the skyline and valley landscape to the south would prevail.

In the short, medium and long terms, the scale of effect would be **Medium-Small**.

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Ground Level (mAOD):	46m
Direction of View: bearing from North (0°):	241°
Distance to Site:	888m
Horizontal Field of View:	180° (Cylindrical projection)
Paper Size:	420mm x 297mm (A3)

Enlargement Factor:	TBC
Visualisation Type:	Type 1 (for context)
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Height of Camera Lens above Ground (mAOD):	1.5m

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Representative Viewpoint 14 - Castle Acre Castle, Cuckstool Lane, Castle Acre

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Representative Viewpoint 14 - Castle Acre Castle, Cuckstool Lane, Castle Acre

Residential dwellings along Bailey Street

St James the Great Church



Representative Viewpoint 14 - Castle Acre Castle, Cuckstool Lane, Castle Acre

Existing View - This view is representative of visitors to Castle Acre Castle. The view is from a local area of high ground which overlooks adjacent residential properties within Castle Acre. There are mid to long distance views towards the Site. The northern most Fields within the Site are visible set against a backdrop comprising a well wooded skyline with over-head transmission lines rising up from the trees. Existing wind turbines are also visible on the skyline. Bartholomew's Hills Plantation and other woodland blocks within the Site and its context are visible on the skyline, and restrict views beyond towards the remaining Fields to the south.

Scale of Effect - The smaller elements within the Scheme, such as proposed Solar PV Arrays, would be barely perceptible from this distance and locality. The larger elements of the Scheme such as the proposed Grid Connection Infrastructure would be visible alongside existing pylons and overhead lines that run along the northern Site Boundary. Views eastwards towards St James the Great Church within Castle Acre would not be interrupted.

The proposed Grid Connection Infrastructure would provide some change to the baseline view, however the scale of change is tempered by the presence of existing large overhead pylons also visible upon the wooded skyline.

In the short, medium and long terms, the scale of effect would be **Medium-Small**.

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Representative Viewpoint 15 - East Green, Castle Acre

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Representative Viewpoint 15 - East Green, Castle Acre

Existing View – This view is representative of PRoW users of Castle Acre FP3 at Castle Acre East Green. The northern Site Fields are visible alongside a well wooded skyline. A number of tall pylons and connecting overhead lines are clearly visible from this location, which add an industrial feature to a generally rural landscape. Existing wind turbines are also visible on the skyline. Bartholomew’s Hills Plantation and other woodland blocks within the Site and its context are visible on the skyline, and restrict views beyond towards the remaining Fields to the south. Residential development within Castle Acre and Castle Acre East Green are visible in the foreground.

Scale of Change – The proposed Grid Connection Infrastructure would be visible in long distance views alongside existing pylons and overhead lines. These elements of the Scheme would be visible along the wooded skyline, above and adjacent to existing woodland such as Bartholomew's Hill Plantation. The proposed National Grid and Customer Substations would not be visible from this locality due to a combination of topographical variations throughout the study area and screening provided by Bartholomews Hill Plantation and other woodland blocks within and near to the Site. The proposed Solar PV Arrays and BESS would be not be perceptible from this locality, with views either screened by Bartholomew’s Hill Plantation or new built elements blending in with existing hedgerow and trees within the Site and wider landscape.

The proposed Grid Connection Infrastructure would provide some change to the baseline view, however the scale of change is limited due to the visible presence of existing large overhead pylons on the wooded skyline.

In the short, medium and long terms, the scale of change would be **Medium-Small**.

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Ground Level (mAOD):	39m
Direction of View: bearing from North (0°):	225°
Distance to Site:	1311m
Horizontal Field of View:	120° (Cylindrical projection)
Paper Size:	420mm x 297mm (A3)

Enlargement Factor:	TBC
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St James The Great Church

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Representative Viewpoint 16 - West Acre Road, Castle Acre

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Representative Viewpoint 16 - West Acre Road, Castle Acre

Existing View – This view is representative of PRoW users of Castle Acre FP12, where it adjoins Walton Road. The viewpoint is situated on the northern side of the Nar Valley looking southwards towards the Site. Existing development and St James the Great Church are visible in the mid ground within Castle Acre. Woodland blocks within the immediate context of the Site such as Washpit Plantation and Fingerhill Plantation are visible on the skyline and restrict views further southwards into the Site.

Scale of Effect – The Scheme would be partially visible from this locality, beyond existing woodland and tree belts in the local context of the viewpoint. Smaller elements of the Scheme in the north of the Site, such as proposed Solar PV Arrays in Field 33, would be barely perceptible and largely screened by existing woodland and field boundary vegetation within the Site's context. The proposed National Grid and Customer Substations would not be visible from this locality due to a combination of topographical variations throughout the study area and screening provided by Bartholomew's Hill Plantation and other woodland blocks within and near to the Site. Proposed Grid Connection Infrastructure would be partially visible upon the wooded skyline; with new pylons and overhead lines being partially visible alongside existing pylons. Existing mature trees in the foreground and midground would serve to filter views towards the proposed Grid Connection Infrastructure, tempering the scale of change.

In the short, medium and long terms, the scale of change would be **Small**.

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Distance to Site:	1387m
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