



Clean Air Solar Farm
Scoping Report
Appendix B
June 2026



B. Scoping Commitments Register

- 1.1.1 This Appendix outlines the Scoping commitments from the main body of the Clean Air Solar Farm Scoping Report. The Commitments Register will be updated at the Environmental Statement stage of the EIA and included within the DCO application.
- 1.1.2 Please refer to Table B-1 below for details of commitments at Scoping stage, their relevant project phase, securing mechanism and responsible party.

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COMMITMENT ID	RELEVANT SCOPING CHAPTER	PROJECT PHASE	COMMITMENT	SECURING MECHANISM	RESPONSIBLE PARTY
Existing Site					
C1	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Construction	No demolition works are proposed.	Outline Design Parameters	The Applicant
C2	Chapter 5: Description of Development and Chapter 6: Biodiversity	Construction and Operation	Existing hedgerows, woodland, trees, ditches, ponds, field margins, as well as other areas deemed to have high landscape or biodiversity value, will be retained as far as possible.	Outline Design Parameters oCEMP oOEMP	The Applicant
C3	Chapter 5: Description of Development Chapter 11: Landscape and Visual	Construction and Operation	Buffer zones will be used to avoid encroachment into key landscape features, including: • Hedgerows: 5m; • Watercourses, drainage ditches and waterbodies: 10m; • Trees and woodlands: 25m	Outline Design Parameters	The Applicant
Proposed Development					
C4	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Operation	The Proposed Development will remain in operation for up to 60 years.	Outline Design Parameters oOEMP	The Applicant
C5	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Operation	A glint and glare assessment will be completed to determine the final tilt angle of the solar PV modules.	Outline Design Parameters	The Applicant
C6	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Operation	The PV tables will be installed with foundations suitable for site conditions to avoid likely significant effects.	Outline Design Parameters	The Applicant
C7	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Operation	Fencing around the solar PV modules will compromise a deer fence (wooden posts and metal wire mesh) and will be up to 2.5m above ground level. Natural barrier methods such as hedge thickening will also be used where possible. Mammal gates will be provided to ensure passage between areas of the Proposed Development. All fencing will be a minimum of 10m from any National Grid overhead line tower bases.	Outline Design Parameters	The Applicant
C8	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Operation	Power Conversion Stations (PCS) comprising Inverters, Transformers and Switchgear will be designed and located to avoid likely significant effects to noise receptors. Where flood extents cannot be avoided, the PCS will be raised above the design flood water event either on a plinth or piles, which will also accommodate appropriate freeboard.	Outline Design Parameters	The Applicant
C9	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Operation	CCTV towers will be installed within the Proposed Development up to a maximum height of 4m above ground level. CCTV lighting will be infrared (not visible in the dark) and will not be permanently operated.	Outline Design Parameters	The Applicant
C10	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Operation	The Proposed Development will include a permanent office, warehouse and plant storage building in both the northern land parcel and southern land parcel. The appearance of the buildings will reflect the local vernacular with standard agricultural style cladding. The location of the buildings will be provided as part of the plication information	Outline Design Parameters	The Applicant
C11	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Operation	Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) will be located on the southern land parcel only.	Outline Design Parameters	The Applicant
C12	Chapter 14: Noise and Vibration	Operation	The BESS, substation and inverters will be located further than 300m from the nearest noise-sensitive receptor.	Outline Design Parameters	The Applicant
C13	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Operation	The substation and BESS will not be permanently lit. Task specific lighting will be used in the case of emergency works. Passive Infra-Red controlled lighting will be used where access is required outside of daylight hours.	Outline Design Parameters	The Applicant

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C14	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Operation	Security fencing will be located around the substation and BESS compound, fencing will be a maximum height of 2.5m above ground level, depending upon the specific fencing type.	Outline Design Parameters	The Applicant
C15	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Operation	All DC cable circuits shall be secured to the solar PV module mounting structures or shall be underground.	Outline Design Parameters	The Applicant
C16	Chapter 5: Description of Development Chapter 6: Biodiversity	Operation	The Proposed Development will achieve a Biodiversity Net Gain in excess of 10%. The habitat type, location and amount will be discussed with the relevant Statutory Consultees.	Outline Design Parameters	The Applicant
C17	Chapter 7: Hydrology	Operation	The Surface Water Drainage Strategy will include measures to ensure sufficient fire water and containment procedures are provided for emergency purposes should a fire occur. The Surface Water Drainage Strategy will include SuDS that are commensurate with the scale and nature of the Proposed Development and designed in line with national and local planning policy and guidance.	Outline Design Parameters	The Applicant
C18	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Operation	High-voltage AC electrical cabling will be used onsite between the PCS and the project substation(s), as well as within the Grid Connection Corridor linking the project substation(s) to the National Grid Creyke Beck Substation extension, Wanlass Beck. The high-voltage cabling will be underground, and no overhead lines are proposed.	Outline Design Parameters	The Applicant
C19	Chapter 6: Biodiversity Chapter 7: Hydrology	Construction	Where practicable, direct impacts on watercourses will be avoided through the use of directional drilling to install cable connections The cable route will be subject to refinement and through design will seek to avoid impacts on more sensitive habitats through positioning or through use of non-destructive methods such as horizontal directional drilling.	oCEMP	The Applicant
C20	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Construction	The Grid Connection Corridor route is under consideration, and will be guided by the below: • Avoidance of residential gardens and private amenity; • Exclusion of designated sites and irreplaceable habitats (such as Bryan Mills Field SSSI); • Precautionary ecological avoidance (such as woodland blocks, priority habitats and areas of known or high potential for protected species); • Avoidance of environmentally sensitive areas (floodplains, watercourses and groundwater source protection zones); and • Avoidance of designated heritage assets.	Outline Design Parameters	The Applicant
C21	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Construction, Operation and Decommissioning	The Applicant is exploring opportunities to collaborate with other developers to reduce the cumulative environmental effects that may result from the Proposed Development and these potential nearby projects, with particular regard to the Grid Connection Corridor route.	Evolving - TBC	The Applicant
C22	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Decommissioning	The Applicant will aim to achieve 100% reuse and recycling of solar panels.	oOEMP, oSWMP, oDEMP	The Applicant
C23	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Operation and Decommissioning	The Site will be returned to its original use as far as possible and practical, with areas of established mitigation left in-situ where possible and in agreement with the landowners.	oDEMP	The Applicant
C24	Chapter 15: Human Health	Decommissioning	Concrete, hardstanding areas, foundations for the infrastructure and any internal tracks will be removed to a depth of up to 1m, and will be dismantled and recycled or disposed of in accordance with best practice policy and requirements at that time.	oCEMP	The Applicant

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Management Plans					
C25	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Construction	An Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) will be produced, which will detail the legislation, guidance, best practice and mitigation measures to control and minimise environmental effects during construction. This includes reducing nuisance from noise and vibration, dust and particulate generation, runoff or contamination from contaminated soils (should there be any) on surface water or groundwater, soil removal and waste.	oCEMP	The Applicant
C26	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Construction	An Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (oCTMP) will be produced, which will include details on construction logistics and worker travel plans. Measures to control the delivery of materials, plant and equipment will also be included within the oCTMP, alongside further detail on the routing and vehicle movements during the construction stage.	oCTMP	The Applicant
C27	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Construction, Operation and Decommissioning	An Outline Soils Management Plan (oSMP) will be produced, which will follow the principles of best practice to maintain the physical properties of any soil that will be disturbed, with the aim of restoring the land to its pre-construction condition at the end of the lifetime of the Proposed Development. The oSMP will manage any potential impacts to the soil (and agricultural land) during and on completion of the Proposed Development. It will set out further information on the areas which may be more susceptible to damage and will further set out measures for soil management.	oSMP	The Applicant
C28	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Construction, Operation and Decommissioning	An Outline Employment Skills and Supply Chain Management Plan (oESSCMP) will be produced, which will set out measures to maximise opportunities to promote economic benefits in relation to skills, supply chains, and employment in the local region, which is required to deliver the entirety of the Proposed Development.	oESSCMP	The Applicant
C29	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Construction, Operation and Decommissioning	An Outline Site Waste Management Plan (oSWMP) will be produced, which will set out the standard good practice measures that will be implemented by the Applicant to manage waste generated by the construction of the Proposed Development.	oWMP	The Applicant
C30	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Construction, Operation and Decommissioning	PRoW within the Site will be retained and managed by an Outline Public Right of Way Management Plan (oPRoWMP). This will outline how PRoW will be managed for the Proposed Development to ensure they have been considered fully and are able to operate during construction, operation and decommissioning. The oPRoWMP will also detail any temporary diversions or closures which may be required during construction and decommissioning.	oPRoWMP	The Applicant
C31	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Operation	An Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan (oOEMP) will be produced, which will set out measures to manage environmental impacts during the operational phase of the development and ensuring compliance.	oOEMP	The Applicant
C32	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Operation	An Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan (oLEMP) will be produced, will set out the short and long-term measures and practices that will be implemented to establish, monitor, and manage landscape and ecology mitigation and enhancement measures embedded in the design of the Proposed Development.	oLEMP	The Applicant
C33	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Operation	An Outline Battery Safety Management Plan (oBSMP), which will set out measures to account for potential safety risks, and the mitigation and management procedures to ensure that all safety concerns are addressed in so far as is reasonably practicable.	oBSMP	The Applicant
C34	Chapter 5: Description of Development	Decommissioning	An Outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (oDEMP) will be produced, which will set out the principal decommissioning activities and the measures that will be implemented, so far as is practical, to ensure the works do not adversely impact amenity, traffic or the environment in the surrounding area.	oDEMP	The Applicant