



Planning Inspectorate Reference: EN0110047

Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report
Volume II: Technical Appendices – Appendix 1-1: Evidence of the Solar Scoping Table
September 2026



1. EVIDENCE FOR APPLICATION OF THE SOLAR SCOPING TABLE

- 1.1.1 This appendix presents a summary of how the Planning Inspectorate's Solar Scoping Table, which included as part of its Technical Advice Page for Scoping Solar Development (September 2024, updated August 2026) **[Ref 1-1]**, has been applied within the technical chapters of this EIA Scoping Report. It is intended that this appendix will serve to readily direct the reader to locations within the Scoping Report where guidance from the Solar Scoping Table has been applied, or where information is available.
- 1.1.2 The full Solar Scoping Table, complete with an additional column containing information specific to this Scoping Report, is presented at **Table 1-1**.

Table 1-1 Solar Scoping Table

ASPECT	MATTER	EXAMPLE INFORMATION TO SUPPORT SCOPING ASPECT / MATTER OUT OF THE EIA WHERE RELEVANT	LOCATION WITHIN THIS EIA SCOPING REPORT
Air quality	Vehicle emissions and dust on human receptors	Evidence/assumptions to be provided in the EIA scoping request • anticipated number, type of vehicle movements, and vehicle routing for all phases • anticipated duration of activities (including earthworks) • typical plant and non-road mobile machinery to be used and expected locations for all phases • location and characterisation of roads that construction traffic is to be routed along • identification of the locations of any sensitive receptors (such as air quality management areas) • likelihood of exceedance of relevant thresholds set out in the appropriate guidance on the need to undertake an assessment of effects (such as Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM) guidance)	Evidence/assumptions information • initial estimates of construction traffic numbers are presented in Chapter 3, Section 3.3; estimates of construction and operation traffic numbers are presented in Chapter 12, Section 12.5. • construction, operation and decommissioning timeframe estimates are presented in Chapter 3, Section 3.3. • roads anticipated to be used by construction traffic are set out in Chapter 12, Section 12.2. • sensitive air quality receptors are discussed in Chapter 15, Sections 15.3 and 15.5. Air quality management areas are shown on Figure 15-1. • likelihood of exceedance of air quality thresholds is discussed in Chapter 15, Section 15.6. Proposed mitigation summary • dust management measures will be included in the Outline Construction

ASPECT	MATTER	EXAMPLE INFORMATION TO SUPPORT SCOPING ASPECT / MATTER OUT OF THE EIA WHERE RELEVANT	LOCATION WITHIN THIS EIA SCOPING REPORT
		Proposed mitigation to be summarised in the commitments register - dust management measures set out in a draft control document - traffic management measures set out in draft control document - buffer zones and / or screening	Environmental Management Plan (OCEMP) - traffic management measures will be set out in an Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan (OCTMP) - buffer zones and screening are proposed as part of embedded mitigation measures
Human Health	Vehicle emissions and dust	Please see the relevant section in this table under 'Air quality'. Where this is proposed to be scoped out of an assessment to Human Health, this should either include the relevant information set out under 'Air Quality' or appropriately cross reference to where this is discussed in the scoping <u>request</u> .	Health effects are considered in Chapter 16 , Section 16.4, which cross references to the air quality considerations in the Scoping Report in Chapter 15 .
	Noise and vibration	Please see the relevant section in this table under 'Noise and vibration'. Where this is proposed to be scoped out of an assessment to Human Health, this should either include the relevant information set out under 'Noise and Vibration' or appropriately cross reference to where this is discussed in the scoping <u>request</u> .	Health effects are considered in Chapter 16 , Section 16.4, which cross references to the noise and vibration considerations in the Scoping Report in Chapter 11 .
Land and Soils	Contaminated Land	Evidence/assumptions to be provided in the EIA scoping request description of anticipated installation methods and locations for foundations of	Evidence/assumptions information details of anticipated installation methods and locations of components of the Proposed Development are set

ASPECT	MATTER	EXAMPLE INFORMATION TO SUPPORT SCOPING ASPECT / MATTER OUT OF THE EIA WHERE RELEVANT	LOCATION WITHIN THIS EIA SCOPING REPORT
		panels, for example concrete ballast, piling • anticipated location of battery storage • description of underlying geology, hydrology, hydrogeology or ground conditions that may affect the mobilisation and movement of contaminant with reference to relevant desk studies or surveys • A review of known historical land uses and likelihood of sources of contamination being present with reference to relevant desk studies or surveys where available Technical assessment to be provided with the application • a phase one contaminated land report Proposed mitigation to be summarised in the commitments register • commitment to providing: ○ drilling fluid breakout plan ○ emergency spill response procedure	out in Chapter 3, Sections 3.2 and 3.3. An indication of development areas is presented on Figure 2-2. • details of the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) available at present are included in Chapter 3, Section 3.2. The development is currently undergoing masterplanning design to identify the location of the BESS, and as such a location has not been stated within the Scoping Report. However, the location selection is being made with consideration of all technical and environmental constraints, including contaminated land. • details of underlying geology, hydrogeology and ground conditions are provided in Chapter 16, Section 16.7. • historical land uses relating to land contamination are noted in Chapter 16, Section 16.7 and within Appendix 16-2. Technical assessment • as noted in Chapter 16, Section 16.7, potential for contamination through

ASPECT	MATTER	EXAMPLE INFORMATION TO SUPPORT SCOPING ASPECT / MATTER OUT OF THE EIA WHERE RELEVANT	LOCATION WITHIN THIS EIA SCOPING REPORT
		○ battery safety management plan • appropriate buffers / construction management measures • best practice measures during each phase to reduce risk of contaminant mobilisation	construction works will be mitigated through design, standard measures or through targeted site investigation, if required. A Phase 1 Contaminated Land Report/Preliminary Risk Assessment (PRA) is included at Appendix 16-2. Proposed mitigation summary • commitment to providing: ○ drilling fluid breakout plan ○ emergency spill response procedures will be set out in the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) ○ an outline Battery Safety Management Plan will be included with the ES • appropriate buffers / construction management measures are included as embedded mitigation and will be set out within the OCEMP • best practice measures to reduce risk of contaminant will be set out in the OCEMP and outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (ODEMP).

ASPECT	MATTER	EXAMPLE INFORMATION TO SUPPORT SCOPING ASPECT / MATTER OUT OF THE EIA WHERE RELEVANT	LOCATION WITHIN THIS EIA SCOPING REPORT
Major Accidents and Disasters		Evidence/assumptions to be provided in the EIA scoping request • explanation as to how potential major accident and disaster risks have informed the site selection and the proposed development description in the scoping request • A major accident and disaster risk identification screening exercise, taking into consideration the potential consequence and anticipated likelihood of occurrence, with consideration given to any relevant thresholds for significance identified within industry guidance, for example battery fire • Identification of any sensitive receptors in relation to the site including for example Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations (COMAH) sites Proposed mitigation to be summarised in the commitments register • commitment to providing, or provision of plans to manage risks identified in the scoping request, for example drainage strategy, outline construction	Evidence/assumptions information • potential major accident and disaster risks are set out in Chapter 16, commentary of how these have influenced the siting of the Proposed Development outlined in the tables within Section 16.6. • major accidents and disasters potentially relevant to the Proposed Development are set out within Appendix 16-1, with those likely to be relevant screened into tables in Chapter 16, Section 16.6. • sensitive receptors related to major accidents and disasters are set out in Chapter 16, Section 16.6, with one COMAH site identified within 5km. Proposed mitigation summary • both an OCEMP and an outline Battery Safety Management Plan (OBSMP) will be included with the ES.

ASPECT	MATTER	EXAMPLE INFORMATION TO SUPPORT SCOPING ASPECT / MATTER OUT OF THE EIA WHERE RELEVANT	LOCATION WITHIN THIS EIA SCOPING REPORT
		environmental management plan (OCEMP), battery safety management plan	
Waste	Construction	Evidence/assumptions to be provided in the EIA scoping request • anticipated waste streams and quantities Proposed mitigation to be summarised in the commitments register • commitment to provide a waste management plan including: ○ best practice measures ○ Demonstration of adherence to the waste hierarchy ○ Appropriate monitoring measures to ensure compliance	Evidence/assumptions information • potential waste streams are outlined in Chapter 16, Section 16.5. Quantities are not known at this stage and are thus not stated within the Scoping Report. Proposed mitigation summary • Commitment to provide a waste management plan is included at Chapter 16, Section 16.5.

References

- Ref 1-1 Planning Inspectorate (2026). Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Technical Advice Page for Scoping Solar Development.