

# **Mallard Pass Solar Farm**

Applicants Updated Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) [Clean]

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#### 1.0 Introduction

#### 1.1. Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1. This document provides an outline Construction Environmental Management Plan (oCEMP) for the construction of Mallard Pass Solar Farm (hereafter referred to as 'the Proposed Development').
- 1.1.2. CEMP(s) will be produced for the Proposed Development in accordance with Development Consent Order (DCO) Requirements prior to commencing construction, which will be required to be substantially in accordance with this oCEMP submitted as part of the DCO Application.
- 1.1.3. The Proposed Development is likely to constructed in phases or parts, and it is envisaged that the CEMP(s) may be prepared, approved and implemented for individual parts or phases of the Proposed Development. As a result, there could be multiple CEMP(s) prepared in accordance with this oCEMP. Each CEMP will be produced in line with this oCEMP following grant of the DCO and approved by the local planning authorities in consultation with the Environment Agency in advance of the date of commencement for the relevant phase of the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.4. This document does not address measures for the operational or decommissioning phases, which are provided in the separate *outline Operational Environmental Management Plan (oOEMP)* [EN010127/APP/7.7] and the *outline Decommissioning Environmental Management Plan (oDEMP)* [EN010127/APP/7.8] respectively.
- 1.1.5. Likely significant effects have been identified through the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process and are reported in the Environmental Statement (ES). A range of best practice mitigation and construction methodology measures were accounted for in the assessments, and these will be implemented during construction of the Proposed Development. This oCEMP demonstrates how these measures will be implemented. It also sets



out the monitoring activities designed to ensure that mitigation measures are carried out, and that they are effective.

- 1.1.6. The CEMP (s) will be prepared following the appointment of a principal construction contractor, prior to the start of construction of the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.7. This oCEMP has been prepared with the objective of compliance with the relevant legislation and mitigation measures identified through the EIA process. Any additional construction licences, permits or approvals that are required for the construction phase of the Proposed Development and that are not disapplied by the DCO, will be set out in the CEMP (s), including any environmental information submitted in respect of them (see also the Consents and Licenses required under other legislation [EN010127/APP/3.3].
- 1.1.8. This oCEMP provides the likely structure of the CEMP (s) and controls which might be included within the CEMP (s) to deliver the construction phase of the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.9. The appointed principal construction contractor will be responsible for working in accordance with the environmental controls documented in this oCEMP. The overall responsibility for implementation of the CEMP (s) will lie with the appointed principal construction contractor as a contractual responsibility to the Applicant, as the Applicant is ultimately responsible for compliance with the DCO.
- 1.1.10. This oCEMP is set out in the context of the other environmental management plans that are submitted with the DCO Application in Figure 1-1 below.





- 1.1.11. The following additional environmental management plans are secured by this oCEMP and will be prepared as part of the CEMP (s) prior to construction of the Proposed Development:
  - a. Pollution Prevention Plan (PPP);
  - b. Dust Management Plan (DMP);
  - c. Emergency Response Plan;
  - d. Emergency Spillage Action Plan;
  - e. Health and Safety Plan (H&SP);
  - f. Construction Resource Management Plan (CRMP); and
  - g. Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy.



#### 1.2. The Order limits

- 1.2.1. The Order limits are described in *Chapter 3: Description of Order limits*, of the ES [EN010127/APP/6.1].
- 1.2.2. They comprise the Solar PV Site, Mitigation and Enhancement Areas, Highway Works Site and the Grid Connection Corridor.

#### 1.3. The Proposed Development

1.3.1. The Proposed Development is described in *Chapter 5: Project Description* of the ES.

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#### 2.0 Construction of the Proposed Development

#### 2.1. Construction Programme

2.1.1. The construction phase is anticipated to take 24 months and subject to being granted consent the earliest construction is anticipated to start is Summer 2026. The final programme will be dependent on the detailed layout design and potential environmental constraints on the timing of construction activities.

#### 2.2. Construction Activities

- 2.2.1. The indicative construction activities likely to be required as provided below (not necessarily in order):
  - a. Site preparation:
    - i. Delivery of construction materials, plant and equipment
    - ii. The establishment of site fencing
    - iii. The establishment of the primary and secondary temporary construction compound(s)
    - iv. The upgrade of existing tracks and construction of new tracks required
    - v. The upgrade or construction of crossing points (bridges/culverts) over drainage ditches and below ground utility infrastructure
    - vi. Marking out location of Mounting Structures
    - vii. Advanced habitat creation
  - b. Solar PV Site construction:
    - i. Delivery of Proposed Development components
    - ii. Erection of Mounting Structures
    - iii. Mounting of PV Modules
    - iv. Installation of Electrical Cables
    - v. Installation of Transformers and Inverters
    - vi. Construction of Onsite Substation



- vii. Construction of onsite electrical infrastructure to facilitate the export of generated electricity.
- c. Testing and commissioning
- d. Habitats creation and reinstatement and habitat creation, in accordance with the principles set out within the *oLEMP* [EN010127/APP/7.9].

#### 2.3. Construction Access

- 2.3.1. The construction access strategy will require construction vehicles to arrive from the Strategic Highway Network via Route 1 and depart to the Strategic Highway via Route 3. Routes 1 and 3 are described below:
  - a. Route 1 proposes to access the Solar PV Site from the A1, which forms part of the SRN via the B1081 Old Great North Road, Ryhall Road, the A6121 Essendine Road and Uffington Road to the Primary Construction Compound.
  - Route 3 proposes to depart the Primary Construction Compound via Uffington Road, the A6121 Stamford Road, West Road, Raymond Mays Way (south of Bourne), A15 and the A47.
- 2.3.2. It is expected that a large transformer (in excess of 100 tonnes) will be required. Route 1 is the preferred entry and exit route for Abnormal Indivisible Load and segments of this route have been included within the Order limits as initial swept path analysis along this route has identified the potential need for temporary localised road widening, temporary adjustments to the highway arrangement and/or street furniture, or other highway improvements between the A1 and the Solar PV Site to facilitate AIL movements.
- 2.3.3. To facilitate the movement of HGVs along Uffington Lane during the construction phase, temporary passing bays will be established. The passing bays will be temporary, with the verges reinstated and managed to support the ecological designations during the operational phase as described within the **oLEMP.**
- 2.3.4. Up to nine new construction access points will need to be created to facilitate access into the Solar PV Site. Where possible access will be taken from existing agricultural tracks and field entrances. Where vegetation



removal/pruning is required for access and/or visibility splays, the works should be limited to that amount required to achieve the appropriate access / visibility required. Pruning of vegetation will be preferred over removal wherever possible.

- 2.3.5. A temporary primary construction and up to six secondary temporary construction compounds will be located within the Solar PV and at or close to access points within the Order limits, to minimise the extent of ground disturbance outside of the Solar PV Site. Once the construction works have been completed, the location of the temporary secondary construction compounds can be used for Solar PV Arrays and/or the routing of cabling, as set out on the *Works Plans* [EN010127/APP/2.2].
- 2.3.6. It is anticipated that the construction phase will require an average of between 100 150 workers onsite with a maximum of up to 400 construction staff at the peak construction period.
- 2.3.7. The following measures will form the basis of the strategy for managing access to the Order limits during construction:
  - a. Consolidation: use of a centralised Primary Construction Compound for deliveries to allow direct access to the Solar PV Site and reduce the need for larger deliveries to impact the Local Road Network (LRN), as secured through the *outline Construction Travel Management Plan (oCTMP)* [EN010127/APP/7.11]. From this centralised primary compound, the deliveries will be distributed out via smaller, local vehicles to the secondary construction compounds via the LRN and within the site. This allows for extra control over the timings of any construction deliveries.
  - b. **Internal Routing:** internal access routes will be provided within the Solar PV Site to minimise vehicles needing to use the LRN.
  - c. **Vehicle routing:** construction vehicles will only utilise the permitted access routes as set out in the **oCTMP** which is secured through the DCO.
  - d. **Highways improvements:** permanent improvements will be made to the junction of the A1621 and Uffington Lane, as well as passing places being put in place along Uffington Lane to help facilitate two-way HGV flows (included in the Order limits) prior to construction (the passing places to be removed post completion of construction). Further details on the mitigation



measures are included within the supporting TA (see *Appendix 9.4* of the ES).

e. **Staff Shuttle**: a staff shuttle service will be deployed from the primary construction compound to transport staff to the relevant area where works are required and investigations will be undertaken as to shuttles between areas of residents/public transport hubs.

#### 2.4. Construction Reinstatement and Habitat Creation

2.4.1. A programme of landscape and habitat reinstatement and creation will commence during the construction phase as per the **oLEMP**.

#### 2.5. Construction Traffic Management

2.5.1. The **oCTMP** which incorporates the **outline Travel Plan (oTP)** and includes details on construction logistics and construction worker travel and information to guide the delivery of material, plant, equipment and staff during the construction phase.

#### 2.6. Roles and Responsibilities

- 2.6.1. Key roles and responsibilities during the construction phase in managing environmental impacts will likely include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Site Manager Overall responsibility for activity onsite, and will be based onsite full time.
  - b. Construction Project Manager Overall responsibility for ensuring all elements in the DCO, CEMP and all environmental legal and other requirements are implemented, and appropriately resourced, managed, reviewed and reported.
  - c. Environment Manager Responsible for the overall management of environmental aspects onsite, ensuring environmental legislation and best practices are complied with, and environmental mitigation and monitoring measures identified are implemented. The Environmental Manager will oversee environmental monitoring onsite and carry out regular environmental site inspections, reporting and responding to any incidents or non-compliance. The Environment Manager will liaise with relevant environmental bodies and other third parties as appropriate.
  - d. Ecological Clerk of Works (ECoW) Management of the risks to ecological features (including watercourses) on construction sites, advising protecting



valued ecological features and providing practical solutions in line with this oCEMP.

- e. Flood Warden There will be a dedicated responsibility to be prepared for, and manage, the response to flood incidents.
- f. Health and Safety Manager Responsible for the monitoring and controlling of health and safety compliance and related rules and regulations onsite.
- 2.6.2. These roles and responsibilities are indicative and will be confirmed in the CEMP(s).

#### 2.7. Working Hours

- 2.7.1. Core construction hours will run from 07:00 to 19:00 Monday to Saturday, and no working on Sundays or Bank Holidays. Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) deliveries to the Order limits and works likely to generate substantial levels of noise, aside from Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD), would be limited to daytime hours of 07:00 to 19:00 during weekdays or Saturday mornings (until 13:00 hours), unless otherwise agreed with the relevant local authority.
- 2.7.2. HDD drilling could be required outside of the assumed day-time construction hours (i.e. evening, Sundays, Bank Holidays or at night) and would be agreed with the relevant planning authority.
- 2.7.3. Working days will be one 12-hour shifts, with employees travelling to and from the Order limits an hour either side of these times (i.e. between 06:00 and 07:00, and 19:00 and 20:00). Where onsite works are to be conducted outside the core working hours, this will be agreed with the relevant planning authority.
- 2.7.4. Section 61 Consents would be obtained for the Proposed Development which would include agreed construction noise limits for nearby noise sensitive receptors.

#### 2.8. Control of Noise

2.8.1. Display boards will be installed onsite at locations where they are visible to the public which will include contact details for the Site Manager or alternative



public interface with whom complaints can be lodged. A logbook of complaints and remedial actions taken will be prepared and managed by the Site Manager and made available to the relevant local authority where requested. See Table 3-5 for more details.

#### 2.9. Control of Light

2.9.1. Temporary construction lighting, in the form of mobile lighting towers, will be required in areas where natural lighting is unable to reach (sheltered/confined areas), and during core working hours within winter months. Artificial lighting will be provided to maintain sufficient security and health and safety within the Order limits, whilst adopting mitigation principles to avoid excessive glare, and minimise spill of light to nearby receptors (including ecology and residents) as far as reasonably practicable. See Table 3-1 and Table 3-2 for details on lighting in relation to Landscape and Visual and Ecology respectively.

#### 2.10. Construction Traffic Management

- 2.10.1. During construction, the appointed principal construction contractor will ensure that the impacts from construction traffic on the local community are minimised, where reasonably practicable, by implementing the measures set out within the **oCTMP** and **Chapter 9: Transport and Access of the ES**.
- 2.10.2. A CTMP will be developed by the appointed principal construction contractor and approved by the relevant planning authority prior to the commencement of construction on each phase of the development. The provision of a CTMP is secured by the DCO. This will also encourage construction staff to utilise sustainable modes of transport for journeys to and from the Order limits where possible.

#### 2.11. Site Security

2.11.1. Construction site security during the construction phase will be managed by the appointed principal construction contractor. Perimeter fencing will be implemented in accordance with details approved by the relevant planning



authority, at the start of the construction phase. Storage of materials and chemicals will be kept secure to prevent theft or vandalism. The principal construction contractor will be responsible for establishing a safe system for accessing the material storage areas.

#### 2.12. Waste Recycling and Disposal

- 2.12.1. The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 place a duty on all persons who produce, keep or manage waste to apply the 'Waste Hierarchy' in order to minimise waste production at every stage of the development.
- 2.12.2. The Waste Hierarchy is a European concept which requires anyone managing waste to consider first waste prevention, preparing for reuse and recycling, followed by waste recovery methods e.g. energy recovery and, lastly, waste disposal.
- 2.12.3. In order to control the waste generated onsite during the construction phase, the appointed principal construction contractor will separate the main waste streams onsite, prior to transport to an approved, licensed third party waste facility for recycling and disposal.
- 2.12.4. All practicable actions will be taken by the principal construction contractor to minimise the volume of waste produced as a result of the construction of the Proposed Development. This can be through reducing consumption, reuse, using resources efficiently, and designing for longevity. Waste segregation will be undertaken where possible to maximise the opportunities for reuse and recycling.

# 2.12.5. A separate outline Excavated Materials Management Plan (oEMMP) included within the outline Soils Management Plan (oSMP) [EN010127/APP/7.12] submitted with the DCO Application sets out details of how excavated materials will be managed in accordance with the waste hierarchy, good practice measures for managing waste in construction and the roles and responsibilities of the principal construction contractor. The EMMP



will be finalised with specific measures to be implemented prior to the start of construction.

2.12.6. All waste removed from the Order limits will be undertaken by fully licensed waste carriers and taken to licensed waste facilities for recycling or disposal. See Table 3-12 for further mitigation measures relating to waste.

#### 2.13. Best Practice Measures

2.13.1. The Proposed Development will adopt the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) to assist in reducing pollution and nuisance during the construction phase, by employing best practice measures which go beyond statutory compliance.

#### 2.14. Environmental Incidents and Emergencies

- 2.14.1. An emergency response plan will be developed prior to construction in consultation with the relevant local authorities' emergency planning officers, emergency services, and the Environment Agency in relation to respond to flood warnings and events.
- 2.14.2. The plan will detail the procedures for responding to incidents and emergencies onsite, and any reporting.



#### 3.0 Management and Mitigation Plan

- 3.1.1. This section of the oCEMP outlines the potential impacts, and associated mitigation measures to be included as a minimum within the CEMP(s). It also provides the monitoring requirements for mitigation and/or enhancement measures where required. The measures identified in Tables 3-1 3-13 below will be reviewed and updated following the consent of the DCO Application as part of the preparation of the CEMP(s).
- 3.1.2. Not all of these measures have been identified to address specific adverse effects assessed through the EIA process. Some of the measures have been included as good practice.
- 3.1.3. Nothing in this oCEMP would prevent the modification or omission of the control measures set out in Tables 3-1 3-13 where the construction methodology means that the measures can be so modified or omitted. This will be confirmed (including confirming that the absence or change to such control measures would not lead to any materially new or materially different significant effects) at the time of submission of the CEMP(s).
- 3.1.4. The responsibility for ensuring that the measures set out in Tables 3-1 3-13 are implemented will lie with the principal construction contractor appointed by the Applicant. The principal construction contractor will also be responsible for appointing and managing personnel responsible for fulfilling particular roles identified in this document such as the Environmental Manager and ECoW. Specific responsibilities will be set out in the CEMP(s).



| Potential Impact  | Mitigation                 | and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for Monitoring   |
|---|----------------------------|---|--|
| Loss of existing<br>landscape features,<br>e.g. vegetation; and | impacts on<br>landscape    | P sets out the measures proposed to mitigate the potential landscape and ecological features, and to enhance the and biodiversity value of the Order limits (i.e. the green   | A pre-construction arboricultural survey in line with BS5837:2012.                                 |
| Visibility of   | infrastructu               |   | Additional surveys may be  |
| construction activities   |                            | s), which will be prepared in accordance with the principles <b><i>MP</i></b> will provide details on the following measures:   | required during the construction phase as advised as necessary                                     |
|   | a.                         | construction exclusion zones in relation to retained vegetation and the Mitigation and Enhancement Areas  | by the appointed principal<br>construction contractors'<br>arboricultural specialist, based        |
|   | b.                         | ensuring a tidy and neat working area   | on the findings of the tree  |
|   | С.                         | covering stockpiles   | survey and/or detailed design,   |
|   | d.                         | hoardings in a suitable colour to aid their integration in the landscape and  | or otherwise as identified as<br>appropriate by the Applicant or<br>their appointed main principal |
|   | e.                         | storing topsoil in accordance with best practice measures.  | construction contractor.   |
|   | including re               | and biodiversity management and enhancement measures placement tree and hedgerow planting will be implemented or following construction.  | ECoW will carry out monitoring<br>of the proposed protection<br>measures such as fencing.          |
|   | constructio<br>retained ve | ter security fence will be implemented at the start of the<br>n phase to prevent construction activity in proximity to<br>getation, in particular designated sites adjacent to the Order<br>where required by arboricultural surveys, specific tree |  |

## Table 3-1 Landscape and Visual



| Potential Impact | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure   | Requirement for Monitoring |
|------------------|---|----------------------------|
|                  | protection measures will be implemented, including solid hoarding fencing and construction exclusion zones in full accordance with the requirements of BS 5837:2012.  |                            |
|                  | The design of the Proposed Development has ensured careful<br>consideration of the access points to limit the loss of vegetation at<br>access points and the number of field boundary crossings. Where<br>access and crossings are necessary, they have been carefully aligned<br>to pass through the existing field access points and hedgerows where it<br>would have the minimal impact on mature trees. The width of the<br>access points will be minimised as far as possible to retain the<br>landscape structure and habitat connectivity. |                            |
|                  | Landscape, arborists and/or the ECoW will ensure that the landscape<br>and ecology requirements of the CEMP(s) and the LEMP(s) are<br>adhered to, and that the construction works are monitored.  |                            |
|                  | Any compaction of soils that has occurred from the use of heavy machinery during construction will be aerated prior to landscape planting.  |                            |
|                  | Screening   |                            |
|                  | Existing vegetation along the boundary of the Solar PV Site will be retained where practicable to ensure its continued presence and to aid the screening of low-level views into the Solar PV Site.   |                            |
|                  | Tree Works  |                            |
|                  | A pre-construction tree survey will be required prior to construction to re-establish the baseline prior to starting works. This survey will inform   |                            |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for Monitoring |
|------------------|--|----------------------------|
|                  | the tree protection zones to be applied during construction. The findings<br>of this will be included within an Arboriculture Report, which will be<br>accompanied by an Arboriculture Method Statement (that will<br>accompany the CEMP(s)) which will set out mitigation and protection<br>measures to be undertaken.  |                            |
|                  | Where works in close proximity to retained trees cannot be practically avoided, these works will be undertaken in accordance with current best practice, defined in British Standard (BS) 5837: 2012 ' <i>Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction</i> '.  |                            |
|                  | Lighting   |                            |
|                  | Temporary lighting during construction required to enable safe working<br>during construction in hours of darkness will be designed as far as<br>reasonably practical so as not to cause a nuisance outside of the Order<br>limits. All construction lighting will be deployed in accordance with the<br>following recommendations to prevent or reduce the impact on human<br>and ecological receptors: |                            |
|                  | a. The use of lighting will be minimised to that required for safe site operations;  |                            |
|                  | <ul> <li>Lighting will utilise directional fittings to minimise outward<br/>light spill and glare (e.g. via the use of light hoods/cowls<br/>which direct light below the horizontal plane, preferably at<br/>an angle greater than 20° from horizontal); and</li> </ul>   |                            |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation a | nd/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for Monitoring |
|------------------|--------------|--|----------------------------|
|                  | C.           | Lighting will be directed towards the middle of the Order limits rather than towards the boundaries. |                            |



| Potential Impact  | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for Monitoring  |
|---|--|---|
| Potential for spillages<br>to enter watercourses<br>and impact ecology.<br>Accidental injury to<br>protected species,<br>active bird nests etc.<br>during clearance of<br>vegetation to facilitate<br>construction<br>Dust deposition on<br>sensitive ecological<br>receptors.<br>Accidental damage or<br>temporary loss to<br>retained ecological<br>features such as<br>trees, hedgerows,<br>LWS and SSSIs. | Subject to the nature of the construction activity, reasonable avoidance measures to avoid impacts on badgers and bats will be employed, including buffers of 30m around any identified badger setts, 15m buffer around trees with bat roost potential, 15m buffer zone adjacent to Local Wildlife Sites and, woodland and a 10m buffer zone to main watercourses.<br>Perimeter fencing will be installed around the Solar PV Site within the Order limits to secure the Solar PV Site and/or areas of workings. This fence will also prevent accidental damage to retained vegetation, in particular designated sites (Local Wildlife Sites) within and adjacent the Order limits. Where perimeter fence is not required, specific protection measures will be implemented, including temporary construction fencing and/or construction exclusion zones. Suitable gaps (indicatively 30 x 30cm) will be incorporated into all lengths of perimeter fencing to allow badgers to pass beneath, as set out in the <b>oLEMP</b> .<br>Skylark plots within retained arable areas to be created before construction as set out in the <b>oLEMP</b> .<br>Toolbox talks will be delivered to all contractors to include the locations of retained features, the ecological risks present, legal requirements and working arrangements necessary to comply with legislation and the protection measures to be adhered to. This will include sharing the mapping of sensitive ecological receptors including designated sites to | A pre-construction walkover will<br>be undertaken in advance of<br>mobilisation/any potential<br>advance works to reconfirm the<br>ecological baseline conditions<br>and to identify any new<br>ecological risks.<br>Updated species surveys would<br>be completed to reconfirm the<br>status of protected species<br>identified, to inform mitigation<br>requirements and support<br>protected species licence<br>applications (although<br>considered unlikely that these<br>are required), if required by<br>Natural England, the Council(s)<br>and ECoW. The oCEMP will be<br>updated to reflect additional<br>survey requirements and then<br>any mitigation measures<br>subsequently identified through<br>those surveys. |

# Table 3-2 Ecology and Biodiversity



| Potential Impact | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for Monitoring  |
|------------------|--|---|
|                  | <ul> <li>ensure contractors are aware of their location. Toolbox talks will be repeated as necessary over the duration of the construction phase.</li> <li>Update surveys for badgers will be carried out pre-construction to ensure that any new setts are identified sufficiently early to allow these to be dealt with appropriately, either through protection zones or licensed sett closures. This will also cover existing setts to identify</li> </ul> | Monitoring of the proposed<br>protection measures such as<br>fencing will be undertaken by the<br>ECoW to ensure mitigation is in<br>place and effective.<br>The condition of cleared areas |
|                  | whether they remain active. The purpose of the pre-construction<br>surveys is to ensure mitigation during the construction phase is based<br>on the latest protected species information.  | will be monitored to ensure these<br>remain unsuitable for reptiles,<br>nesting birds etc.  |
|                  | There is a risk of injuring amphibians, including GCN, during vegetation management (such as meadow cutting) within 250 m of Pond 13. This will be avoided by the requirement in the <b>oLEMP</b> that all management will be limited to cuts to no lower than 150mm from ground level in this area.   |   |
|                  | More general walkover surveys will be undertaken by the ECoW to<br>confirm whether the risks remain as previously assessed and/or to<br>confirm correct implementation of impact avoidance measures (e.g.<br>exclusions zones for protected species).  |   |
|                  | Measures to prevent and minimise dust creation and air pollution will<br>be adopted throughout construction. Please refer to the <b>Table 3-6</b> for<br>the measures employed to minimise effects on air quality.   |   |
|                  | Measures to prevent pollution incidents will be adopted throughout construction. Please refer to <b>Table 3-7</b> for the measures employed to avoid pollution events with respect to water quality.   |   |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for Monitoring |
|------------------|--|----------------------------|
|                  | Measures to minimise effects on ecology from noise and vibration will<br>be adopted throughout construction. Please refer to <b>Table 3-5</b> for the<br>measures employed to minimise noise and vibration.  |                            |
|                  | Vegetation clearance will be undertaken in advance of construction<br>and at an appropriate time of year. To avoid damage to nests or injury<br>to reptiles and other protected species, vegetation removal will involve<br>a two-stage process with a first cut in winter (October to February) and<br>the final removal during the active season for reptiles under the<br>supervision of the EcoW (mid-April onwards). This would be<br>implemented for any small-scale hedgerow, scrub or rough grassland<br>removal/clearance from mid-April. As a further precaution, prior to<br>starting construction during the nesting season (mid-March to August)<br>in any of the open fields cleared of vegetation, the EcoW will carry out<br>a survey of the affected field(s) to determine whether lapwing (or other<br>ground nesting birds) is nesting in the area. If active nests are found,<br>dependent upon the bird species and status of the nesting attempt,<br>then appropriate buffer zones may need to be required upon advice<br>sought from an appropriately qualified ornithologist and the area<br>monitored until the young birds have fledged. |                            |
|                  | The vegetation will be kept short to displace any protected species,<br>which may be present, away from the construction works when they<br>emerge in the early spring, and discourage them from moving into the<br>construction areas from the surrounding habitat.   |                            |
|                  | In the unlikely event of it being necessary to apply for European<br>Protected Species Mitigation (EPSM) or protected species licences   |                            |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for Monitoring |
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|                  | from Natural England in advance of the works in respect of dormouse.<br>This will be overseen by the ECoW.   |                            |
|                  | Precautionary measures will be implemented to prevent trapping<br>wildlife in construction excavations. All excavations deeper than 1m will<br>be covered or fenced overnight, or where this is not practicable, a<br>means of escape will be fitted (e.g. battened soil slope or scaffold<br>plank) to provide an escape route should any animals stray into the<br>construction areas and fall into an excavation. |                            |
|                  | A suitably experienced ECoW will be employed/contracted to advise<br>on mitigation measure requirements, the findings of the updated<br>surveys, and protected species licencing requirements (if any).  |                            |
|                  | The CEMP(s) will include detailed working method statements and will specify working requirements and other impact avoidance measures.   |                            |
|                  | Habitats to be temporarily lost or accidentally damaged during construction would be fully reinstated on a like for like basis at the same location on completion of construction works, where practical.  |                            |
|                  | The internal cable network will be horizontal directional drilled (HDD) underneath the West Glen River so not to impact on the water course or the immediately adjacent habitat.   |                            |
|                  | Any improvements to the existing bridge or crossing points will be<br>designed with a tall span clear of the water level to allow continued<br>movement by otter and water vole along the West Glen River and<br>other minor watercourses and ditches.   |                            |



| Potential Impact  | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for Monitoring |
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|   | The <b>oLEMP</b> sets out the principles proposed to mitigate the potential impacts and effects on landscape (and biodiversity) features, and to enhance the landscape and biodiversity value of the Order limits (i.e. the green infrastructure). The production and implementation of a LEMP is secured through the DCO. The LEMP will build on the principles set out in the <b>oLEMP</b> .   |                            |
| Potential for obtrusive<br>light and light spill<br>impact on species and<br>habitats | Controls on lighting/illumination to minimise visual intrusion and<br>potential adverse effects on sensitive ecology, such as bats, will be<br>considered as far as reasonably practicable.<br>Temporary construction lighting will be designed as far as reasonably<br>practicable so as to minimise artificial light spill from the Order limits<br>and will not be continuously lit. Lighting will be kept to a minimum<br>during construction works. Core construction working hours will be<br>07:00 – 19:00 Monday to Saturday (excluding works likely to generate<br>substantial levels of noise which will be limited to 13:00 on Saturdays).<br>Any lighting required during the construction phase will be directed<br>away from retained habitats and include hoods or cowls to direct light<br>forwards into the construction areas.<br>Throughout the Order limits, motion detection security lighting will be<br>used to avoid permanent lighting and the inward distribution of light will<br>avoid light spill on to existing boundary features. | None                       |



| Potential Impact                         | Potential Impact Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure  |      |  |
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| Impacts on<br>archaeological<br>deposits | archaeological archaeological mitigation and is appended to the Trial Trenching Report  |      |  |
|  | On-going archaeological evaluation and assessment under the WSI will<br>allow for the identification of any areas where preservation in situ is the<br>preferred strategy. The CEMP(s) will detail where (in some locations)<br>archaeological works in advance of and during construction will be<br>employed to mitigate the potential effects of construction. |      |  |
|  | Where non-intrusive trenching methods are required for cable routes, the CEMP(s) will include a strategy which will detail the monitoring of this, and it will include an action plan detailing the required mitigation in the event that unplanned activities threaten the preservation of known buried archaeological remains.                                  |      |  |
| Impacts upon built heritage assets       | Direct impacts to designated heritage assets are not anticipated during construction. Temporary impacts on the setting of heritage assets will be minimised by the provision of landscape screening as set out in the <b>oLEMP</b> .  | None |  |

# Table 3-3 Cultural Heritage and Archaeology



| Potential Impact  | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure   | Requirement for Monitoring  |
|---|---|---|
| Increased traffic flows,<br>including HGVs on the<br>roads leading to the<br>Order limits.<br>Severance and<br>intimidation associated<br>with increased<br>construction traffic and<br>abnormal loads. | The <b>oCTMP</b> and associated <b>oTP</b> detail the mitigation<br>measures required to manage the impacts of increased traffic<br>flows including HGVs on the roads and severance and<br>intimidation associated with increased traffic. The CTMP and<br>Travel Plan will be produced and approved prior to construction<br>in accordance with the <b>oCTMP</b> and <b>oTP</b> .<br>The mitigation measures for Abnormal Indivisible Load (AIL)<br>will be discussed with stakeholders in accordance with<br>regulatory requirements as set out in the <b>oCTMP</b> . | The appointed principal construction<br>contractor will undertake such<br>monitoring in line with the requirements<br>of the <b>oCTMP</b> and <b>oTP</b> , with further<br>details to be confirmed in the CTMP and<br>TP. |

# Table 3-4 Transport and Highways



#### Table 3-5 Noise and Vibration

| Potential Impact  | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure   | Requirement for<br>Monitoring   |
|---|---|---|
| Noise and vibration<br>due to construction<br>activities potentially<br>causing annoyance at<br>noise sensitive<br>receptors (NSRs) and<br>damage to building<br>structures.<br>Construction traffic,<br>plant and machinery<br>noise at nearby noise<br>sensitive receptors. | <ul> <li>Best Practicable Means (BPM) will be applied, as far as reasonably practicable, during construction works to minimise noise and vibration at noise sensitive receptors, including neighbouring residential properties and other sensitive receptors arising from construction activities. These include, as appropriate: <ul> <li>a. Ensuring that all appropriate processes, procedures and measures are in place to minimise noise before works begin and throughout the construction programme;</li> <li>b. All contractors to be made familiar with current legislation and the guidance in BS 5228 (Parts 1 and 2) (2014) which should form a prerequisite of their appointment;</li> <li>c. Ensuring that, where reasonably practicable, noise and vibration is controlled at source (e.g. the selection of inherently quiet plant and low vibration equipment), review of the construction programme and methodology to consider quieter methods, consideration of the location of equipment onsite and control of working hours;</li> <li>d. Use of modern plant, complying with applicable UK noise emission requirements;</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | The CEMP (s) will also set<br>out a scheme for the<br>provision of monthly<br>reporting of information to<br>local residents to advise of<br>potential noisy works that<br>are due to take place.<br>The CEMP (s) will set out<br>a scheme for the<br>monitoring of noise<br>complaints and reporting<br>to the Applicant for<br>immediate investigation<br>and action. |

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| Potential Impact | Mitigation | and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for<br>Monitoring |
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|                  | e.         | Hydraulic techniques for breaking to be used in preference to percussive techniques, where reasonably practicable;  |                               |
|                  | f.         | Drop heights of materials will be minimised;  |                               |
|                  | g.         | Unnecessary revving of engines will be avoided, and equipment will be switched off when not in use;   |                               |
|                  | h.         | Plant and vehicles will be sequentially started up rather than all together;  |                               |
|                  | i.         | Offsite pre-fabrication used where reasonably practicable;  |                               |
|                  | j.         | Use of screening locally around significant noise producing plant and activities. Screening would be designed to minimise landscape and visual impacts;           |                               |
|                  | k.         | Regular and effective maintenance by trained personnel will be<br>undertaken to keep plant and equipment working to<br>manufacturer's specifications;             |                               |
|                  | l.         | All construction plant and equipment to be properly maintained, silenced where appropriate, operated to prevent excessive noise and switched off when not in use; |                               |
|                  | m.         | Loading and unloading of vehicles, dismantling of equipment or moving equipment or materials around the Order limits to be  |                               |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure |   | Requirement for<br>Monitoring |
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|                  |                                       | conducted in such a manner as to minimise noise generation, as far as reasonably practicable;   |                               |
|                  | n.                                    | All vehicles used onsite shall incorporate reversing warning devices as opposed to the typical tonal reversing alarms to minimise noise disturbance where reasonably practicable;   |                               |
|                  | О.                                    | Appropriate routing of construction traffic on public roads and along access tracks pursuant to the CTMP;   |                               |
|                  | p.                                    | Provision of information to local planning authorities and local residents to advise of potential noisy works that are due to take place;   |                               |
|                  | q.                                    | Section 61 Consents would be obtained for the Proposed<br>Development which would include agreed construction noise<br>limits for nearby noise sensitive receptors;   |                               |
|                  | r.                                    | Monitoring of noise complaints and reporting to the Applicant<br>for immediate investigation and action. A display board will be<br>installed onsite. These will include contact details for the Site<br>Manager or alternative public interface with whom complaints<br>can be lodged. A log book of complaints will be prepared and<br>managed by the Site Manager; and |                               |
|                  | S.                                    | Consideration will also be given to traffic routing, timing and access points to the Order limits to minimise noise impacts at existing receptors following appointment of a principal  |                               |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure   | Requirement for<br>Monitoring |
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|                  | construction contractor, and as construction working methods<br>are developed. The contractor will issue a project route map<br>and delivery schedule to control construction traffic.<br>Management of heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) within the Order<br>limits and being let onto the highway network will be managed<br>through the CTMP developed pursuant to the <b>oCTMP</b> . The<br>relevant access route road surface will be checked prior to<br>use. |                               |
|                  | HGV deliveries to the Order limits and works likely to generate substantial levels of noise, aside from HDD drilling, would not be undertaken on Saturday afternoons (13:00 onwards). Other construction activities unlikely to generate high noise levels (e.g. site access and inductions, light vehicle movements etc.) may continue during these hours.   | Same as above.                |
|                  | If percussive piling is used, within close proximity of NSRs, for the foundations of the Mounting Structures, this should be further restricted (when works are undertaken within 400m of residential properties) to no more than two periods of four hours each with at least one hour of no piling between these four-hour periods and restricted to the hours of 08:00 to 18:00 Monday to Friday and 08:00 to 12:00 on Saturdays.                          |                               |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for<br>Monitoring |
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|                  | Trenchless/HDD works will be completed in the shortest practical timescale<br>and night-time noise generation minimised. To minimise the potential<br>impacts on noise sensitive receptors, HDD will be at a minimum distance of<br>500m from the nearest residential property.  | Same as above.                |
|                  | If night-time operation is required, the closest residents to the works shall be<br>notified of the start and completion of the works. The HDD plant would be<br>installed and operated such that noise levels do not exceed a level of 45dB<br>LAeq at the closest neighbouring noise-sensitive locations during night-time<br>operation. Depending on the plant used, location, pit depth etc., this may<br>require use acoustic screening using temporary solid barriers with a height of<br>at least that of the drilling equipment, located in proximity (around 10m or<br>less) of the trenchless drilling work. |                               |



## Table 3-6 Air Quality

| Potential Impact  | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure |   | Requirement for Monitoring   |
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| Increased nitrogen<br>dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> ) and<br>particulate matter<br>(PM <sub>10</sub> and PM <sub>2.5</sub> ) from<br>onsite and offsite<br>construction<br>vehicle/plant<br>emissions. |                                       | e standard and best practice control measures will be<br>the CEMP(s), which may include, but not be limited<br>ation<br>Develop and implement a stakeholder<br>communications plan that includes notifying<br>communities before work commences onsite; | Measures in the CEMP (s) will include<br>the implementation of inspection<br>procedures onsite to periodically<br>visually assess any dust and air<br>pollution which may be generated.<br>Additional monitoring measures will<br>be provided in the CEMP (s). |
| Increased particulates<br>and deposited dust<br>from construction<br>activities, materials  | b.                                    | Display the name and contact details of the<br>Environment Manager(s) accountable for air quality<br>and dust issues onsite. The head or regional office<br>contact information will also be displayed; and   |  |
| transportation, storage<br>and handling, including<br>use of haul roads.  | level of deta                         | nagement Plan (DMP) in support of the CEMP(s). The ail will depend on the risk and should include as a be recommended measures set out below.   |  |
|   | Site Manag                            | gement  |  |
|   | Ca                                    | ecord all dust and air quality complaints, identify<br>ause(s), take appropriate measures to reduce<br>missions in a timely manner, and record the measures<br>ken;   |  |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure |   | Requirement for Monitoring |
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|                  | b.                                    | Make the complaints log available to the local planning authorities upon request;   |                            |
|                  | С.                                    | Record any exceptional incidents that cause dust<br>and/or air emissions, either on- or offsite, and the<br>action taken to resolve the situation in the logbook;                     |                            |
|                  | d.                                    | Sheet vehicles carrying dusty substrates;   |                            |
|                  | e.                                    | Impose and signpost a maximum-speed-limit of 15mph on surfaced and 10mph on un-surfaced haul roads and work areas;  |                            |
|                  | f.                                    | Use enclosed chutes, conveyors and covered skips, where practicable;  |                            |
|                  | g.                                    | Minimise drop heights from conveyors, loading<br>shovels, hoppers and other loading or handling<br>equipment and use fine water sprays on such<br>equipment wherever appropriate; and |                            |
|                  | h.                                    | Ensure equipment is readily available onsite to clean any dry spillages and clean up spillages as soon as reasonably practicable after the event using wet cleaning methods.          |                            |
|                  | Monitoring                            |   |                            |
|                  |                                       | gree dust monitoring locations and frequency with the cal planning authorities as part of the CEMP;   |                            |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure |   | Requirement for Monitoring |  |
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|                  | b.                                    | Undertake inspections, where receptors (including<br>roads) are nearby and where access is granted to<br>monitor dust, record inspection results, and make<br>the log available to the local authorities when<br>asked. This should include dust soiling checks of<br>surfaces within publicly available land within 100m<br>of the Order limits, with cleaning to be provided if<br>necessary; |                            |  |
|                  | C.                                    | Carry out site inspections to monitor compliance<br>with the DMP, record inspection results, and make<br>an inspection log available to the local planning<br>authorities when asked;   |                            |  |
|                  | d.                                    | Increase the frequency of site inspections by the<br>Environmental Manager when activities with a high<br>potential to produce dust are being carried out and<br>during prolonged dry or windy conditions; and  |                            |  |
|                  | e.                                    | Monitoring upwind and downwind of any dusty<br>activities and close to sensitive receptors at the<br>Order limits boundary. If required and where<br>possible commence baseline monitoring at least<br>three months before work on a phase commences.   |                            |  |
|                  |                                       |   |                            |  |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation                 | and/or Enhancement Measure   | Requirement for Monitoring |
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|                  | Preparing the Order limits |  |                            |
|                  | a.                         | Design the layout so that machinery and dust causing activities are located away from receptors, as far as is possible;  |                            |
|                  | b.                         | Erect solid screens or barriers around dusty<br>activities that are at least as high as any stockpiles<br>onsite where stockpiles are within 100m of<br>receptors;   |                            |
|                  | C.                         | Fully enclose the specific operations where there is<br>a high potential for dust production and where<br>construction works are active for an extensive<br>period where operations are within 100m of<br>receptors; |                            |
|                  | d.                         | Avoid site runoff of water or mud;   |                            |
|                  | e.                         | Keep fencing, scaffolding and barriers clean using wet methods;  |                            |
|                  | f.                         | Remove materials that have a potential to produce<br>dust from the Order limits as soon as possible,<br>unless being re-used onsite. If they are being re-<br>used onsite cover as described below; and              |                            |
|                  | g.                         | Cover, seed or fence stockpiles to prevent wind whipping.  |                            |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation | and/or Enhancement Measure   | Requirement for Monitoring |
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|                  | Operating  | vehicle/machinery and sustainable travel   |                            |
|                  | a.         | Ensure all vehicles switch off engines when<br>stationary i.e. no idling vehicles;   |                            |
|                  | b.         | Minimise the use of diesel- or petrol-powered generators and use mains electricity or battery powered equipment where practicable; and   |                            |
|                  | C.         | Ensure all non-road mobile machinery (NRMM) are regularly maintained and checked to minimise emissions.  |                            |
|                  | Operation  | of Equipment   |                            |
|                  | a.         | Only use cutting, grinding or sawing equipment<br>fitted or in conjunction with suitable dust<br>suppression techniques such as water sprays or<br>local extraction, e.g. suitable local exhaust<br>ventilation systems; |                            |
|                  | b.         | Ensure an adequate water supply onsite for<br>effective dust/particulate matter<br>suppression/mitigation, using non-potable water<br>where possible and appropriate; and  |                            |
|                  | С.         | Ensure equipment is readily available onsite to clean any dry spillages and clean up spillages as  |                            |



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|                  |              | soon as reasonably practicable after the event using wet cleaning methods.   |                            |
|                  | Waste        |  |                            |
|                  | a.           | No bonfires and burning of waste materials will be carried out.  |                            |
|                  | Earthworks   | 5  |                            |
|                  | a.           | Re-vegetate earthworks and exposed areas/soil stockpiles to stabilise surfaces as soon as practicable;   |                            |
|                  | b.           | Use Hessian, mulches or tackifiers where it is not possible to re-vegetate or cover with topsoil, as soon as practicable; and                          |                            |
|                  | C.           | Only remove the cover in small areas during work and not all at once.  |                            |
|                  | Constructio  | on Works   |                            |
|                  | a.           | Minimise scabbling (roughening of concrete surfaces) if possible;  |                            |
|                  | b.           | Ensure sand and other aggregates are stored in<br>bunded areas and are not allowed to dry out,<br>unless this is required for a particular process, in |                            |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation a | and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for Monitoring |
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|                  |              | which case ensure that appropriate additional control measures are in place;  |                            |
|                  | C.           | Ensure bulk cement and other fine powder<br>materials are delivered in enclosed tankers and<br>stored appropriately with suitable emission control<br>systems to prevent escape of material and<br>overfilling during delivery; and |                            |
|                  | d.           | For smaller supplies of fine powder materials<br>ensure bags are sealed after use and stored<br>appropriately to prevent dust.  |                            |
|                  | Track-out    |   |                            |
|                  | a.           | Use water-assisted dust sweeper(s) on the access<br>and local roads, to remove, as necessary, any<br>material tracked out of the Order limits. This may<br>require the sweeper being continuously in use;                           |                            |
|                  | b.           | Minimise dry sweeping of large areas;   |                            |
|                  | С.           | Ensure vehicles entering and leaving the Order limits are covered to prevent escape of materials during transport;  |                            |
|                  | d.           | Inspect onsite haul routes for integrity and instigate necessary repairs to the surface as soon as reasonably practicable;  |                            |



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|                  | e.         | Record all inspections of haul routes and any subsequent action in a site logbook;  |                            |
|                  | f.         | Install hard permeable surfaced haul routes, which<br>are regularly damped down with fixed or mobile<br>sprinkler systems, or mobile water bowsers and<br>regularly cleaned;  |                            |
|                  | g.         | Implement a wheel washing system (with rumble grids to dislodge accumulated dust and mud prior to leaving the Order limits where reasonably practicable);                     |                            |
|                  | h.         | Ensure there is an adequate area of hard surfaced<br>road between the wheel wash facility and the Order<br>limits exit, wherever Order limits size and layout<br>permits; and |                            |
|                  | i.         | Access gates to be located at least 10m from receptors where possible.  |                            |



## **Table 3-7 Water Resources and Ground Conditions**

| Potential Impact   | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for Monitoring   |
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| Leakage or accidental<br>spillage of construction<br>materials and potential<br>pollutants used onsite,<br>migrating to nearby<br>surface watercourses<br>or infiltrating to<br>groundwater. | General<br>The outline Water Management Plan (oWMP)<br>[EN010127/APP/7.13] submitted with the DCO Application<br>describes water management measures to control surface water<br>runoff and drain hardstanding and other structures. This will be<br>supported by a Pollution Prevention Plan (PPP), which is<br>secured by this oCEMP.  | Temporary drainage will be monitored<br>throughout construction. Specific details<br>will be confirmed in the WMP (s). |
| Any flooding during<br>construction could<br>flood construction<br>equipment<br>and/materials, causing<br>release of pollutants to<br>nearby surface<br>watercourses or                      | The <b>oWMP</b> comprises good practice construction methods and<br>works that are established and effective measures to control<br>surface water runoff and drain hardstanding to which the<br>Applicant will be committed throughout the development process.<br>Watercourses will be buffered by 10m and drains will be buffered<br>by 6m, which infrastructure will not encroach on.<br>Temporary soil heaps should be stored at least 10m from<br>watercourses. |  |
| infiltrating to<br>groundwater.<br>Risks associated with<br>the use of drilling fluids<br>for non-intrusive<br>techniques for cable<br>route construction.                                   | Management of Spillage RiskThe measures outlined below will be implemented through the<br>CEMP(s) to manage the risk of accidental spillages onsite:a.Fuel will be stored and used in accordance with the<br>prevailing regulations; currently the Control of<br>Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations  |  |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for Monitoring                     |
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|                  | 2002, and the Control of Pollution (Oil Storag<br>(England) Regulations 2001. Particular care<br>taken with the delivery and use of concrete a<br>cement as it is highly corrosive and alkaline;   | will be  |
|                  | b. Fuel and other potentially polluting chemicals<br>either be in self bunded leak proof containers<br>stored in a secure impermeable and bunded<br>(minimum capacity of 110% of the capacity of<br>containers);   | s or<br>area                                   |
|                  | c. Any plant, machinery or vehicles will be regul<br>inspected and maintained to ensure they are<br>good working order and clean for use in a ser<br>environment. This maintenance is to take pla<br>offsite if possible or only at designated areas<br>the Order limits compound. Only construction<br>equipment and vehicles free of all oil/fuel leal<br>be permitted onsite. Drip trays will be placed<br>static mechanical plant; | in<br>nsitive<br>ice<br>within<br>ง<br>ks will |
|                  | d. It is considered unlikely that the Proposed<br>Development will require a high number of tri<br>requiring the transportation of hazardous load<br>however, if vehicles carrying hazardous loads<br>during construction are required then they wil<br>required to follow the regulations set out in th   | ds;<br>s<br>II be                              |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation a   | and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for Monitoring |
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|                  |  | Health and Safety Executive's (HSE) Carriage of<br>Dangerous Goods (2009);  |                            |
|                  | Drivers must ensure that any hazardous loads are always<br>accompanied by a transport document which sets out detailed<br>information on the load being carried, including full classification<br>of any substances carried and how to package them. The<br>transport document must include: |   |                            |
|                  | a.   | Information for each dangerous substance, material or article being carried;  |                            |
|                  | b.   | Emergency instructions in writing; and  |                            |
|                  | С.   | Means of identification, including a photograph of each member of the transportation crew.  |                            |
|                  | d.   | All drivers of vehicles carrying hazardous loads must be appropriately trained, so that they:   |                            |
|                  | e.   | Are aware of the hazards in the carriage of hazardous loads;  |                            |
|                  | f.   | Can take steps to reduce the likelihood of an accident taking place;  |                            |
|                  | g.   | Can take all necessary measures for their own safety and that of the public and the environment to limit the effects of any incident that does occur; and |                            |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation a | and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for Monitoring |
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|                  | h.           | Have individual practical experience of the actions they will need to take.   |                            |
|                  |              | g measures will be in place to avoid contamination of and watercourses:   |                            |
|                  | a.           | All washing down of vehicles and equipment will<br>take place in designated areas and untreated wash<br>water will be prevented from entering<br>watercourses;  |                            |
|                  | b.           | All refuelling, oiling and greasing will take place<br>above drip trays or on an impermeable surface<br>which provides protection to underground strata<br>and watercourses, and away from drains as far as<br>reasonably practicable. Vehicles will not be left<br>unattended during refuelling; |                            |
|                  | с.           | As far as reasonably practicable, only<br>biodegradable hydraulic oils will be used in<br>equipment working in or over watercourses;  |                            |
|                  | d.           | All fixed plant use onsite will be self-bunded;   |                            |
|                  | e.           | Mobile plant is to be in good working order, kept clean and fitted with plant 'nappies' at all times;   |                            |
|                  | f.           | Spill kits and oil absorbent material will be carried<br>by mobile plant and located at high-risk locations<br>across the Order limits and regularly topped up. All   |                            |



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|                  |            | construction workers will receive spill response training and toolbox talks;  |                            |
|                  | g.         | Where required, the Order limits will be secured to prevent any vandalism that could lead to a pollution incident;  |                            |
|                  | h.         | Construction waste / debris are to be prevented<br>from entering any surface water drainage or water<br>body;   |                            |
|                  | i.         | Surface water drains on public roads trafficked by<br>plant or within the construction compound will be<br>identified and, where there is a risk that fine<br>particulates or spillages could enter them, the<br>drains will be protected (e.g. using covers or sand<br>bags) or the road regularly cleaned by road<br>sweeper; |                            |
|                  | j.         | Suitable facilities for concrete wash water (e.g.<br>geotextile wrapped sealed skip, container or earth<br>bunded area) will be adequately contained,<br>prevented from entering any drain, and removed<br>from the Order limits for appropriate disposal at a<br>suitably licenced waste facility; and                         |                            |
|                  | k.         | Water quality monitoring of potentially impacted watercourses will be undertaken to ensure that   |                            |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure   | Requirement for Monitoring |
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|                  | pollution events can be detected against baseline conditions and can be dealt with effectively.   |                            |
|                  | In addition, any welfare facilities will be appropriately managed,<br>and all foul waste disposed of by an appropriate contractor to a<br>suitably licenced facility.   |                            |
|                  | Watercourse Crossings   |                            |
|                  | The use of in-situ fresh concrete in the construction of<br>watercourse crossings will be avoided where possible by the us<br>of pre-cast elements. Existing culverts may be upgraded and<br>anticipated to be replaced with suitable pre-cast culvert designs<br>Ready-made concrete 'box style' or plastic culverts will be used<br>Existing culverts requiring an upgrade will be replaced using<br>ready-made culverts. |                            |
|                  | Culverts will be designed based on pre-works morphology<br>surveys and best practice in order to minimise effects of<br>developments on the natural integrity and continuity of water<br>courses. The design will incorporate the following criteria:   |                            |
|                  | a. Culverts will be well bedded to avoid settlement<br>and protected by an adequate cover of road<br>material;  |                            |
|                  | b. The substrate and side/ head walls will be reinforced in order to prevent erosion;   |                            |



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|                  | C.         | The culverts will be designed such that it does not cause a barrier to movement of fish or other aquatic fauna;  |                            |
|                  | d.         | The culvert type will be predominantly box culverts;   |                            |
|                  | e.         | Culvert floors will have the same gradient (not exceeding a slope of 3 %) and level, and carry similar bed material and flow, as the original steam;   |                            |
|                  | f.         | There shall be no hydraulic drop at the culvert inlet or outlet;   |                            |
|                  | g.         | The width of the culvert will be greater than the active channel width of the watercourse;   |                            |
|                  | h.         | Culverts will be used to conduct water under the solar park tracks; and  |                            |
|                  | i.         | Any fences or screens fitted on the inlet or outlet of<br>the culvert will be designed to allow at least 230<br>mm of space between the bars of the screen of<br>fence, up to the high water level.  |                            |
|                  | j.         | There is a preference to avoid construction in<br>watercourses altogether through the use box<br>culverts or bridges structures appropriately<br>designed not to impede the flow of water and allow<br>safe passage for wildlife, such as fish, water voles,<br>otters etc. However, short and long term impact of |                            |



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|                  |              | designs should be considered, and there can be a case for using pipe or box culverts;  |                            |
|                  | k.           | When installing culverts, care will be taken to<br>ensure that the construction does not pose a<br>permanent obstruction to migrating species of fish,<br>or riparian mammals (i.e. the crossings will make<br>provision for fish and wildlife migration);       |                            |
|                  | I.           | Culverts should be sized so that they do not<br>interfere with the bed of the stream post<br>construction (i.e. the crossings will leave the<br>watercourse in as natural condition as possible or<br>permit reestablishment of substrate post<br>construction); |                            |
|                  | m.           | Single culverts will be used in preference to a series of smaller culverts that may be more likely to become blocked with flotsam and create erosion (i.e. the crossings will not constrict the channel);  |                            |
|                  | n.           | If any fish are found during the construction of any culverts, they will be removed to a place of safety if deemed necessary after consultation with the relevant fisheries interest;  |                            |
|                  | 0.           | To minimise impacts on breeding of any fish found,<br>then any in-stream works in these areas will be  |                            |



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|                  |                                       | conducted during months which have less impact<br>on their breeding and development, where<br>possible;   |                            |
|                  | p.                                    | Ease and speed of construction are important to<br>minimise disruption to the watercourse and<br>surrounding habitat;   |                            |
|                  | q.                                    | Designs should be low maintenance and where<br>possible self-cleansing; and   |                            |
|                  | r.                                    | Structures should visually in keeping with the surroundings   |                            |
|                  | S.                                    | If required, each watercourse crossing shall be<br>designed on a case by case basis to be<br>appropriate for the width of watercourse being<br>crossed, and the prevailing ecological and<br>hydrological situation (i.e. the sensitivity of the<br>watercourse). |                            |
|                  | Manageme                              | nt of Flood Risk  |                            |
|                  | incorporate<br>risk during t          | (s) that will be informed by this oCEMP will<br>measures aimed at preventing an increase in flood<br>the construction works. Examples of measures that<br>emented onsite include:   |                            |
|                  | a.                                    | Topsoil and other construction materials will be stored outside of the 1 in 100 year floodplain   |                            |



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|                  |                                       | extent. If areas located within Flood Zone 2 are to<br>be utilised for the storage of construction materials,<br>this will be done in accordance with the applicable<br>flood risk activity regulations, if required;   |                            |
|                  | b.                                    | Connectivity will be maintained between the floodplain and the adjacent watercourses, with no changes in ground levels within the floodplain as far as practicable;   |                            |
|                  | C.                                    | During the construction phase, the principal<br>construction contractor will monitor weather<br>forecasts on a monthly, weekly and daily basis, and<br>plan works accordingly. For example, works in the<br>channel of any watercourse will be avoided or<br>halted were there to be a significant risk of high<br>flows or flooding; |                            |
|                  | d.                                    | The temporary construction compound areas,<br>construction office and supervisor will be notified of<br>any potential flood occurring by use of the Flood<br>line Warnings Direct or equivalent service;  |                            |
|                  | e.                                    | The drainage systems will be designed so that<br>there will be no significant increases in flood risk<br>downstream during storms up to and including the   |                            |



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|                  | 1 in 100 (1%) annual probability design flood, with an allowance of 20% for climate change;   |                            |
|                  | f. SuDS features will be utilised to ensure the Surface<br>Water Drainage Strategy adequately attenuates<br>and treats runoff from the Order limits, whilst<br>minimising flood risk within the Order limits and<br>surrounding areas; and                |                            |
|                  | g. There may be PV Modules (and string inverters) within Flood Zone 2; however, these would be designed to mitigate any flood risk to them. The detailed design would determine the various heights required, which are recommended to be at least 800mm. |                            |
|                  | As part of the CEMP(s) the appointed principal<br>construction contractor will be required to produce an<br>Emergency Response Plan which will provide details of the<br>response to an impending flood and include:                                      |                            |
|                  | a. A 24-hour availability and ability to mobilise staff in the event of a flood warning;  |                            |
|                  | b. The removal of all plant, machinery and material capable of being mobilised in a flood for the duration of any holiday close down period where   |                            |



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|                  |                                       | there is a forecast risk that the Order limits may be flooded;  |                            |
|                  | С.                                    | Details of the evacuation and site closedown procedures;  |                            |
|                  | d.                                    | Arrangements for removing any potentially<br>hazardous material and anything capable of<br>becoming entrained in floodwaters, from the<br>temporary works areas;  |                            |
|                  | e.                                    | The appointed principal construction contractor will<br>sign up to Environment Agency flood warning alerts<br>and describe in the Emergency Response Plan the<br>actions it will take in the event of a flood event<br>occurring. These actions will be hierarchal meaning<br>that as the risk increases the principal construction<br>contractor will implement more stringent protection<br>measures; |                            |
|                  | f.                                    | If water is encountered during below ground<br>construction, suitable de-watering methods will be<br>used. Any groundwater dewatering required in<br>excess of the exemption thresholds will be<br>undertaken in line with the requirements of the<br>Environment Agency (under the Water Resources   |                            |



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|  | Act 1991 as amended) and the Environmental Permitting Regulations (2016); and  |  |
|  | g. Safe egress and exits are to be maintained at all times when working in excavations. When working in excavations a banksman is to be present at all times.  |  |
|  | Measures required for increased flood risk due to climate change are included in <b>Table 3-9.</b>   |  |
|  | There will be a dedicated Flood Warden with the responsibility to<br>be prepared for, and manage, the response to flood incidents as<br>secured by this oCEMP. The detail on procedures that the Flood<br>Warden will follow will be set out in the CEMP(s). |  |
| Potential for risks to human health  | The CEMP(s) informed by this oCEMP will include the following best practice avoidance and mitigation measures:   | Monitoring will be identified and detailed in the CEMP(s). |
| associated with waste<br>generation, land<br>contamination,<br>airborne contamination<br>and groundwater<br>contamination. | a. All elements of the Solar Stations (i.e. central<br>inverters, transformers and switchgear) will be<br>mounted on adjustable legs or metal skids on<br>concrete pad or concrete columns surrounded by<br>permeable hardstanding;                          |  |
| The discovery of ground contamination during groundworks.  | b. The detailed operational drainage design will be<br>carried out pre-construction with the objective of<br>ensuring that drainage of the land to the present<br>level is maintained. It will follow either the design of                                   |  |



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| Levelling of the Order<br>limits including the<br>possible introduction of<br>new fill materials. | a new drainage system taking into account the<br>proposed new infrastructure (access tracks, cable<br>trenches, structure foundations) to be constructed,<br>or, if during the construction of any of the<br>infrastructure, there is any interruption to existing<br>land drainage, then new sections of drainage will<br>be constructed. Infiltration drainage design will be<br>in accordance with BRE 365; |                            |
|   | c. <b>An Outline Surface Water Drainage Strategy</b> has<br>been prepared as <b>Appendix 11.6</b> of the ES which<br>will outline how surface water runoff associated the<br>Proposed Development will be intercepted,<br>attenuated and discharged;   |                            |
|   | <ul> <li>Appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment<br/>(PPE) and implementation and adherence to<br/>Health &amp; Safety Protocols, Plans and Procedures;</li> </ul>  |                            |
|   | e. A Pollution Response Plan will be drafted as part of<br>the CEMP(s) prior to the commencement of the<br>works. The plan will outline key pollution mitigation<br>measures including a Control of Substances<br>Hazardous to Health (COSHH) / fuel inventory and<br>key contacts to be notified in the event of a<br>significant pollution incident, which may<br>subsequently lead to the contamination of  |                            |



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|                  | controlled waters. Tanks and dispensing pumps wil<br>be locked when not in use to prevent unauthorised<br>access;  |                            |
|                  | f. Oils and hydrocarbons will be stored in designated<br>locations with specific measures to prevent leakage<br>and release of their contents, include the siting of<br>storage areas away from surface water drains, on<br>an impermeable base with an impermeable bund<br>that has no outflow and is of adequate capacity to<br>contain 110% of the contents. Valves and trigger<br>guns will be protected from vandalism and kept<br>locked up when not in use. All chemicals will be<br>stored in accordance with their COSHH guidelines,<br>whilst spill kits will be provided in areas of fuel/oil<br>storage; |                            |
|                  | g. All plant and machinery will be kept away from<br>surface water bodies wherever possible. Vehicles<br>should be well maintained to prevent accidental<br>pollution from leaks. Static machinery and plant<br>should include drip trays beneath oil<br>tanks/engines/gearboxes/hydraulics, which will be<br>checked and emptied regularly via a licensed<br>waste disposal operator. Refuelling and delivery   |                            |



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|                  | areas will be located away from surface water drains;  |                            |  |
|                  | h. An Emergency Spillage Action Plan will be<br>produced, which all construction staff will have read<br>and understood, and provisions made to contain<br>any leak/spill. Information regarding spill prevention<br>and disposal of COSHH items will be provided as<br>part of the standard site induction presentations<br>and during regular toolbox talks and as the works<br>progress;  |                            |  |
|                  | i. Workers will remain vigilant of ground conditions at<br>all times and will report to the principal construction<br>contractor any suspect areas of potential<br>contamination. Should any potentially<br>contaminated ground, including isolated 'hotspots'<br>of contamination and/or potential deposits of<br>asbestos containing materials (ACM), be<br>encountered, the principal construction contractor<br>will be required to investigate the areas and assess<br>the need for containment or disposal of the<br>material. Advice should be sought from an<br>environmental specialist should materials<br>suspected of being contaminated be found. The<br>principal construction contractor will also be |                            |  |



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|                  |                                       | required to assess whether any additional health and safety measures are required;  |                            |
|                  | j.                                    | To further minimise the risks of contaminants being<br>transferred and contaminating other soils or water,<br>construction workers will be briefed as to the<br>possibility of the presence of such materials;                            |                            |
|                  | k.                                    | In the event that contamination is identified,<br>appropriate remediation measures will be taken to<br>protect construction workers, future users, water<br>resources, structures and services;   |                            |
|                  | I.                                    | The principal construction contractor will be<br>required to place arisings and temporary stockpiles<br>away from watercourses and drainage systems,<br>whilst surface water will be directed away from<br>stockpiles to prevent erosion; |                            |
|                  | m.                                    | Stockpiles and material handling areas will be kept<br>as clean as practicable to avoid nuisance from<br>dust. Dusty materials will be dampened down using<br>water sprays in dry weather or covered;                                     |                            |
|                  | n.                                    | The length of time materials are stockpiled onsite<br>before being removed for re-use, recycling or<br>disposal is to be kept to a minimum and stockpiles<br>are to be covered with tarpaulins prior to disposal;                         |                            |



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|                  | 0.         | Dust generating equipment will be located to minimise potential nuisance impacts to receptors, as far as practicable.  |                            |
|                  | p.         | The risk to surface water and groundwater from<br>runoff from any contaminated stockpiles during<br>construction works will be reduced by implementing<br>suitable measures to minimise rainwater infiltration<br>and/or capture runoff and leachates, through use of<br>bunding and/or temporary drainage systems.<br>These mitigation measures will be designed in line<br>with current good practice, follow appropriate<br>guidelines and all relevant licences/permits; |                            |
|                  | q.         | The principal construction contractor will ensure<br>that all material is suitable for its proposed use and<br>will not result in an increase in contamination-<br>related risks on identified receptors, including any<br>landscaped areas and underlying groundwater;  |                            |
|                  | r.         | Any waters removed from excavations by<br>dewatering will be discharged appropriately,<br>subject to the relevant permits being obtained from<br>the Environment Agency;   |                            |
|                  | S.         | The principal construction contractor will implement a dust suppression/management system in order to  |                            |



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|                  |                                       | control the potential risk from airborne contamination migrating offsite to adjacent sites;   |                            |
|                  | t.                                    | Complaints about dust will be investigated at the earliest opportunity and appropriate action taken to control the source or remedy the impact as appropriate;  |                            |
|                  | u.                                    | Access tracks will be regularly cleaned and<br>damped down with water;  |                            |
|                  | v.                                    | All vehicles entering and leaving the Order limits<br>during the works will pass through a wheel washing<br>facility. Vehicles used to transport materials and<br>aggregates will be enclosed or covered in a<br>tarpaulin. Vehicle movements will be kept to a<br>minimum and vehicle speeds within the Order limits<br>will be limited;   |                            |
|                  | w.                                    | Piling/ramming will be carried out in accordance<br>with the Environment Agency Guidance Note on<br>Piling / Penetrative Ground Improvement Methods<br>on Land Affected by Contamination and ground<br>investigations will inform the Foundation / Piling<br>Works Risk Assessment which will define the<br>appropriate piling methods and foundation design<br>to mitigate risk; |                            |



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|                  | X.   | Work will be carried out in accordance with relevant<br>Construction Design Management (CDM)<br>Regulations 2015 details of these measures will be<br>presented within the Health and Safety Plan<br>(H&SP) prepared as part of the CEMP (s);  |  |
|                  | у.   | A competent/licensed contractor will survey (pre-<br>site preparation survey as defined by the Health<br>and Safety Executive (HSE)) and remove asbestos<br>containing materials and other materials and<br>structures contaminated with asbestos fibres; and  |  |
|                  | Z.   | Specification of concrete used in foundations and<br>building structures will be selected based on the<br>results of the chemical composition of the Order<br>limits' soil and groundwater. Guidance is provided<br>by the Building Research Establishment (BRE)<br>series 'Concrete in Aggressive Ground' (2005). |  |



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| Loss of land from<br>agricultural production.<br>Impacts on soil.<br>Impacts to agricultural<br>businesses. | The <b>oSMP</b> and <b>oEMMP</b> will inform construction works to minimise the damage to soil structures during the construction phase, and provide amelioration to any localised impacts using good agricultural practices. The <b>oSMP</b> will inform the preparation of a SMP (incorporating the <b>EMMP</b> ) prepared prior to construction which will: | Ongoing review during the installation period. |
| Dusinesses.   | <ul> <li>a description of the soil types and their resilience to being<br/>trafficked;</li> </ul>  |  |
|   | <ul> <li>an outline description of proposed access routes and details<br/>of how access will be managed to minimise impacts on soils;</li> </ul>   |  |
|   | <ul> <li>a description of works and how soil damage will be minimised<br/>and ameliorated; and</li> </ul>  |  |
|   | <ul> <li>a methodology for monitoring soil condition, and criteria<br/>against which compliance will be assessed.</li> </ul>   |  |
|   | The CEMP(s) will consider access routes to ensure ongoing access for<br>husbandry and any land being cropped during the construction process,<br>and to the need to adhere to precautions to minimise the risk of any<br>spread of plants and seeds between agricultural holdings.   |  |
|   | The CEMP(s) will include measures to liaise with landowners and<br>negotiate closure or severance of field accesses at key times of the<br>farming year to mitigate potential short-term effects on farm businesses<br>and enterprises as a result of construction.  |  |

# Table 3-8 Agriculture and Land Use



| Potential Impact | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure   | Requirement for Monitoring |
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|                  | The CEMP(s) will include measures to control trafficking within the mitigation and enhancement areas. Where there is an internal access track within the mitigation and enhancement areas, vehicle movements will be restricted to the access tracks. |                            |

Table 3-9 Climate Change

| Potential Impact   | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for Monitoring                                    |
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| Greenhouse gas<br>(GHG) emissions from<br>construction vehicles<br>and equipment         | The principal contractor as part of their strategy to reduce green<br>house gas emissions during the construction phase will adopt<br>best practice measures to control impacts, such measures to be<br>included in the CEMP will include:   | Principal construction contractor to confirm in the CEMP (s). |
| Use of natural<br>resources<br>Increased ambient<br>temperature due to<br>climate change | a. Adopting the CCS (or its equivalent) to assist in the reduction of pollution, including GHG, from the Proposed Development by employing industry best practice measures. These will be listed in the CEMP (s);  |   |
|  | <ul> <li>Encouraging the use of lower carbon modes of<br/>transport by identifying and communicating local<br/>bus services and pedestrian and cycle routes to<br/>and from the Order limits to all construction staff<br/>and providing facilities for the safe storage of<br/>cycles;</li> </ul> |   |



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|                  | C.                                    | Implementing a Travel Plan to reduce the use of private car journeys to the Order limits by construction staff and employees.   |                            |
|                  | d.                                    | Liaising with construction personnel for potential to implement staff minibuses and car sharing options;  |                            |
|                  | e.                                    | Requiring the principal construction contractor to report on fuel consumption and carbon footprint following the construction of the Proposed Development;                  |                            |
|                  | f.                                    | Prevent idling vehicles by switching vehicles and<br>plant off when not in use and ensuring that all<br>construction vehicles conform to current EU<br>emissions standards; |                            |
|                  | g.                                    | Conducting regular and planned maintenance of the construction plant and machinery to optimise efficiency;  |                            |
|                  | h.                                    | Increasing recyclability by segregating construction waste to be re-used and recycled where reasonably practicable;   |                            |
|                  | i.                                    | Disposing of construction waste locally where reasonably practicable to reduce emissions associated with transportation;  |                            |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for Monitoring |
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|                  | j. Designing, constructing and implementing the<br>Proposed Development in such a way as to<br>minimise the creation of waste and maximise the<br>use of alternative materials with lower embodied<br>carbon such as locally sourced products and<br>materials with a higher recycled content where<br>feasible; and |                            |
|                  | k. Reusing site-won materials to minimise the use of natural resources and unnecessary materials (e.g. reusing excavated soil for fill requirements).  |                            |
|                  | Mitigation measures embedded within the design of the<br>Proposed Development to ensure its resilience to increased flood<br>risk as a result of climate change are included in <b>Table 3-7</b> .   |                            |
|                  | The following measures are required to ensure safety of staff from increased flood risk onsite due to climate change:  |                            |
|                  | <ul> <li>a. Health and safety plans will be required to account for<br/>potential climate change impacts on workers, such as<br/>flooding and heatwaves;</li> </ul>  |                            |
|                  | <ul> <li>Storing materials outside of flood extent as far as<br/>reasonably practicable; and</li> </ul>  |                            |
|                  | c. Appointing at least one designated Flood Warden who<br>is familiar with the risks and remains vigilant to news  |                            |



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|                  | reports, Environment Agency flood warnings and water levels of the local waterways. |                            |



| Potential Impact   | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure   | Requirement for Monitoring       |
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| Impacts to local<br>residents, businesses<br>and community<br>facilities<br>Disruption to users of | Access to all existing PRoW will be retained during the construction phase, with a limited number of temporary PRoW diversions to allow the construction of access tracks where they cross PRoW. The PRoW will be managed throughout the construction phase to ensure that they can continue to be used safely  | To be confirmed in the CEMP (s). |
| Public Rights of Way   | safely.<br>It is important that public safety is maintained when there are<br>moving vehicles along the construction routes within the Order<br>limits. The proposed construction routes through the Order limits<br>will be physically separated from existing PRoW, where possible,<br>using perimeter fencing in the first instance or mesh, heras, or<br>other similar types of fencing for a temporary period during<br>construction, to maximise the safety of users. |                                  |
|  | The existing PRoW will be reinstated when construction has<br>been completed for that particular phase, albeit public access will<br>be retained throughout as a result of the PRoW diversions. The<br>minimum legal PRoW widths will be maintained for all PRoW<br>throughout the construction phase.  |                                  |
|  | The proposed internal access tracks will cross the following PRoW within the Order Limits:  |                                  |
|  | a. Bridleway E169/1   |                                  |

# Table 3-10 Socio-Economics



| Potential Impact | Mitigation   | and/or Enhancement Measure   | Requirement for Monitoring |
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|                  | b.   | Bridleway BrAW/1/1   |                            |
|                  | be tempora<br>marked out<br>diversion w<br>diversion ro<br>relevant loc  | struction of the internal access tracks these PRoW will<br>rily diverted. Each minor diversion will be clearly<br>along with appropriate signage at either end of the<br>nich will take the most direct route possible. The<br>utes will be agreed and implemented with the<br>al authority for each diversion prior to construction of<br>ed Development. |                            |
|                  | Once complete the proposed crossing points will be carefully<br>managed to allow all users to safely pass through these areas as<br>follows: |  |                            |
|                  | a.   | Providing manned controls at each crossing point<br>(such as marshals/ banksmen and gates as<br>appropriate), with a default priority that construction<br>traffic will give-way to other users;   |                            |
|                  | b.   | Providing advanced signage to warn users of the potential presence of construction vehicles; and   |                            |
|                  | с.   | Maximising visibility between construction vehicles<br>and other users at the crossing points (through<br>vegetation pruning for example).   |                            |



| Potential Impact | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for Monitoring   |
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| Impact to trees  | <ul> <li>A detailed Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS) and Tree<br/>Protection Plan (TPP) will be prepared and will form part of the<br/>CEMP(s). The AMS and TPP will identify the specification for<br/>tree protection measures and the methodology for sensitive<br/>works in proximity to retained trees during construction and be in<br/>accordance with the requirements of BS 5837:2012.</li> <li>A pre-construction tree survey will be undertaken where<br/>construction works are likely to affect trees. The findings and<br/>recommendations of these will be taken into account by the<br/>appointed principal construction contractor.</li> <li>Where works in close proximity to retained trees cannot be<br/>practically avoided, these works will be undertaken in<br/>accordance with current best practice, defined in British Standard<br/>(BS) 5837: 2012 'Trees in relation to design, demolition and<br/>construction'.</li> <li>All necessary protective fencing provided for the safeguarding of<br/>trees will be erected prior to the commencement of any<br/>clearance or construction works. This fencing must have all<br/>weather notices attached stating "Construction Exclusion Zone –<br/>No Access" and, will not be removed or altered without the prior<br/>consent of the Local Planning Authority.</li> </ul> | A pre-construction arboriculture survey<br>in line with BS 5837:2012 will be<br>undertaken concurrently with the<br>detailed design of the Proposed<br>Development, to identify where trees are<br>likely to be affected by the construction<br>works and to inform the development of<br>the detailed design.<br>In accordance with item 6.3 of BS<br>5837:2012, regular monitoring by a<br>competent arboriculturalist will be<br>undertaken to ensure that the<br>arboricultural aspects (e.g. the<br>installation and maintenance of<br>protective measures and the supervision<br>of specialist working techniques) are<br>implemented. |

## Table 3-11 Arboriculture



| Potential Impact | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure   | Requirement for Monitoring |
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|                  | Prior to and during all construction works onsite, no spoil or<br>construction materials will be stored within the Root Protection<br>Area (RPA) of any tree on, or adjacent to the Order limits. Any<br>encroachment within the RPAs for such works will only be with<br>the prior agreement of the Local Planning Authority.  |                            |
|                  | If it is necessary to excavate so close to trees that roots greater<br>than 50mm diameter are likely to be encountered, particular care<br>will be taken to avoid damage. Excavation in these areas will be<br>undertaken by hand or using an air spade, avoiding any damage<br>to the bark. The roots will be surrounded with sharp sand prior to<br>the replacing of any soil or other material in the vicinity.        |                            |
|                  | If it is necessary to raise levels, it is essential that adequate<br>supplies of water and oxygen pass through the soil to the trees'<br>roots. Therefore, where necessary, a granular material will be<br>used which will not inhibit gaseous diffusion. Possible options are<br>no-fines gravel, cobbles or, Type 2 road-stone. All hard surfaces<br>will be of suitable specification to allow such gaseous diffusion. |                            |



## Table 3-12 Waste

| Potential Impact  | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure  | Requirement for Monitoring  |
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| Potential to impact on<br>sensitive receptors<br>(humans, wildlife and<br>controlled waters) if not<br>stored and managed<br>appropriately. | The principal construction contractor will consider the objectives<br>of sustainable resource and waste management and seek to use<br>material resources efficiently, reduce waste at source, reduce<br>waste that requires final disposal to landfill and apply the<br>principles of the waste hierarchy. This will include, where<br>reasonably practical, working towards a cut and fill balance for<br>excavations; segregation of construction materials onsite for | The types, quantities and final<br>destination of waste generated during<br>the construction phase will be<br>identified, measured and recorded<br>through the CRMP.<br>A register of all waste loads leaving the<br>Order limits will be maintained to |
|   | appropriate re-use, recycling and recovery, with landfill as a last<br>resort. This will be achieved by a combination of measures,<br>including:   | provide a suitable audit trail for<br>compliance purposes and to facilitate<br>monitoring and reporting of waste  |
|   | <ul> <li>The principal construction contractor will prepare<br/>and implement a CRMP as part of the CEMP(s),<br/>which will set out targets for fuel, waste and energy<br/>consumption;</li> </ul>   | types, quantities and management methods.   |
|   | <ul> <li>All waste transported offsite will be delivered to the<br/>appropriately licenced receivers of such materials;<br/>and</li> </ul>   |   |
|   | c. As part of the CRMP, the principal construction<br>contractor will segregate construction waste to be<br>re-used and recycled where reasonably<br>practicable. All soil to be reused onsite or disposed   |   |



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|                  | of off-site will be appropriately characterised by the principal construction contractor.   |                            |
|                  | Waste Hierarchy   |                            |
|                  | The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 place a duty<br>on all persons who produce, keep or manage waste to apply the<br>'Waste Hierarchy' in order to minimise waste production at every<br>stage of the development. The 'Waste Hierarchy' promotes<br>selection of the Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO)<br>and preferred option for management of waste.  |                            |
|                  | The core waste management principles of prevention, reuse,<br>recycle, recover and disposal as defined in the 'Waste Hierarchy'<br>will be embedded within the DEMP (s), produced prior to<br>decommissioning.  |                            |
|                  | The separation of waste will be carried out at the source in order<br>to maximise opportunities for reuse and recycling. Segregation of<br>waste will require training, monitoring and enforcement.   |                            |
|                  | All areas used for temporary storage of waste within the Order<br>limits will comply with DEFRA and the Environment Agency (EA)<br>guidelines relevant at the point of decommissioning and will be<br>clearly signed. Waste storage facilities will be provided at source<br>using the best environmental options available. Any hazardous or<br>special waste will be stored in separate, secure containers and<br>clearly identified as such. |                            |



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|                  | Waste Disposal  |                            |
|                  | Disposal activities will also be carried out in accordance with the relevant Pollution Prevention Guidelines (or any relevant successive guidance in place) in order to ensure compliance with current waste legislation.   |                            |
|                  | All waste transported offsite will be delivered to the appropriately licenced receivers of such materials. Waste transportation will take place at regular intervals to avoid the accrual of waste.   |                            |
|                  | Only registered waste carriers will be authorised to transport<br>waste and a Waste Transfer Note (WTN) will be completed for<br>each load of waste, which must contain a record of their waste<br>carrier registration number. Copies of each WTN will be filed as<br>an appendix to the CEMP(s) and held for a minimum of two<br>years. The appropriate European Waste Catalogue (EWC) code<br>will be noted on the WTN, in addition to how it is contained. All<br>sites receiving waste must have an appropriate permit, licence or<br>registration exemption, the details of which should also be<br>recorded. |                            |
|                  | Hazardous Waste   |                            |
|                  | If required, the EA will be advised in advance of any hazardous<br>waste movements and Waste Consignment Notes (WCNs) will<br>be purchased in advance for this type of waste transportation.<br>These consignment notes will be held for a minimum of three<br>years. Burning of waste or unwanted materials will not be  |                            |



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|                  | permitted onsite. All hazardous materials including chemicals,<br>cleaning agents and solvent containing products to be properly<br>sealed in sealed containers at the end of each day prior to<br>storage in appropriately protected and bunded storage areas.   |                            |
|                  | All fuel and oil will be stored within the Order limits and contained<br>by a small bund constructed from material sourced onsite and<br>lined with an impermeable membrane in order to prevent any<br>contamination of the surrounding soils, vegetation and water<br>table, in accordance with Defra and Environmental Agency Oil<br>Storage Regulations for Businesses 2015 (as amended in 2020)<br>(or latest guidance/legislation at the point of decommissioning).<br>Any contaminated runoff within the bund will be disposed of at an<br>appropriate waste management facility. |                            |
|                  | Any used (contaminated) spill kits, absorbent granules, sheets or<br>fibres must be disposed of in accordance with the COSHH<br>regulations (or latest guidance/legislation at the point of<br>decommissioning) and in accordance with the Emergency<br>Spillage Action Plan.   |                            |
|                  | Waste from Welfare and Domestic Facilities  |                            |
|                  | Temporary welfare facilities will be provided during the decommissioning phase. These facilities will include toilets, washing and drinking water. This will include a cess tank that will be periodically emptied and taken offsite by a licensed waste  |                            |



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|                  | operator. All onsite welfare facilities will be clearly signposted and maintained.   |                            |
|                  | Where excess surface water occurs from the area of the buildings, this will be collected and treated in a Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS), prior to discharge.  |                            |
|                  | Effluent and waste from onsite construction personnel will be<br>treated at a package sewage treatment plant or a septic tank and<br>discharged into a properly designed and sized drainage field, in<br>accordance with Defra's GPP4 (2021), subject to obtaining the<br>required consents.   |                            |
|                  | Collection facilities for other domestic refuse will be provided to segregate waste. These facilities will be clearly marked, positioned in appropriate locations and protected from the weather and animals.  |                            |
|                  | To minimise impacts of waste on the surrounding environment,<br>the following measures will be implemented:  |                            |
|                  | a. Offsite pre-fabrication, where reasonably<br>practicable, including the use of prefabricated<br>structural elements, cladding units, mechanical and<br>electrical risers and packaged plant rooms. Pre-<br>fabrication could be utilised for the<br>office/warehouses and control rooms associated<br>with the Onsite Substation; |                            |



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|                  | b.                                    | Burning of waste or unwanted materials will not be permitted onsite;   |                            |
|                  | C.                                    | All hazardous materials including chemicals,<br>cleaning agents and solvent containing products to<br>be properly sealed in sealed containers at the end<br>of each day prior to storage in appropriately<br>protected and bunded storage areas;   |                            |
|                  | d.                                    | Materials requiring removal from the Order limits<br>will be transported using licensed carriers and<br>records kept, detailing the types and quantities of<br>waste moved and the destinations of this waste, in<br>accordance with the relevant regulations. An audit<br>and careful checks will be undertaken to ensure<br>that all carriers and facilities will be licenced, and<br>that the appropriate permits and transfer notes are<br>in place prior to removal of waste; and |                            |
|                  | e.                                    | Prior to commencement of construction, suitable recycling and landfill facilities with sufficient capacity to receive the quantities of construction waste expected will be identified.  |                            |



| Potential Impact  | Mitigation and/or Enhancement Measure   | Requirement for Monitoring      |  |
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| The incidence of major<br>accidents and<br>disasters as a result of<br>the Proposed<br>Development.<br>Potential impacts on<br>the Proposed<br>Development as a<br>result of major<br>accidents and<br>disasters. | All works will be undertaken in accordance with the Building<br>Regulations, NHS England Emergency Preparedness, Resilience<br>and Response Framework, Health and Safety at Work Act 1974,<br>Safety at Work Regulations 1999, CDM Regulations 2015,<br>Railway Operator Regulatory Requirements, 999 emergency<br>service response procedure and call/response procedure to<br>report utility system failures. | To be confirmed in the CEMP(s). |  |
|   | Details of fire, police, emergency services and hospitals will be publicised and included in the site induction.  |                                 |  |
|   | The relevant risk assessments for safety during construction will<br>be required and produced by the principal construction contractor<br>prior to construction, which will be implemented to minimise the<br>risk of accidents and disasters onsite.   |                                 |  |
|   | Furthers risks of major accidents and disasters are covered <b>Table 3-4, Table 3-7</b> and <b>Table 3-12.</b>  |                                 |  |



#### 4.0 Implementation

- 4.1.1. The CEMP(s) will set out all roles, responsibilities and actions required in respect of implementation of the measures described in this oCEMP, including:
  - a. An organogram showing team roles, names and responsibilities;
  - b. Training requirements for relevant personnel on environmental topics;
  - Information onsite briefings and toolbox talks that will be used to equip relevant staff with the necessary level of knowledge to follow environmental control procedures;
  - d. Measures to advise employees of changing circumstances as work progresses;
  - e. Communication methods;
  - f. Document control; and
  - g. Environmental emergency procedures.



### 5.0 Monitoring and Recording

#### 5.1. Monitoring

- 5.1.1. Environmental monitoring of the Proposed Development and its impacts will be undertaken throughout the construction phase.
- 5.1.2. As part of the monitoring process, the principal construction contractor will allocate a designated Environmental Manager who will be present onsite throughout the construction process and when new activities are commencing. The Environmental Manager will observe construction activities and report any deviations from the measures set out within the CEMP(s), along with the action taken and general conditions at the time. The Applicant will be informed of any deviations from the measures set out within the CEMP(s) as soon as possible following identification of such issues. The Environmental Manager will also act as day-to-day contact with relevant local authorities and other regulatory agencies such as the Environment Agency.
- 5.1.3. During construction, the Environmental Manager will conduct walkover surveys to ensure all requirements of the CEMP(s) are being met. Action from these surveys will be documented on an Environmental Action Schedule, discussed with the Site Manager for programming requirements and issued weekly for actioning. The Environmental Manager and /or the Construction Project Manager will arrange regular formal inspections to ensure the requirements of the CEMP(s) are being adhered to. After completion of the works, the Environmental Manager will conduct a final review.
- 5.1.4. A Community Liaison Officer will be appointed to respond to any complaints raised by the local communities (or other stakeholders) during construction. Contact details will also be available on the display board at the Order limits entrance should anyone wish to make contact. The contractor will set up a social media page where regular progress



updates will be provided. This would be used to post any information on changes such as AIL deliveries or new phases of work to ensure that the local community remain up to date.

#### 5.2. Records

- 5.2.1. The Environmental Manager will retain records of environmental monitoring and implementation of the CEMP(s). This will allow provision of evidence that the CEMP(s) is being implemented effectively. These records will include:
  - a. Environmental Action Schedule;
  - b. Licences and approvals;
  - c. Results of inspections by Environmental Manager/ Construction Project Manager;
  - d. Other environmental surveys and investigations; and
  - e. Environmental equipment test records.
- 5.2.2. The CEMP(s) will be updated as necessary, with a full review as required (at least quarterly) throughout the construction period. A brief report will be produced and submitted to the relevant local planning authorities for information on a quarterly basis and following completion of commissioning. This will summarise the monitoring process, observed deviations from the CEMP(s) and the corrective actions taken.

