



# Longfield Solar Farm

Statement of Common Ground – Essex County Council, Braintree  
District Council and Chelmsford District Council (the Host Authorities)

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) has been prepared as part of the proposed Longfield Solar Farm Development Consent Order (the Application) made by Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd (The Applicant) to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (the Secretary of State) pursuant to the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008).
- 1.1.2 This SoCG does not seek to replicate information which is available elsewhere within the Application documents. All documents are available in the deposit locations and/or the Planning Inspectorate website.
- 1.1.3 This SoCG has been produced to confirm to the Examining Authority (ExA) where agreement has been reached between the parties, and where agreement has not (yet) been reached. SoCGs are an established means in the planning process of allowing all parties to identify and focus on specific issues that may need to be addressed during the examination.
- 1.1.4 The engagement between the parties across the breadth of matters is ongoing. The SoCG is an evolving document and the detailed wording within it is still being discussed in detail between the parties. This SoCG has been written in the context of the Councils' recently finalised Local Impact Report, so due to the timescales involved all the parties have not been able to be as thorough as they will be in the next iterations. Therefore, the future iterations will evolve from this point and all parties reserve the right to supplement the matters identified as we progress the discussions to ensure it is comprehensive. There are many items within it that although not currently agreed have the potential to be resolved. We will continue to work together, seeking resolution where appropriate to ensure it is a reliable and up to date document which can inform the examination.

## 1.2 Parties to this Statement of Common Ground

- 1.2.1 This SoCG has been prepared by (1) Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd as the Applicant and (2) Essex County Council (ECC), Braintree District Council (BDC) and Chelmsford City Council (CCC) (the Host Authorities).
- 1.2.2 Collectively, Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd and the Host Authorities are referred to as 'the parties'.

## 1.3 Terminology

- 1.1.1 In the table in the Issues chapter of this SoCG:
  - “Agreed” indicates where the issue has been resolved.
  - “Not Agreed” indicates a final position, and
  - “Under discussion” indicates where these points will be the subject of on-going discussion wherever possible to resolve, or refine, the extent of disagreement between the parties.

## 1.4 Structure of this Statement of Common Ground

1.4.1 The SoCG has been structured to reflect the topics of the Application that are of interest to the Councils as follows:

- principle of the development;
- cultural heritage;
- ecology and habitat regulations;
- water environment;
- landscape and visual amenity;
- noise and vibration;
- socio-economics and land use;
- transport and access;
- human health;
- glint and glare;
- other matters.

1.4.2 The tables in the subsequent sections (Sections 2 onwards) provide fuller details, identifying for each topic where matters are 'agreed' (i.e. all relevant matters agreed in their entirety), 'not agreed' (i.e. the matter is not capable of resolution between the parties) and or where there are 'discussions ongoing' (i.e. where discussions are ongoing to explore whether it could be agreed, with the related actions identified).

## 1.5 Position of Other Interested Parties

1.5.1 The Host Authorities will have regard to any points raised by statutory bodies and other relevant Interested Parties in respect of the matters covered in the SoCG. Therefore, this version reflects the current position of each Host Authority, but may be subject to change during the examination. A final position will be recorded in the final SoCG to be submitted prior to the close of the examination.

## 2. Record of Engagement

### 2.1 Summary of consultation

- 2.1.1 The parties have been engaged in consultation since the beginning of the proposed development. A summary of the meetings and correspondence that has taken place between Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd and the Host Authorities in relation to the Application is outlined in **Table 2-1**.

#### **Table 2.1 - Record of Engagement**

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- 2.1.2 It is agreed that this is an accurate record of the key meetings and consultation undertaken between (1) Longfield Solar Energy Farm Ltd and (2) the Host Authorities in relation to the issues addressed in this SoCG.

## 3. Issues

### 3.1 Principle of Development

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
PD-01	Overall development	Agreed	Agreed	Discussions ongoing	The principle of the need for large scale solar projects is established in national planning policy, as detailed in the Planning Statement and Statement of Need; and the principle of delivering solar broadly supported.	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Agreed - No further actions.  <b>ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing, as agreement is subject to there being no significant adverse environmental impacts that cannot be managed and/or mitigated.
PD-02	Project components	Agreed in part, refer to next row for details	Agreed in part, refer to next row for details	Agreed in part, refer to next row for details	The siting of the individual project components, as set out in the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) and Design Statement, are acceptable.	<b>Agreed</b>
PD-03	Project components (PV1)	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	PV1 – The siting of PV1 is acceptable in planning terms.	<b>Agreed</b>

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
PD-04	Development Consent Order	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The drafting of the DCO is acceptable, including the scope and wording of the Requirements.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022. The Host Authorities are currently reviewing the dDCO, in particular Schedule 16 (time period for determination; seeking 8 weeks rather than 6 weeks as currently drafted).
PD-05	S106 Agreement / Deed of Obligation	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The matters identified in the Planning Statement to be captured within the legal agreement(s) are agreed, albeit the detail needs to be developed and agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing. A draft agreement was issued by the Applicant to the Host Authorities on 09.08.22 and a meeting is scheduled for 5 September 2022 to discuss the draft.

## 3.2 Cultural Heritage

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
CC-01	Legislation and Planning Policy	Discussions ongoing	Agreed	Agreed (archaeology)	The summary of the relevant legislation and policy detailed in <b>Section 7.2</b> of the chapter is up to date and complete.	<p><b>ECC/CCC:</b> Agreed</p> <p><b>BDC:</b> Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is replying to specific points raised by BDC with regards to policy considerations as the new Local Plan is now adopted. Its policies supersede previously identified policies.</p>
CC-02	Assessment Methodology	Agreed (built heritage only; defer to ECC for archaeology)	Agreed	Discussions ongoing	The impact assessment methodologies detailed in <b>Section 7.4</b> of the chapter provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	<p><b>BDC/CCC:</b> Agreed in relation to built heritage, deferring to ECC on archaeology.</p> <p><b>ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing. Whilst agreed in part there are inaccuracies in para. 7.4.8 of the assessment as the geophysics assessment was not completed for the whole scheme.</p> <p>A meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2022.</p>



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
CC-03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed (built heritage)	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The description of the baseline characteristics in <b>Section 7.6</b> of the chapter, as well as <b>Appendix 7A: Heritage Desk Based Assessment</b> is sufficient to inform the assessment; and <b>Appendix 7.3: Geophysical</b> .	<p><b>BDC:</b> Agreed in relation to built heritage, deferring to ECC on archaeology.</p> <p><b>CCC:</b> Discussions ongoing. Matters are broadly agreed, with the exception of the significance of White House Farm, Birds Farm Lane/Noakes Lane, Birds Farmhouse and Stocks Farm, which is under discussion.</p> <p><b>ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing. Para. 7.6.34 of the assessment needs updating with the results of the trial trenching which identified roman activity; and para. 7.6.35 (medieval farmsteads) also needs consideration. It is considered that the desk based assessment has not recognised the antiquity of the historic landscape.</p> <p>A meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2022.</p>

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
CC-04	Embedded Design Mitigation	Discussions ongoing (built heritage)	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in <b>Section 7.7</b> of the chapter are acceptable	<p><b>BDC:</b> Discussions ongoing. Matters are broadly agreed however the appropriateness of mitigation at Sparrows Farm/Little Russells, Scarletts Farm and Rolls Farm, which requires further discussion.</p> <p><b>CCC:</b> Discussions ongoing. Matters are broadly agreed, with the exception of further mitigation works sought at Stocks Farm, The Thatched Cottage, Stocks Cottages, Little Holts and Whalebone Cottages and at Noaks Farm Lane, which requires discussion.</p> <p><b>ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing. ECC are not supportive of the intrusive nature of the proposals on Sites A70 and A127 and further understanding of the extent and significance of the potential WWI features is required to determine</p>

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						<p>the impact of the scheme in this area.</p> <p>A meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2022.</p>
CC-05	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects	Discussions ongoing (built heritage)	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The assessment conclusions detailed in <b>Section 7.8</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<p><b>BDC:</b> Discussions ongoing. Matters are broadly agreed, but further discussion required regarding mitigation as above.</p> <p><b>CCC:</b> Discussions ongoing. Matters are broadly agreed, with the exception of disagreement on impacts on Stocks Farm, The Thatched Cottage, Stocks Cottages, Little Holts and Whalebone Cottages and at Noaks Farm Lane.</p> <p><b>ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing, as the sensitivity/value where the effect is considered significant may need to be reassessed.</p> <p>A meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2022.</p>

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
CC-06	<b>Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures</b>	Discussions ongoing (built heritage)	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The mitigation measures identified in <b>Section 7.9</b> of the chapter are acceptable.	<p><b>BDC:</b> Discussions ongoing. Matters are broadly agreed but further discussion required regarding mitigation as above.</p> <p><b>CCC:</b> Discussions ongoing. Matters are broadly agreed, with the exception of disagreement on the extent of mitigation works at Stocks Farm, The Thatched Cottage, Stocks Cottages, Little Holts and Whalebone Cottages and at Noaks Farm Lane.</p> <p><b>ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing, as further archaeological investigation required – trial trenching/ draft WSI, including potential for enhancement measures such as outreach and enhanced public understanding.</p> <p>A meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2022.</p>

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
CC-07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Agreed	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The assessment residual effects and conclusions detailed in <b>Section 7.10</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<p><b>BDC:</b> Agreed. Level of impact agreed in terms of EIA terminology.</p> <p><b>CCC:</b> Discussions ongoing. Matters are broadly agreed, with the exception of disagreement on impacts Stocks Farm, The Thatched Cottage, Stocks Cottages, Little Holts and Whalebone Cottages and at Noaks Farm Lane.</p> <p><b>ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing.</p> <p>A meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2022.</p>
CC-08	Cumulative Impacts	Defer to ECC as this relates to archaeology.	Agreed	Discussions ongoing	The assessment conclusions set out in <b>Section 7.11</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<p><b>BDC/CCC:</b> Agreed.</p> <p><b>ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing.</p> <p>A meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2022.</p>
CC-09	Development Consent Order – wording of Requirements	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The provision for the submission and approval of a written scheme of archaeological investigation,	<p><b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022, building on the technical meeting</p>

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					<p>substantially in accordance with the outline set out in the <b>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan</b>), prior to the commencement of the relevant phase of work is accepted as an appropriate control.</p> <p>The wording of Requirements 12 and 25 of the <b>draft DCO</b> submitted in support of the application is acceptable.</p>	<p>scheduled for 18 August 2022.</p> <p>ECC considers that the wording of Requirements 12 and 25 of the dDCO will be acceptable following revisions to the oCEMP and following agreement on the proposed WSI.</p>
<b>CC-10</b>	<b>Additional Mitigation</b>	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	No further mitigation is considered necessary from that already identified within the suite of application documents (particularly the <b>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan</b> and the <b>Outline Written Scheme of Investigation</b> ) and we consider the securing mechanisms for the	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022, building on the technical meeting scheduled for 18 August 2022.

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					measures embedded into the project proposals are acceptable.	

### 3.3 Ecology and Habitat Regulations Assessment

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
ECO-01	Legislation and Planning Policy	Discussions ongoing	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The summary of the relevant legislation and planning policy detailed in <b>Section 8.2</b> of the chapter is up to date and complete.	<p><b>BDC:</b> Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is replying to specific points raised by BDC with regards to policy considerations as the new Local Plan is now adopted. Its policies supersede previously identified policies.</p> <p><b>CCC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.</p> <p><b>ECC:</b> Defer – no further actions.</p>
ECO-02	Assessment Methodology	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The impact assessment methodology detailed in <b>Section 8.5</b> of the chapter provides an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
ECO-03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The description of the baseline characteristics	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.



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					in <b>Section 8.6</b> of the chapter, as well as in the supporting appendices, is sufficient to inform the assessment.	
<b>ECO-04</b>	<b>Embedded Design Mitigation</b>	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in <b>Section 8.8</b> of the chapter are acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
<b>ECO-05</b>	<b>Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects</b>	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment conclusions detailed in <b>Sections 8.9-8.10</b> of the chapter are agreed	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
<b>ECO-06</b>	<b>Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures</b>	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The monitoring, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in <b>Section 8.12</b> of the chapter are acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
<b>ECO-07</b>	<b>Residual Effects and Conclusions</b>	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment residual effects and conclusions detailed in <b>Section 8.13</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
<b>ECO-08</b>	<b>Cumulative Impacts</b>	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment conclusions set out in	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
					<b>Section 8.14</b> of the chapter are agreed.	
<b>ECO-09</b>	<b>Shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment (sHRA)</b>	Defer to Natural England	Defer to Natural England	Defer to Natural England	The scope and conclusions of the sHRA are agreed.	Defer to Natural England
<b>ECO-10</b>	<b>Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)</b>	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Defer to BDC/CCC	<p>The provision for the submission and approval of a <b>Landscape and Ecological Management Plan</b> (LEMP), substantially in accordance with the Outline LEMP, prior to the commencement of the relevant phase of work is accepted as an appropriate control.</p> <p>The wording of Requirement 9 of the <b>dDCO</b> submitted in support of the application is acceptable.</p>	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.
<b>ECO-011</b>	<b>Additional Mitigation</b>	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Defer to BDC/CCC	No further mitigation is considered necessary from that already identified within the suite of application	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
					documents (particularly the <b>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan</b> and the <b>LEMP</b> ) and we consider the securing mechanisms for the measures embedded into the project proposals are acceptable.	

### 3.4 Water Environment

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
<b>WAT-01</b>	<b>Legislation and Planning Policy</b>	Discussions ongoing	Defer to ECC and other relevant statutory bodies/undertakers (including the Environment Agency)	Agreed	The summary of the relevant legislation and planning policy detailed in <b>Section 9.2</b> of the chapter is up to date and complete.	<b>BDC:</b> Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is replying to specific points raised by BDC with regards to policy considerations as the new Local Plan is now adopted. Its policies supersede previously identified policies.  <b>CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed; and no further actions.
<b>WAT-02</b>	<b>Assessment Methodology</b>	Defer to ECC and other relevant statutory bodies/undertakers (including the Environment Agency)	Defer to ECC and other relevant statutory bodies/undertakers (including the Environment Agency)	Agreed	The impact assessment methodology detailed in <b>Section 9.5</b> of the chapter provides an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
<b>WAT-03</b>	<b>Baseline Conditions</b>	Defer to ECC and other relevant statutory bodies/undertakers (including the	Defer to ECC and other relevant statutory bodies/undertakers (including the	Agreed	The description of the baseline characteristics in <b>Section 9.6</b> of the chapter, as well as in the supporting	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.

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		Environment Agency)	Environment Agency)		appendices, is sufficient to inform the assessment.	
<b>WAT-04</b>	<b>Embedded Design Mitigation</b>	Defer to ECC and other relevant statutory bodies/undertakers (including the Environment Agency)	Defer to ECC and other relevant statutory bodies/undertakers (including the Environment Agency)	Agreed	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in <b>Section 9.7</b> of the chapter are acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
<b>WAT-05</b>	<b>Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects</b>	Defer to ECC and other relevant statutory bodies/undertakers (including the Environment Agency)	Defer to ECC and other relevant statutory bodies/undertakers (including the Environment Agency)	Agreed	The assessment conclusions detailed in <b>Sections 9.8</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions
<b>WAT-06</b>	<b>Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures</b>	Defer to ECC and other relevant statutory bodies/undertakers (including the Environment Agency)	Defer to ECC and other relevant statutory bodies/undertakers (including the Environment Agency)	Agreed	The monitoring, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in <b>Section 9.9</b> of the chapter are acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
<b>WAT-07</b>	<b>Residual Effects and Conclusions</b>	Defer to ECC and other relevant statutory bodies/undertakers (including the	Defer to ECC and other relevant statutory bodies/undertakers (including the	Agreed	The assessment residual effects and conclusions detailed in <b>Section 9.10</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
		Environment Agency)	Environment Agency)			
<b>WAT-08</b>	<b>Cumulative Impacts</b>	Defer to ECC and other relevant statutory bodies/undertakers (including the Environment Agency)	Defer to ECC and other relevant statutory bodies/undertakers (including the Environment Agency)	Agreed	The assessment conclusions set out in <b>Section 9.11</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
<b>WAT-09</b>	<b>Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)</b>	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Agreed	The provision for the submission and approval of further details in relation to drainage and water, as set out in the <b>dDCO</b> Requirements 7, 11, 13, 14, 26, 29 are acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.  <b>ECC:</b> Agreed. Wording on the draft Protective Provisions has been agreed, and the updated wording is included in the latest version of the dDCO submitted at this deadline (1B).
<b>WAT-10</b>	<b>Additional Mitigation</b>	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	No further mitigation is considered necessary from that already identified within the suite of application documents (particularly the <b>Outline Construction Environmental</b>	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
					<b>Management Plan)</b> and we consider the securing mechanisms for the measures embedded into the project proposals are acceptable.	

### 3.5 Landscape and Visual Amenity

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
LAN-01	Legislation and Planning Policy	Discussions ongoing	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The summary of the relevant legislation and planning policy detailed in <b>Section 10.2</b> of the chapter and Appendix 10A is up to date and complete.	<b>BDC:</b> Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is replying to specific points raised by BDC with regards to policy considerations as the new Local Plan is now adopted. Its policies therefore supersede previously identified policies.
LAN-02	Assessment Methodology	Agreed with the exception of LAN-02.01	Agreed with the exception of LAN-02.01	Defer to BDC/CCC	The impact assessment methodology detailed in <b>Section 10.4</b> of the chapter and <b>Appendix 10B</b> provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Agreed with the exception of LAN-02.01. <b>ECC:</b> Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN-02.01	Assessment Methodology – Viewpoint 45	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Defer to BDC/CCC	The categorisation of the Ter Valley (Viewpoint 45) is acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Discussions ongoing. <b>ECC:</b> Defer to BDC/CCC.



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
LAN-03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The description of the baseline characteristics in <b>Section 10.6</b> of the chapter and <b>Appendices 10C</b> and <b>10D</b> are sufficient to inform the assessment.	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.  <b>ECC:</b> Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN-04	Embedded Design Mitigation	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Defer to BDC/CCC	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in <b>Section 10.7</b> of the chapter are acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Discussions ongoing.  <b>ECC:</b> Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN-05	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects	Discussions ongoing, with the exception of PDA1	Discussions ongoing, with the exception of PDA1	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment conclusions detailed in <b>Section 10.8</b> of the chapter and <b>Appendices 10F</b> and <b>G</b> are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Agreed, with the exception of PDA1, where discussions are ongoing.  <b>ECC:</b> Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN-05.01	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects – PDA1	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Defer to BDC/CCC	The effects of PDA1 are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Discussions ongoing.  <b>ECC:</b> Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN-06	Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Defer to BDC/CCC	The monitoring, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in <b>Section 10.9</b> of the chapter are acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Discussions ongoing.  <b>ECC:</b> Defer to BDC/CCC.

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
LAN-07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment of residual effects and conclusions detailed in <b>Section 10.10</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Discussions ongoing, as there is one matter that is outstanding relating to the approach to character areas.  <b>ECC:</b> Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN-08	Cumulative Impacts	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The assessment conclusions set out in <b>Section 10.11</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Discussions ongoing.  <b>ECC:</b> Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN-09	Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The provision for the submission and approval of further details in relation to a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan, as set out in Requirement 9 of the <b>dDCO</b> , is acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.
LAN-10	Additional Mitigation	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	No further mitigation is considered necessary from that already identified within the suite of application documents (particularly the <b>Design Statement</b> , the <b>Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan</b> and <b>Permissive Paths</b>	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.

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					<p><b>Plan)</b> and we consider the securing mechanisms for the measures embedded into the project proposals are acceptable.</p>	

### 3.6 Noise and Vibration

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
N&V-01	Legislation and Planning Policy	Discussions ongoing	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The summary of the relevant legislation and planning policy detailed in <b>Section 11.2</b> of the chapter is up to date and complete.	<b>BDC:</b> Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is replying to specific points raised by BDC with regards to policy considerations as the new Local Plan is now adopted. Its policies supersede previously identified policies.
N&V-02	Assessment Methodology	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The impact assessment methodology detailed in <b>Section 11.5</b> of the chapter (and <b>Appendix 11A</b> ) provides an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Agreed – no further actions. <b>ECC:</b> Defer to BDC/CCC.
N&V-03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The description of the baseline characteristics in <b>Section 11.6</b> of the chapter and <b>Appendix 11B</b> are sufficient to inform the assessment.	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Agreed – no further actions. <b>ECC:</b> Defer to BDC/CCC.

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
<b>N&amp;V-04</b>	<b>Embedded Design Mitigation</b>	Discussions ongoing	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in <b>Section 11.7</b> of the chapter are acceptable.	<p><b>BDC:</b> Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is replying to specific points raised regards para. 11.7.9 and the use of sound barriers around the invertors.</p> <p><b>CCC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.</p> <p><b>ECC:</b> Defer to BDC/CCC.</p>
<b>N&amp;V-05</b>	<b>Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects</b>	Discussions ongoing	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment conclusions detailed in <b>Section 11.8</b> of the chapter, underpinned by <b>Appendices 11C</b> and <b>11D</b> , are agreed.	<p><b>BDC:</b> Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is replying to specific points raised regards an understanding whether 'hum' has been an issue on other projects.</p> <p><b>CCC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.</p> <p><b>ECC:</b> Defer to BDC/CCC.</p>
<b>N&amp;V-06</b>	<b>Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures</b>	Discussions ongoing	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The monitoring, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in <b>Section 11.9</b> of the chapter are acceptable.	<p><b>BDC:</b> Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is replying to specific points raised regards the bounding case and the how noise thresholds will be secured to ensure the levels assessed in the</p>

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						Environmental Statement would be the maximum thresholds.  <b>CCC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.  <b>ECC:</b> Defer to BDC/CCC.
<b>N&amp;V-07</b>	<b>Residual Effects and Conclusions</b>	Discussions ongoing	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment residual effects and conclusions detailed in <b>Section 11.10</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<b>BDC:</b> Discussions ongoing.  <b>CCC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.  <b>ECC:</b> Defer to BDC/CCC.
<b>N&amp;V-08</b>	<b>Cumulative Impacts</b>	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment conclusions set out in <b>Section 11.11</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
<b>N&amp;V-09</b>	<b>Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)</b>	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The provision for the submission and approval of further details in relation the approval of the Construction Environmental Management Plan (Requirements 13 and 26), the Operational Environmental Management Plan	Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.

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					(Requirements 14 and 29) and the Operational Noise Assessment (Requirement 16) are acceptable.	
<b>N&amp;V-10</b>	<b>Additional Mitigation</b>	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	No further mitigation is considered necessary from that already identified within the suite of application documents ( <b>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan</b> and <b>Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan</b> ) and we consider the securing mechanisms for the measures embedded into the project proposals are acceptable.	Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.

### 3.7 Socio-economics and Land Use

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
SE-01	Legislation and Planning Policy	Discussions ongoing	Agreed	Agreed	The summary of the relevant legislation and planning policy detailed in <b>Section 12.2</b> of the chapter is up to date and complete.	<p><b>BDC:</b> Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is replying to specific points raised by BDC with regards to policy considerations as the new Local Plan is now adopted. Its policies supersede previously identified policies.</p> <p><b>CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.</p>
SE-02	Assessment Methodology	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The impact assessment methodology detailed in <b>Section 12.5</b> of the chapter provides an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
SE-03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The description of the baseline characteristics in <b>Section 12.6</b> of the chapter are sufficient to inform the assessment.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.



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SE-04	<b>Embedded Design Mitigation</b>	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in <b>Section 12.7</b> of the chapter are acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
SE-05	<b>Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects</b>	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment conclusions detailed in <b>Section 12.8</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
SE-06	<b>Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures</b>	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The monitoring, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in <b>Section 12.9</b> of the chapter are acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
SE-07	<b>Residual Effects and Conclusions</b>	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment residual effects and conclusions detailed in <b>Section 12.10</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
SE-08	<b>Cumulative Impacts</b>	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment conclusions set out in <b>Section 12.11</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
SE-09	<b>Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)</b>	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The provision of a community liaison group (Requirement 6) is acceptable.	Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
SE-10	Additional Mitigation	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The scope of the additional mitigation identified in the <b>Planning Statement</b> is acceptable, subject to the detail being developed and secured through the separate legal agreement (refer to table 2.1 for further details).	Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.

### 3.8 Transport and Access

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
TRA-01	Legislation and Planning Policy	Discussions Ongoing	Defer to ECC	Agreed	The summary of the relevant legislation and planning policy detailed in <b>Section 13.2</b> of the chapter is up to date and complete.	<p><b>BDC:</b> Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is replying to specific points raised by BDC with regards to policy considerations as the new Local Plan is now adopted. Its policies supersede previously identified policies.</p> <p><b>CCC:</b> Defer to ECC.</p> <p><b>ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.</p>
TRA-02	Assessment Methodology	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	The impact assessment methodology detailed in <b>Section 13.5</b> of the chapter provides an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	<p><b>ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing. Whilst there is broad agreement this is subject to clarifications on some assumptions in the Transport Assessment. A meeting is being scheduled.</p> <p><b>CCC:</b> Defer to ECC.</p>
TRA-03	Baseline Conditions	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Agreed	The description of the baseline characteristics in <b>Section 13.6</b> of the	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Defer to ECC.

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					chapter are sufficient to inform the assessment.	<b>ECC:</b> Agreed – no further action.
<b>TRA-04</b>	<b>Embedded Design Mitigation</b>	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in <b>Section 13.7</b> of the chapter are acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Defer to ECC.  <b>ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing, focussing on road safety audits and permissive paths. A meeting is being scheduled.
<b>TRA-05</b>	<b>Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects</b>	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	The assessment conclusions detailed in <b>Section 13.8</b> of the chapter and the <b>Transport Assessment (ES Appendix 13A)</b> are agreed	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Defer to ECC.  <b>ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing. Regarding the road safety audits, impacts on highway assets, permissive routes. A meeting is being scheduled.
<b>TRA-06</b>	<b>Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures</b>	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	The monitoring, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in <b>Section 13.9</b> of the chapter are acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Defer to ECC.  <b>ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing. Regarding whether construction worker traffic will be monitored and the potential for permanent changes to the public rights of way post-operation. A meeting is being scheduled.

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
TRA-07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Defer to ECC	Agreed	Discussions ongoing	The assessment residual effects and conclusions detailed in <b>Section 13.10</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<p><b>BDC:</b> Defer to ECC.</p> <p><b>CCC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.</p> <p><b>ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing. A meeting is scheduled.</p>
TRA-08	Cumulative Impacts	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	The assessment conclusions set out in <b>Section 13.11</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<p><b>BDC/CCC:</b> Defer to ECC.</p> <p><b>ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing, regards construction of the Chelmsford North-East Bypass scheme and its relationship with the construction traffic route. A meeting is scheduled.</p>
TRA-09	Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The provision for the submission and approval of detailed access arrangements (Requirements 7 and 22), the commissioning and maintenance of permissive paths (Requirement 17), the submission and approval of public rights of way diversions, at the appropriate time (Requirement 18), the	<p><b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.</p> <p><b>CCC:</b> Want to ensure that construction access to Bulls Lodge Substation to be secured via Generals Lane/A12 junction, via the DCO.</p>

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
					completion of the identified highway improvements (Requirement 21) and a construction traffic management plan (Requirements 15 and 27) is acceptable.	
<b>TRA-10</b>	<b>Additional Mitigation</b>	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	No further mitigation is considered necessary from that already identified within the suite of application documents (particularly the Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan) and we consider the securing mechanisms for the measures embedded into the project proposals are acceptable.	Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.

### 3.9 Air Quality

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
AQ-01	Legislation and Planning Policy	Discussions ongoing	Agreed	Agreed	The summary of the relevant legislation and policy detailed in <b>Section 14.2</b> of the chapter is up to date and complete.	<b>BDC:</b> Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is replying to specific points raised by BDC with regards to policy considerations as the new Local Plan is now adopted. Its policies supersede previously identified policies.  <b>CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
AQ-02	Assessment Methodology	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The impact assessment methodologies detailed in <b>Section 14.5</b> of the chapter provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
AQ-03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The description of the baseline characteristics in <b>Section 14.6</b> of the chapter are sufficient to inform the assessment.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
AQ-04	Embedded Design Mitigation	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in <b>Section 14.7</b> of the chapter are acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
AQ-05	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment conclusions detailed in <b>Section 14.8</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
AQ-06	Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The monitoring, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in <b>Section 14.9</b> of the chapter are acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
AQ-07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment residual effects and conclusions detailed in <b>Section 14.10</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
AQ-08	Cumulative Impacts	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment conclusions set out in <b>Section 14.11</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
AQ-09	Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The provision for the submission and approval of a construction environmental management plan	Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
					(CEMP), substantially in accordance with the <b>outline CEMP</b> (Requirement 13), prior to the commencement of the relevant phase of work is accepted as an appropriate control.	
<b>AQ-10</b>	<b>Additional Mitigation</b>	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	No further mitigation is considered necessary from that already identified within the suite of application documents ( <b>Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan</b> and <b>Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan</b> ) and we consider the securing mechanisms for the measures embedded into the project proposals are acceptable.	Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.

### 3.10 Human Health

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
HH-01	Legislation and Planning Policy	Discussions Ongoing	Agreed	Agreed	The summary of the relevant legislation and planning policy detailed in <b>Section 15.2</b> of the chapter is up to date and complete.	<b>CCC/ECC</b> - Agreed – no further actions <b>BDC</b> : Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is replying to specific points raised by BDC with regards to policy considerations as the new Local Plan is now adopted. Its policies supersede previously identified policies.
HH-02	Assessment Methodology	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The impact assessment methodology detailed in <b>Section 15.4</b> of the chapter provides an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC</b> : Agreed – no further actions.
HH-03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The description of the baseline characteristics in <b>Section 15.6</b> of the chapter are sufficient to inform the assessment.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC</b> : Agreed – no further actions.

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
HH-04	Embedded Design Mitigation	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in <b>Section 15.7</b> of the chapter are acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
HH-05	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment conclusions detailed in <b>Section 15.8</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
HH-06	Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The monitoring, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in <b>Section 15.9</b> of the chapter are acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
HH-07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The assessment of residual effects and conclusions are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing. The Applicant will provide details to the Host Authorities for consideration as this section was omitted from the original ES in error.
HH-08	Cumulative Impacts	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment conclusions set out in <b>Section 15.10</b> of the chapter are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Sub-topic</b>	<b>BDC's Position</b>	<b>CCC's Position</b>	<b>ECC's Position</b>	<b>Applicant's Response</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>HH-09</b>	<b>Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)</b>	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	There are no specific requirements relating to human health, rather any relevant matters are specifically covered under the relevant environmental topic above, which is an acceptable approach.	Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.
<b>HH-10</b>	<b>Additional Mitigation</b>	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	There are no specific measures relating to human health, rather any relevant matters are specifically covered under the relevant environmental topic above, which is an acceptable approach.	Discussions ongoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.

### 3.11 Glint and Glare

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
<b>GG-01</b>	<b>Legislation and Planning Policy</b>	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The summary of the relevant legislation and planning policy detailed in <b>Section 3</b> of the assessment is up to date and complete.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing.
<b>GG-02</b>	<b>Assessment Methodology</b>	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The impact assessment methodology detailed in <b>Section 4</b> of the assessment provides an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing.
<b>GG-03</b>	<b>Baseline Conditions</b>	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The description of the baseline characteristics in <b>Section 5</b> of the assessment are sufficient to inform the assessment.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing.
<b>GG-04</b>	<b>Impact Assessment</b>	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The assessment conclusions detailed in <b>Section 6</b> of the assessment are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing.

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
GG-05	Mitigation	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The measures identified in <b>Section 7</b> of the assessment are agreed.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing.

### 3.12 Other Matters

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
OT-01	Alternatives and Design Evolution	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The approach to and scope of the chapter ( <b>Chapter 3</b> of the <b>ES</b> ) is has been considered fully.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed – no further actions.
OT-02	EIA Methodology	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The overarching methodology is acceptable, subject to the topic specific assessments covered elsewhere in this document.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing. The position will be updated once technical matters (in earlier sections above) have been resolved.
OT-03	Agricultural Land / Use of Best and Most Versatile Land	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The assessment and its findings ( <b>Chapter 12</b> of the <b>ES</b> ) are acceptable and no further mitigation identified as necessary.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing.
OT-04	Climate Change	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment and its findings and mitigation ( <b>Chapter 6</b> of the <b>ES</b> ) are acceptable and no further mitigation identified as necessary.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed - No further action.
OT-05	Major Accidents and Disasters	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The assessment and its findings and mitigation ( <b>Chapter 16</b> of the <b>ES</b> ) are acceptable and no	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing – Applicant to share a note in relation to battery safety.

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
					further mitigation identified as necessary.	
<b>OT-06</b>	<b>Minerals and Waste</b>	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	The assessment and its findings and mitigation ( <b>Chapter 16</b> of the <b>ES</b> ) are acceptable and no further mitigation identified as necessary.	<b>BDC/CCC:</b> Defer to ECC  <b>ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing in relation to the quarry land. ECC's position is that the proposal would sterilise mineral bearing land within Bulls Lodge Quarry that not only has planning permission to be extracted, but is also land that is intended for overburden and topsoil stockpiling such that the land in question, subject to the phasing of the two developments, is potentially significant to the working of the quarry even when it is not being extracted itself.
<b>OT-07</b>	<b>Ground Conditions</b>	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment and its findings and mitigation ( <b>Chapter 16</b> of the <b>ES</b> ) are acceptable and no further mitigation identified as necessary.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Agreed - No further action



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
<b>OT-08</b>	<b>Telecoms, TV reception and utilities</b>	Defer to the relevant utility providers	Defer to the relevant utility providers	Defer to the relevant utility providers	<b>Telecommunications, TV reception and utilities</b> - The assessment and its findings and mitigation ( <b>Chapter 16</b> of the <b>ES</b> ) are acceptable and no further mitigation identified as necessary.	Defer to the relevant utility providers
<b>OT-09</b>	<b>Effect Interactions</b>	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The assessment ( <b>Chapter 17</b> of the <b>ES</b> ) is acceptable.	<b>BDC/CCC/ECC:</b> Discussions ongoing. Host authorities continuing to review the information provided, having regard to feedback from other statutory bodies.

## 4. Signatories

### 4.1 Overview

4.1.1 The above SoCG is agreed between Longfield Solar Farm Limited (LFS Limited) (the Applicant) and the Host Authorities, as specified below.

Duly authorised for and on behalf of <b>Longfield Solar Limited</b>	Name
	Job Title
	Date
	Signature

Duly authorised for and on behalf of <b>Braintree District Council</b>	Name
	Job Title
	Date
	Signature

Duly authorised for and on behalf of <b>Chelmsford City Council</b>	Name
	Job Title
	Date
	Signature

Duly authorised for and on behalf of <b>Essex County Council</b>	Name
	Job Title
	Date
	Signature