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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 and ongoing engagement, 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 ongoing 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

[Table to be completed for next version]

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

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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	BDC/CCC: Agreed - No further actions.
					the Planning Statement and Statement of Need; and the principle of delivering solar broadly supported.	ecc: 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 invididual project components, as set out in the draft Development Consent Order (dDCO) and Design Statement, are acceptable.	Agreed
PD- 03	Project components (PV1)	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	PV1 – The siting of PV1 is acceptable in planning terms.	Agreed



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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 Requirments.	meeting was held on Discussions ogoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022 and the status on the position between the parties on the dDCO are reflected in Appendix 1 of this document. 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.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ogoing. A draft agreement was issued by the Applicant to the Host Authorities on 09.08.22 and a meeting is



Applicant's Response Ref Sub-topic **BDC's Position CCC's Position ECC's Position** Status scheduled for 5 September 2022 to discuss the draft. A meeting was held on 5 September 2022 and the status on the position between the parties on the dDCO are reflected in Appendix 1 of this document.



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 Section 7.2 of the chapter is up to date and complete.	BDC: Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is reponding to specific points raised by BDC with regards to policy considerations as the new Local Plan is now adopted. Its policies supersede previously idenified policies.
CC- 02	Assessment Methodology	Agreed (built heritage only; defer to ECC for archaeology)	Agreed	Discussions ongoing	The impact assessment methodologies detailed in Section 7.4 of the chapter provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	BDC/CCC: Agreed in relation to built heritage, deferring to ECC on archaeology. ECC: Discussions ongoing. Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heriatge documents have been prepared and shared with the Host Authorities; and are included in this Deadline 2 submission. These will form the basis of further discussions. Whilst agreed in part there



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						are inaccurracies in para. 7.4.8 of the assessment as the geophysics assessment was not completed for the whole scheme.
						A meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2022.
CC- 03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed (built heritage)	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The description of the baseline characteristics in Section 7.6 of the chapter, as well as Appendix 7A: Heritage Desk Based Assessment is sufficient to inform the assessment; and Appendix 7.3: Geophysical.	BDC: Agreed in relation to built heritage, deferring to ECC on archaeology. CCC: 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.
						ECC: Discussions ongoing. Para. 7.6.34 of the assessment needs updating with the results of the trial trenching which identified roman actvitity; and para. 7.6.35 (medieval farmsteads) also needs consideration. It is



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
						considered that the desk based assessment has not recognised the antiquity of the historic landscape. A meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2022. Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heriatge documents have been prepared and shared with the Host Authorities; and are included in this Deadline 2 submission. These will form the basis
CC- 04	Embedded Design Mitigation	Discussions ongoing (built heritage)	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in Section 7.7 of the chapter are acceptable	of further discussions. BDC: 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. CCC: Discussions ongoing. Matters are broadly agreed, with the exception of further mitigation works sought at Stocks Farm, The



Sub-topic Applicant's Response Ref **BDC's Position CCC's Position ECC's Position** Status Thatched Cottage, Stocks Cottages, Little Holts and Whalebone Cottages and at Noaks Farm Lane, which requires discussion. **ECC:** Discussions ongoing. ECC are not supportive of the intrusive nature of the proposals on Sites A70 and A127 and further understandig of the extent and significnace of the potential WWi features is required to determine the impact of the scheme in this area. A meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2022. Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heriatge documents have been prepared and shared with the Host Authorities; and are included in this Deadline 2 submission. These will form the basis

of further discussions.



						Solar Farm
Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
CC- 05	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects	Discussions ongoing (built heritage)	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The assessment conclusions detailed in Section 7.8 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC: Discussions ongoing. Matters are broadly agreed, but further discussion required regarding mitigation as above.
						ccc: 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.
						ECC: Discussions ongoing, as the sensitivity/value where the effect is considered significant may need to be reassesed.
						A meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2022. Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heriatge documents have been prepared and shared with the Host Authorities; and



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						are included in this Deadline 2 submission. These will form the basis of further discussions.
CC- 06	Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures	Discussions ongoing (built heritage)	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The mitigation measures identified in Section 7.9 of the chapter are acceptable.	BDC: Discussions ongoing. Matters are broadly agreed but further discussion required regarding mitigation as above.
						ccc: 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.
						ECC: Discussions ongoing. , as further archaeological investigation required – trial trenching/ draft WSI, including potential for enhancement measures such as outreach and enhanced public understanding.



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
						A meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2022. Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heriatge documents have been prepared and shared with the Host Authorities; and are included in this Deadline 2 submission. These will form the basis of further discussions.
CC- 07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Agreed	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The assessment residual effects and conclusions detailed in Section 7.10 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC: Agreed. Level of impact agreed in terms of EIA terminology. CCC: 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. ECC: Discussions ongoing. Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heriatge



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CC- 08	Cumulative	Defer to ECC as	Agreed	Discussions ongoing	The assessment	documents have been prepared and shared with the Host Authorities; and are included in this Deadline 2 submission. These will form the basis of further discussions. A meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2022. BDC/CCC: Agreed.
	Impacts	this relates to archaeology.			conclusions set out in Section 7.11 of the chapter are agreed.	Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heriatge documents have been prepared and shared with the Host Authorities; and are included in this Deadline 2 submission. These will form the basis of further discussions. A meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2022.
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, substantially in	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ogoing. Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heriatge documents have been prepared and shared with



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					accordance with the outline set out in the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan), prior to the commencement of the relevant phase of work is accepted as an appropriate control.	the Host Authorities; and are included in this Deadline 2 submission. These will form the basis of further discussions., with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022, building on the technical meeting scheduled for 18 August 2022.
					The wording of Requirements 12 and 25 of the draft DCO submitted in support of the application is acceptable.	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.
CC- 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 Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan and the Outline Written Scheme of Investigation) and we consider the securing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ogoing. Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heriatge documents have been prepared and shared with the Host Authorities; and are included in this Deadline 2 submission. These will form the basis of further discussions., with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022,



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					mechanisms for the measures embedded into the project proposals are acceptable.	building on the technical meeting scheduled for 18 August 2022.



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 ogoing	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The summary of the relevant legislation and planning policy detailed in Section 8.2 of the chapter is up to date and complete.	BDC: Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is reponding to specific points raised by BDC with regards to policy considerations as the new Local Plan is now adopted. Its policies supersede previously idenified policies. CCC: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer – no further actions.
ECO- 02	Assessment Methodology	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The impact assessment methodology detailed in Section 8.5 of the chapter provides an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
ECO- 03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The description of the baseline characteristics	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.



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



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					Section 8.14 of the chapter are agreed.	
ECO- 09	Shadow Habitat Regulations Assessment (sHRA)	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
ECO- 10	Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Defer to BDC/CCC	The provision for the submission and approval of a Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (LEMP), substantially in accordance with the Outline LEMP, prior to the commencement of the relevant phase of work is accepted as an appropriate control. The wording of Requirement 9 of the dDCO submitted in support of the application is acceptable.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Refer to Appendix 1 for details on the status of the dDiscussions. ogoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.
ECO- 011	Additional Mitigation	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Defer to BDC/CCC	No further mitigation is considered necessary from that already identified within the suite of application	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ogoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022. Refer to Appendix 1 for details on



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3.4 Water Environment

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
WAT- 01	Legislation and Planning Policy	Discussions onoing	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 Section 9.2 of the chapter is up to date and complete.	BDC: Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is reponding to specific points raised by BDC with regards to policy considerations as the new Local Plan is now adopted. Its policies supersede previously idenified policies. CCC/ECC: Agreed; and no further actions.
WAT- 02	Assessment Methodology	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 Section 9.5 of the chapter provides an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
WAT- 03	Baseline Conditions	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 Section 9.6 of the chapter, as well as in the supporting	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.



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		Environment Agency)	Environment Agency)		appendices, is sufficient to inform the assessment.	
WAT- 04	Embedded Design Mitigation	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 Section 9.7 of the chapter are acceptable.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
WAT- 05	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects	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 Sections 9.8 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions
WAT- 06	Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures	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 Section 9.9 of the chapter are acceptable.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
WAT- 07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	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 Section 9.10 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.



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		Environment Agency)	Environment Agency)			
WAT- 08	Cumulative Impacts	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 Section 9.11 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
WAT- 09	Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)	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 dDCO Requirements 7, 11, 13, 14, 26, 29 are acceptable.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ogoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022. ECC: 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). Refer to Appendix 1 for details on the status of the discussions.
WAT- 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 Outline	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ogoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022. Refer to Appendix 1 for details on the status of the discussions.



CCC's Position ECC's Position Applicant's Response Ref Sub-topic **BDC's Position Status** Construction **Environmental** Management Plan) 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 Section 10.2 of the chapter and Appendix 10A is up to date and complete.	BDC: Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is reponding to specific points raised by BDC with regards to policy considerations as the new Local Plan is now adopted. Its policies therefore supersede previously idenified 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 Section 10.4 of the chapter and Appendix 10B provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	BDC/CCC: Agreed with the exception of LAN-02.01. The Applicant has responded to the Host Authorities' position paper, which is now being considered by the Authorities. ECC: 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.	BDC/CCC: Discussions ongoing. The Applicant has responded to the Host Authorities' position paper, which is now being



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
						considered by the Authorities.
						ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN- 03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The description of the baseline characteristics in Section 10.6 of the	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions.
					chapter and Appendices 10C and 10D are sufficient to inform the assessment.	ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN- 04	Embedded Design Mitigation	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Defer to BDC/CCC	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in Section 10.7 of the chapter are acceptable.	BDC/CCC: Discussions ongoing. The Applicant has responded to the Host Authorities' position paper, which is now being considered by the Authorities.
						ECC: 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 Section 10.8 of the chapter and Appendices 10F and G are agreed.	BDC/CCC: Agreed, with the exception of PDA1, where discussions are ongoing. The Applicant has responded to the Host Authorities' position paper, which is now being considered by the Authorities.
						ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
LAN- 05.01	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects – PDA1	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Defer to BDC/CCC	The effects of PDA1 are agreed.	BDC/CCC: Discussions ongoing. The Applicant has responded to the Host Authorities' position paper, which is now being considered by the Authorities.
						ECC: 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 Section 10.9 of the chapter are acceptable.	BDC/CCC: Discussions ongoing. The Applicant has responded to the Host Authorities' position paper, which is now being considered by the Authorities.
						ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN- 07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment of residual effects and conclusions detailed in Section 10.10 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC: Discussions ongoing, as there is one matter that is outstanding relating to the approach to character areas. The Applicant has responded to the Host Authorities' position paper, which is now being considered by the Authorities.



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
LAN- 08	Cumulative Impacts	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The assessment conclusions set out in Section 10.11 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC: Discussions ongoing. The Applicant has responded to the Host Authorities' position paper, which is now being considered by the Authorities. ECC: 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 dDCO, is acceptable.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ogoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022. Refer to Appendix 1 for details on the status of the discussions.
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 Design Statement, the Outline Landscape and Ecology Management Plan and Permissive Paths Plan) and we consider the securing mechanisms for the	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ogoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022. Refer to Appendix 1 for details on the status of the discussions.



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
					measures embedded into the project proposals are acceptable.	



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 Section 11.2 of the chapter is up to date and complete.	BDC: Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is reponding 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 Section 11.5 of the chapter (and Appendix 11A) provides an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
N&V- 03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The description of the baseline characteristics in Section 11.6 of the chapter and Appendix 11B are sufficient to inform the assessment.	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.



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



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						Environmental Statement would be the maximium thresholds.
						CCC: Agreed – no further actions.
						ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
N&V- 07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Discussions ongoing	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment residual effects and conclusions detailed in	BDC: Discussions ongoing.
					Section 11.10 of the chapter are agreed.	CCC: Agreed – no further actions.
						ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
N&V- 08	Cumulative Impacts	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment conclusions set out in Section 11.11 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
N&V- 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 the approval of the Construction Environmental Management Plan (Requirements 13 and 26), the Operational Environmental Management Plan	Discussions ogoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022. BDC/CCC/ECC: Refer to Appendix 1 for details on the status of the discussions.



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					(Requirements 14 and 29) and the Operational Noise Assessment (Requirement 16) are acceptable.	
N&V- 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 (Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan and Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan) and we consider the securing mechanisms for the measures embedded into the project proposals are acceptable.	Discussions ogoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022. BDC/CCC/ECC: Refer to Appendix 1 for details on the status of the discussions.



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 Section 12.2 of the chapter is up to date and complete.	BDC: Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is reponding to specific points raised by BDC with regards to policy considerations as the new Local Plan is now adopted. Its policies supersede previously idenified policies. CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
SE- 02	Assessment Methodology	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The impact assessment methodology detailed in Section 12.5 of the chapter provides an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
SE- 03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The description of the baseline characteristics in Section 12.6 of the chapter are sufficient to inform the assessment.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
SE- 04	Embedded Design Mitigation	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in Section 12.7 of the chapter are acceptable.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
SE- 05	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment conclusions detailed in Section 12.8 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
SE- 06	Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The monitoring, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in Section 12.9 of the chapter are acceptable.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
SE- 07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment residual effects and conclusions detailed in Section 12.10 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
SE- 08	Cumulative Impacts	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment conclusions set out in Section 12.11 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
SE- 09	Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The provision of a community liaison group (Requirement 6) is acceptable.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ogoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022. Refer to Appendix 1 for details on



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
						the status of the discussions.
SE- 10	Additional Mitigation	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The scope of the additional mitigation identified in the Planning Statement is acceptable, subject to the detail being developed and secured through the separate legal agreement (refer totable 2.1 for further details).	Discussions ogoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022. BDC/CCC/ECC: Refer to Appendix 1 for details on the status of the discussions.



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 Section 13.2 of the chapter is up to date and complete.	BDC: Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is reponding to specific points raised by BDC with regards to policy considerations as the new Local Plan is now adopted. Its policies supersede previously idenified policies. CCC: Defer to ECC. ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
TRA- 02	Assessment Methodology	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	The impact assessment methodology detailed in Section 13.5 of the chapter provides an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	ecc: Discussions ongoing. Whilst there is broad agreement this is subject to clarifications on some assumptions in the Transport Assessment. A meeting is being scheduled. A meeting has been held and further engagement scheduled, with the intention of providing a further update at Deadline 3.
						CCC: Defer to ECC.



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
TRA- 03	Baseline Conditions	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Agreed	The description of the baseline characteristics in Section 13.6 of the chapter are sufficient to inform the assessment.	BDC/CCC: Defer to ECC. ECC: Agreed – no further action.
TRA- 04	Embedded Design Mitigation	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in Section 13.7 of the chapter are acceptable.	BDC/CCC: Defer to ECC. ECC: Discussions ongoing. A meeting has been held and further engagement scheduled, with the intention of providing a further update at Deadline 3., focussing on road safety audits and permissive paths. A meeting is being scheduled.
TRA- 05	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	The assessment conclusions detailed in Section 13.8 of the chapter and the Transport Assessment (ES Appendix 13A) are agreed	BDC/CCC: Defer to ECC. ECC: Discussions ongoing. A meeting has been held and further engagement scheduled, with the intention of providing a further update at Deadline 3. Regarding the road safety audits, impacts on highway assets, permissive routes.



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
						A meeting is being scheduled.
TRA- 06	Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	The monitoring, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in Section 13.9 of the chapter are acceptable.	ECC: Discussions ongoing. A meeting has been held and further engagement scheduled, with the intention of providing a further update at Deadline 3. Regarding whether construction worker traffic will be monitored and the potential for permanent changes to the public rights of way postoperation. A meeting is being scheduled.
TRA- 07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Defer to ECC	Agreed	Discussions ongoing	The assessment residual effects and conclusions detailed in Section 13.10 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC: Defer to ECC. CCC: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Discussions ongoing. A meeting has been held and further engagement scheduled, with the intention of providing a further update



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
						at Deadline 3.A meeting is scheduled.
TRA- 08	Cumulative Impacts	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	The assessment conclusions set out in Section 13.11 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC: Defer to ECC. ECC: Discussions ongoing. A meeting has been held and further engagement scheduled, with the intention of providing a further update at Deadline 3., regards construction of the Chelmsford North-East Bypass scheme and its relationship with the construction traffic route. A meeting is scheduled.
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 completion of the	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ogoing. A meeting has been held and further engagement scheduled, with the intention of providing a further update at Deadline 3., with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022. CCC: Want to ensure that construction access to Bulls Lodge Substation to be secured via Generals



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
					identified highway improvements (Requirement 21) and a construction traffic management plan (Requirements 15 and 27) is acceptable.	Lane/A12 junction, via the DCO.
TRA- 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 Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan) and we consider the securing mechanisms for the measures embedded into the project proposals are acceptable.	Discussions ogoing. A meeting has been held and further engagement scheduled, with the intention of providing a further update at Deadline 3., 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 Section 14.2 of the chapter is up to date and complete.	BDC: Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is reponding to specific points raised by BDC with regards to policy considerations as the new Local Plan is now adopted. Its policies supersede previously idenified policies. CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
AQ- 02	Assessment Methodology	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The impact assessment methodologies detailed in Section 14.5 of the chapter provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
AQ- 03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The description of the baseline characteristics in Section 14.6 of the chapter are sufficient to inform the assessment.	BDC/CCC/ECC: 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 Section 14.7 of the chapter are acceptable.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
AQ- 05	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment conclusions detailed in Section 14.8 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
AQ- 06	Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The monitoring, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in Section 14.9 of the chapter are acceptable.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
AQ- 07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment residual effects and conclusions detailed in Section 14.10 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
AQ- 08	Cumulative Impacts	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment conclusions set out in Section 14.11 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: 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 ogoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022. BDC/CCC/ECC: Refer to Appendix 1 for details on



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
					(CEMP), substantially in accordance with the outline CEMP (Requirement 13), prior to the commencement of the relevant phase of work is accepted as an appropriate control.	the status of the discussions.
AQ- 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 (Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan and Outline Operational Environmental Management Plan) and we consider the securing mechanisms for the measures embedded into the project proposals are acceptable.	Discussions ogoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022. BDC/CCC/ECC: Refer to Appendix 1 for details on the status of the discussions.



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 Section 15.2 of the chapter is up to date and complete.	CCC/ECC - Agreed – no further actions BDC: Discussions ongoing. The Applicant is reponding to specific points raised by BDC with regards to policy considerations as the new Local Plan is now adopted. Its policies supersede previously idenified policies.
HH- 02	Assessment Methodology	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The impact assessment methodology detailed in Section 15.4 of the chapter provides an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
HH- 03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The description of the baseline characteristics in Section 15.6 of the chapter are sufficient to inform the assessment.	BDC/CCC/ECC: 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 Section 15.7 of the chapter are acceptable.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
HH- 05	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment conclusions detailed in Section 15.8 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
HH- 06	Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The monitoring, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in Section 15.9 of the chapter are acceptable.	BDC/CCC/ECC: 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.	BDC/CCC/ECC: 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 Section 15.10 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
HH- 09	Development Consent Order –	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	There are no specific requirements relating to human health, rather	Discussions ogoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022.



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
	wording of Requirement(s)				any relevant matters are specifically covered under the relevant environmental topic above, which is an acceptable approach.	Appendix 1 for details on the status of the discussions.
HH- 10	Additional Mitigation	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 ogoing, with a meeting scheduled on 5 September 2022. BDC/CCC/ECC: Refer to Appendix 1 for details on the status of the discussions.



3.11 Glint and Glare

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
GG- 01	Legislation and Planning Policy	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The summary of the relevant legislation and planning policy detailed in Section 3 of the assessment is up to date and complete.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing.
GG- 02	Assessment Methodology	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The impact assessment methodology detailed in Section 4 of the assessment provides an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing.
GG- 03	Baseline Conditions	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The description of the baseline characteristics in Section 5 of the assessment are sufficient to inform the assessment.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing.
GG- 04	Impact Assessment	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The assessment conclusions detailed in Section 6 of the assessment are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: 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 Section 7 of the assessment and the supplementary information provided in Appendix 2 of this SoCG of the assessment are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: 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 (Chapter 3 of the ES) is has been considered fully.	BDC/CCC/ECC: 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.	BDC/CCC/ECC: 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 (Chapter 12 of the ES) are acceptable and no further mitigation identified as necessary.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing.
OT- 04	Climate Change	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment and its findings and mitigation (Chapter 6 of the ES) are acceptable and no further mitigation identified as necessary.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed - No further action.
OT- 05	Major Accidents and Disasters	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The assessment and its findings and mitigation (Chapter 16 of the ES) are acceptable and no	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing – Applicant to share a note in relation to battery safety.



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					further mitigation identified as necessary.	
OT- 06	Minerals and Waste	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	The assessment and its findings and mitigation (Chapter 16 of the ES) are acceptable and no further mitigation identified as necessary.	BDC/CCC: Defer to ECC ECC: 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.
OT- 07	Ground Conditions	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment and its findings and mitigation (Chapter 16 of the ES) are acceptable and no further mitigation identified as necessary.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed - No further action



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
OT- 08	Telecoms, TV reception and utilities	Defer to the relevant utility providers	Defer to the relevant utility providers	Defer to the relevant utility providers	Telecommunications, TV reception and utilities - The assessment and its findings and mitigation (Chapter 16 of the ES) are acceptable and no further mitigation identified as necessary.	Defer to the relevant utility providers
OT- 09	Effect Interactions	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	The assessment (Chapter 17 of the ES) is acceptable.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing. Host authorities continuing to review the information provided, having rregard 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 Longfield Solar	Name
Limited	Job Title
	Date
	Signature
Duly authorised for and on	Name
behalf of Braintree District Council	Job Title
	Date
	Signature
Duly authorised for and on behalf of Chelmsford City	Name
Council	Job Title
	Date

Signature



Duly authorised for and on behalf of Essex County Council

Name

Job Title

Date

Signature



Appendix 1: Overview of Status of Position on draft DCO and Section 106 Agreement

Document - section	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Next Steps				
<u>Draft Development Consent Order</u>								
Part 1: Preliminary	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.				
Part 2: Streets	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.				
Part 4: Supplemental Powers	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.				
Part 5: Powers of AcqusitionAcquisition	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams				



					continuing to undertake their review.
Part 6: Mis	scellaneous and General	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
Schedule '	1 – Authorised Development	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
Schedule 2 - Requirements		Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
1 1	nterpretation	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.



2	Commencement of the authorised development	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
3	Phasing of the authorised development	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
4	Requirement for written approval	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
<u>5</u>	Approval of details and amendments to them	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
<u>6</u>	Community liaison group	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
7	Solar farm works and grid connection – Detailed design approval	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.



8	Solar farm works and grid connection – Battery safety management plan	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
9	Solar farm works and grid connection – Landscape and ecological management plan	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
10	Solar farm works and grid connection – Fencing and other means of enclosure	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
11	Solar farm works and grid connection – Surface water and foul water drainage	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
12	Solar farm works and grid connection - Archaeology	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
13	Solar farm works and grid connection – Construction environmental management plan	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.



14	Solar farm works and grid connection – Operational environmental management plan	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
<u>15</u>	Solar farm works and grid connection – Construction traffic management plan	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
16	Solar farm works and grid connection – Operational noiseL	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
<u>17</u>	Solar farm works and grid connection – Permissive paths	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
18	Solar farm works and grid connection – Public rights of way diversions	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
<u>19</u>	Solar farm works and grid connection – Soil management	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.



20	Solar farm works and grid connection – Decommissioning and restoration	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
<u>21</u>	Solar farm works and grid connection – Highway improvementsLL	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
<u>22</u>	Bulls Lodge substation works – Detailed design approvalS	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
<u>23</u>	Bulls Lodge substation works – Fencing and other means of enclosure	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
24	Bulls Lodge substation works – Surface foul and drainage	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
<u>25</u>	Bulls Lodge substation works - Arcchaeology	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.



<u>26</u>	Bulls Lodge substation works – Construction environmetal management plan	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
<u>27</u>	Bulls Lodge substation works – Construction traffic management plan	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
28	Bulls Lodge substation works – Soils management	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
<u>29</u>	Bulls Lodge substation works – Operational environmental management plan	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
Schedu	le 3 – Legislation to be disapplied	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
Schedu	le 4 – Streets subject to street works	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams



				continuing to undertake their review.
Schedule 5 – Alteration of streets	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
Schedule 6 – Public rights of way	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
Schedule 7 – Access to works	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
Schedule 8 – Traffic Regulation measures	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.



Schedule 9 – Land which only new rights etc may be acquired	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
Schedule 10 – Modification of compensation and compulsory purchase	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
Schedule 11 – Land of which temporary possession may be taken	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
Schedule 12 – Hedgerows to be removed	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
Schedule 13 – Documents and plans to be certified	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams



Schedule 14 – Arbitration rules	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	continuing to undertake their review. BDC/CCC/ECC:
				Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
Schedule 15 – Protective provisions (Part 8)	Discussions ongoingNo comments	Discussions ongoingNo comments	Discussions ongoing	#ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities ECC's legal teams continuing to undertake their review, but note the Applicant has included the wording sought by ECC
Schedule 16 – Procedure for discharge of requirements Section 106 Agreement/Deed of Obligation	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review. Applicant to propose fees to enable the discharging authority to draw down upon.



Boilerplate	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review.
Skills, Supply Chain and Employment	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review; and discussion being scheduled between the parties to discuss further the scope and scale of the fund.
Community Fund	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Host Authorities' legal teams continuing to undertake their review; and discussion being scheduled between the parties to discuss further the scope and scale of the fund.