

Braintree District Council/Chelmsford City Council/Essex County Council

**Written Summary of Comments made During ISH2 (Environmental) -
29/09/2022**

Longfield Solar Farm [PINS Ref: EN010118]

**1. Written Summary of Comments made by Gill Wynee-Williams ('GW')
(Landscape Architect from Wynee-Williams Associates acting for
BDC/CCC/ECC on landscape and visual matters)**

Agenda Item 4 'Other Matters'

- 1.1 GW made comments in relation to PDA1 and mitigation. The effects of installing solar arrays in PDA1 are difficult to mitigate. PDA1 is located on the rising southern slopes of the Ter Valley, one of the most sensitive areas within the DCO limits. The solar arrays would be on rising ground above the valley floor and visible from the Essex Way as it climbs the slope to the side of Sandy Wood. It is appreciated that the landscape masterplan has sought to provide screening of the arrays from this view, but, because of the lie of the land it will take a long time for any mitigation planting to provide screening and the presence of the pylons and overhead cables mean that continuous mitigation planting is not possible along the field boundary.
- 1.2 If PDA1 is included in the development then advance planting of the field boundaries and proposed scrub area would assist in lessening the impact of the development in a shorter timescale.