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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' Local Impact Report and ongoing engagement. 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 as follows:
 - fortnightly meetings to discuss issues and track progress; and
 - technical discussion on highways matters (add dates), cultural heritage (add dates) and the draft Development Consent Order and Section 106 Agreement (5 September).
- 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	Agreed	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.	BDC/CCC/ ECC: Agreed - No further actions.
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.	BDC/CCC/ ECC: Agreed in part, refer to next row for details
PD- 03	Project components (PV1)	Refer to Section 3.5	Refer to Section 3.5	Refer to Section 3.5	PV1 – The siting of PV1 is acceptable in planning terms.	BDC/CCC/ ECC: Refer to Section 3.5 (landscape and visual) for details on the matters outstanding between the parties.
PD- 04	Development Consent Order	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	The drafting of the DCO is acceptable, including the	BDC/CCC/ECC: Refer to Appendix 1 of this document



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					scope and wording of the Requirments.	for details on the status of the discussions.
PD- 05	S106 Agreement / Deed of Obligation	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	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: Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details on the status of the discussions.



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	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed (archaeology) and defer to BDC/CCC for built heritage	The summary of the relevant legislation and policy detailed in Section 7.2 of the chapter is up to date and complete.	ECC/CCC: Agreed BDC: Agreed, as detailed in the Planning Statement submitted at Deadline 4.
CC- 02	Assessment Methodology	Agreed (built heritage only; defer to ECC for archaeology)	Agreed (built heritage)	Agreed (archaeology) and defer to BDC/CCC for built heritage	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: Agreed. Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heriatge documents have been prepared and shared with the Host Authorities, which included in the Deadline 2 submission.
CC- 03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed (built heritage)	Agreed (built heritage)	Agreed (archaeology) and defer to BDC/CCC for built heritage	The description of the baseline characteristics in Section 7.6 of the	BDC/CCC: Agreed in relation to built heritage, deferring to ECC on archaeology.



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
					chapter, as well as Appendix 7A: Heritage Desk Based Assessment is sufficient to inform the assessment; and Appendix 7.3: Geophysical.	ECC: Agreed. Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heritatge documents have been prepared and shared with the Host Authorities, which included in the Deadline 2 submission.
CC- 04	Embedded Design Mitigation	Discussions ongoingNot agreed (built heritage)	Discussions ongoingNot agreed	Agreed (archaeology) and defer to BDC/CCC for built heritage	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in Section 7.7 of the chapter are acceptable	BDC: Discussions ongoingNot agreed. Matters were broadly agreed with the exception of the appropriateness of mitigation at Sparrows Farm/Little Russells and Rolls Farm.
						CCC: Discussions ongoingNot agreed. Matters were broadly agreed with the exception of further mitigation works sought at Stocks Farm, The Thatched Cottage, Stocks Cottages, Little Holts and Whalebone



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						Cottages and at Noaks Farm Lane.
						ECC: Agreed. Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heriatge documents have been prepared and shared with the Host Authorities, which included in the Deadline 2 submission.
CC- 05	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects	Discussions ongoingAgreed (built heritage)	Discussions ongoingNot agreed	Agreed (archaeology) and defer to BDC/CCC for built heriatge	The assessment conclusions detailed in Section 7.8 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC: Discussions ongoingAgreed. CCC: Discussions ongoing. Not agreed. Matters were 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: Agreed. Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional



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						heriatge documents have been prepared and shared with the Host Authorities. The final versions were included in the Deadline 3 submission.
CC- 06	Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures	Discussions ongoingNot agreed (built heritage)	Discussions ongoingNot agreed	Agreed (archaeology) and defer to BDC/CCC for built heritage	The mitigation measures identified in Section 7.9 of the chapter are acceptable.	BDC: Discussions ongoingNot agreed. Matters were broadly agreed with the exception of a request for addional mitigation at Sparrows Farm/Little Russells and Rolls Farm CCC: Discussions ongoingNot agreed. Matters were 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.
						ECC: Agreed. Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional

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						heriatge documents have been prepared and shared with the Host Authorities. The final versions were included in the Deadline 3 submission.
CC- 07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Agreed	Discussions ongoingNot agreeed	Agreed (archaeology) and defer to BDC/CCC for built heritage	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 ongoingNot agreed. Matters were broadly agreed with the exception of disagreement on impacts to Stocks Farm, The Thatched Cottage, Stocks Cottages, Little Holts and Whalebone Cottages and at Noaks Farm Lane. ECC: Agreed. Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heriatge documents have been prepared and shared with the Host Authorities, which included in the Deadline 2 submission.



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C- 08	Cumulative Impacts	Defer to ECC as this relates to archaeology.	Agreed	Agreed (archaeology) and defer to BDC/CCC for built heritage	The assessment conclusions set out in Section 7.11 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC: Agreed. ECC: Agreed. Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heriatge documents have been prepared and shared with the Host Authorities. The final versions were included in the Deadline 3 submission.
CC- 09	Development Consent Order – wording of Requirements	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	Agreed (archaeology) and defer to BDC/CCC for built heritage	The provision for the submission and approval of a written scheme of archaeological investigation, substantially in 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	BDC/CCC: Refer to Appendix 1 for details. ECC: Agreed



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					appropriate control.	
					The wording of Requirements 12 and 25 of the draft DCO submitted in support of the application is acceptable.	
CC- 10	Additional Mitigation	Discussions ongoing <u>Archaeology</u> only. For built heritage mitigation refer to CC- 04 (Emberdded Mitigation) and CC-06 (Additional Mitigation.	Archaeology only. For built heritage mitigation refer to CC-04 (Emberdded Mitigation) and CC-06 (Additional Mitigation.Discussions ongoing	Agreed (archaeology) and defer to BDC/CCC for built heritage	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 mechanisms for	BDC/CCC: Archaeology only. For built heritage mitigation refer to CC-04 (Emberdded Mitigation) and CC-06 (Additional Mitigation. Discussions ongoing. Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details. ECC:: Agreed

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					the 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	Agreed	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: Agreed, as detailed in the Planning Statement submitted at Deadline 4. CCC: Agreed – no further actions.
						ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
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: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
ECO- 03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The description of the baseline characteristics in Section 8.6 of the chapter, as well as in the supporting appendices, is 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
ECO- 04	Embedded Design Mitigation	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The embedded mitigation measures	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions.
					detailed in Section 8.8 of the chapter are acceptable.	ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
ECO-	Assessment of	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no
05	Likely Impacts and Effects				conclusions detailed in Sections 8.9-8.10 of	further actions.
					the chapter are agreed	ECC:Defer to BDC/CCC
ECO-	Additional	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The monitoring,	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no
06	Monitoring, Mitigation and				mitigation and enhancement measures	further actions.
	Enhancement				identified in Section	ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
	Measures	ures			8.12 of the chapter are acceptable.	
ECO-	Residual Effects	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no
07	and Conclusions				residual effects and	further actions.
					conclusions detailed in Section 8.13 of the chapter are agreed.	ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
ECO-	Cumulative	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no
08	Impacts				conclusions set out in Section 8.14 of the	further actions.
					chapter are agreed.	ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
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



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ECO- 10	Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	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: Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
ECO- 011	Additional Mitigation	Refer to Appendix 4 <u>Agreed</u>	Refer to Appendix 1	Defer to BDC/CCC	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 LEMP) and we consider the securing mechanisms for the	BDC/CCC: Agreed, but refer to BDC's Deadline 6 response CCC: Discussions ongoing. Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC



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					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
WAT- 01	Legislation and Planning Policy	Agreed	Agreed	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: Agreed, as detailed in the Planning Statement submitted at Deadline 4. 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: Defer/Agreed – no further actions.
WAT- 03	Baseline Conditions	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 description of the baseline characteristics in Section 9.6 of the chapter, as well as in the supporting appendices, is sufficient to inform the assessment.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Defer/Agreed – no further actions.
WAT- 04	Embedded Design Mitigation	Defer to ECC and other relevant statutory bodies/undertakers	Defer to ECC and other relevant statutory bodies/undertakers	Agreed	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in Section 9.7	BDC/CCC/ECC: Defer/Agreed – no further actions.



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		(including the Environment Agency)	(including the Environment Agency)		of the chapter are acceptable.	
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: Defer/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: Defer/Agreed – no further actions.
WAT- 07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	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 residual effects and conclusions detailed in Section 9.10 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Defer/Agreed – no further actions.
WAT- 08	Cumulative Impacts	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 conclusions set out in Section 9.11 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Defer/Agreed – no further actions.



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		Environment Agency)	Environment Agency)			
WAT- 09	Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	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: Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details.
WAT- 10	Additional Mitigation	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 4 <u>Agreed – no further</u> mitigation required	No further mitigation is considered necessary from that already identified within the suite of application documents (particularly the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan) and we consider the securing mechanisms for the measures embedded into the project proposals are acceptable.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details. ECC: Agreed – no further mitigation required



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	Agreed	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: <u>Agreed, as detailed</u> in the Planning Statement <u>submitted at Deadline</u> <u>4.Refer to Appendix 1 as</u> detailed in the Planning Statement submitted at Deadline 4. CCC: Agreed.
						ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
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 considered by the Authorities.



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
						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 chapter and Appendices 10C and 10D are sufficient to inform the assessment.	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN- 04	Embedded Design Mitigation	Agreed Discussions ongoing	Agreed Discussions ongoing	Defer to BDC/CCC	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in Section 10.7 of the chapter are acceptable.	BDC/CCC: <u>Agreed</u> 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	Agreed, with the exception of effects resulting from PDA1 set out in LAN-05.01 Discussions ongoing, with the exception of PDA1	Agreed, with the exception of effects resulting from PDA1 set out in LAN-05.01 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 effects resulting from PDA1 set out in LAN-05.01. Agreed, with the exception of PDA1, where discussions are ongoing. The Applicant has responded to the Host Authorities' position paper, which is now being



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						considered by the Authorities.
						ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN- 05.01	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects – PDA1	Not agreed Discussions ongoing	<u>Not agreed</u> Discussions ongoing	Defer to BDC/CCC	The effects of PDA1 are agreed.	BDC/CCC: Not agreed. There is a difference of professional judgement in the level of effect resulting from the development of PDA1 on:
						- the character of the Ter Valley North Local Landscape Character Area (LLCA) 03, and
						 in views from the Essex Way from the northern side of the River Ter Valley (represented by LVIA viewpoint 45).
						The effect of PDA 1 on other landscape and visual receptors has been agreed.
						In summary, regarding effects on the Ter Valley North LLCA, the LVIA



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						found that the Scheme
						would result in minor
						adverse effects at year 1
						and negligible adverse
						effects at year 15, neither
						of which are considered significant. The Host
						Authorities found that
						there would be moderate
						adverse (significant)
						effects at year 1, reducing
						to minor adverse (not
						significant) by year 15.
						With regard to views from
						the Essex Way, north of
						the River Ter, the LVIA
						concluded that people
						would experience moderate adverse
						(significant) effects at year
						<u>1, reducing to minor</u>
						adverse (not significant) at
						year 15. The Host
						Authorities agree that
						there would be moderate
						adverse (significant)
						effects at year 1, however
						these would not reduce to
						<u>minor adverse by year 15</u>
						and therefore conclude
						that the moderate adverse
						visual effect would remain.



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						Not agreed. There is a difference of professional judgement in the level of effect resulting from the development of PDA1. This is summarised in Deadline 2 Submission: Technical note prepared in response to Longfield Solar Farm Draft position statement on Landscape and Visual Impact [REP2- 033] Discussions ongoing. The Applicant has responded to the Host Authorities' position paper, which is now being considered by the Authorities.
LAN- 06	Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures	<u>Agreed</u> Discussions ongoing	Agreed Discussions ongoing	Defer to BDC/CCC	The monitoring, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in Section 10.9 of the chapter are acceptable.	ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC. BDC/CCC: <u>Agreed</u> 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.



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
LAN- 07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Agreed Discussions ongoing	Agreed 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: <u>Agreed, other</u> <u>than the landscape and</u> <u>visual effects resulting</u> <u>from PDA 1, explained in</u> <u>LAN-05.01, above.</u> <u>Discussions ongoing, as</u> there is one matter that is <u>outstanding relating to the</u> approach to character areas. The Applicant has responded to the Host Authorities' position paper, which is now being considered by the Authorities. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN- 08	Cumulative Impacts	<u>Agreed</u> <u>Discussions</u> ongoing	<u>Agreed</u> Discussions ongoing	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment conclusions set out in Section 10.11 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC: Agreed. The findings of the cumulative assessment presented in Section 10.11 are agreed. However the combined effects set out on page 8, point 4, of the Longfield Solar Farm Draft position statement on Landscape and Visual Impact [REP1b-060] should be noted. Discussions ongoing. The Applicant has responded to the Host Authorities' position paper, which is now being



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						considered by the Authorities.
						ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN- 09	Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)	<u>Discussions</u> ongoing Refer to Appendix 1	Discussions ongoing Refer to Appendix 1	Defer to BDC/CCC	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: <u>Discussions</u> ongoing. Refer to <u>Appendix 1 of this</u> <u>document for details.</u> Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
LAN- 10	Additional Mitigation	<u>Agreed</u> Discussions ongoing	Agreed Discussions ongoing	Defer to BDC/CCC	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 measures embedded into the project proposals are acceptable.	BDC/CCC: Agreed Discussions ongoing. Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC



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	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The summary of the relevant legislation and planning policy detailed in Section 11.2 of the	BDC: Agreed, as detailed in the Planning Statement submitted at Deadline 4.
					chapter is up to date	CCC: Agreed.
					and complete.	 BDC: Agreed, as detailed in the Planning Statement submitted at Deadline 4. CCC: Agreed. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC. BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC. BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
N&V- 02	Assessment Methodology	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The impact assessment methodology detailed in Section 11.5 of the	0
					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.	ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
N&V- 03	Baseline Conditions	5	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The description of the baseline characteristics in Section 11.6 of the	0
					chapter and Appendix 11B are sufficient to inform the assessment.	ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
N&V- 04	Embedded Design Mitigation	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The embedded mitigation measures	BDC: Agreed. The OEMP has been updated to



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					detailed in Section 11.7 of the chapter are acceptable.	reflect the commitments sought.
						CCC: Agreed – no further actions.
						ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
N&V- 05	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment conclusions detailed in Section 11.8 of the chapter, underpinned by Appendices 11C and	BDC: Agreed. The measures sought are now adequately secured via the management plans.
					11D, are agreed.	CCC: Agreed – no further actions.
						ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
N&V- 06	Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The monitoring, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in Section 11.9 of the chapter are	BDC: Agreed. The measures sought are now adequately secured via the management plans.
					acceptable.	CCC: Agreed – no further actions.
						ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
N&V- 07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment residual effects and conclusions detailed in Section 11.10 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC: Agreed. The measures sought are now adequately secured via the management plans.



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						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	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions.
					Section 11.11 of the chapter are agreed.	ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
N&V- 09	Development Consent Order –	Agreed	Refer to Appendix	Defer to BDC/CCC	The provision for the submission and	BDC: Agreed
	wording of Requirement(s)				approval of further details in relation the approval of the Construction	CCC: Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details.
					Environmental Management Plan (Requirements 13 and 26), the Operational Environmental Management Plan (Requirements 14 and 29) and the Operational Noise Assessment (Requirement 16) are acceptable.	ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
N&V- 10	Additional Mitigation	Agreed	Refer to Appendix 1	Defer to BDC/CCC	No further mitigation is considered necessary from that already identified within the suite of application documents (Outline	BDC: Agreed CCC: Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details.



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					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.	ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC

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	Agreed	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: Agreed, as detailed in the Planning Statement submitted at Deadline 4. 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	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.



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					appropriate relevant guidance.	
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.
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.



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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)	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	The provision of a community liaison group (Requirement 6) is acceptable.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details. discussions.
SE- 10	Additional Mitigation	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	The obligations are to be secured through the S106 Agreement.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details.



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	Agreed (insofar as the correct Local Plan Policies from the newly adopted BDC Local Plan have now been identified). Defer to ECC for	Defer to ECC	Agreed	relevant legislation and planning policy is detailed in Section 13.2 of the chapter. It is understood that policies LPP42, LPP43 and LPP69 have	
		general highway legislation/policy matters.		part of BDC's new Local actions. Plan which are separated out below (TRA-01A to TRA-01C) for agreement following the meetings on 1 st September and 26 th September.	actions.	
TRA- 01A	BDC Policy LPP42 (All Transport Modes)	make appropriate provi cyclists, public and con emergency vehicles. It the 'Essex Transport Si successors), for Develo Assessments and it con Transportation Develop	ision for all transport m munity transport and also requires develop trategy' Local Transpo opers to produce Trave nfirms that the Essex (oment Management Po og to accessibility and a	ment to be consistent with irt Plan for Essex (or its el Plans and Transport County Council blicies provide further detail access. It also seeks to	Section 13 of the chapter is supported by a Transport Assessment (ES Appendix 13A) and a Framework Construction Traffic Management Plan (ES Appendix 13B) which provide details of how the site will be accessed and the supporting provision to accommodate key transport modes.	BDC: Agreed that the correct policy has been identified and that the submission of a TA and CTMP accords with the requirements of the Policy. Defer to ECC on remaining highway matters.
					Therefore, the Scheme is considered to be in accordance with Policy LPP42.	



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TRA- 01B	BDC Policy LPP43 (Vehicle Parking)			n relates to vehicle parking dance with the Essex Parking	Section 13 of the chapter is supported by a Transport Assessment (ES Appendix 13A) which states that the proposed land use of the Scheme does not fall into any of the categories specified within the Essex Parking Standards (2009). Therefore, the proposed parking provision has been considered on its own merit to meet the needs of the development during both construction and operation.	BDC: Agreed.
		phase of of 150 pa be provid main con- compoun workers v	During the construction phase of the works, a total of 150 parking spaces will be provided within the main construction compound for construction workers which is designed to meet peak parking demand.			
					During the operational phase, it is not envisaged that any parking spaces will be provided for operational staff who will travel to various locations across the Order limits and park within the	



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					individual land parcels (within the site fencing) to carry out maintenance work as and when required. In addition, it is not proposed to provide any parking for visitors, given that the Scheme will be an operational solar farm rather than a visitor attraction (e.g. a solar park).	
					Therefore, the Scheme is considered to be in accordance with Policy LPP43.	
TRA- 01C	BDC Policy LPP69 (Protected Lanes)	and states that the Co nature conservation cl as Protected Lanes, ir features such as hedg elements contributing Proposals 'that would apperance of these Pr amount inappropriate conservation characte inappropriate for the tr	buncil 'will conserve the the the the the the the the the th	of the lanes'. se impact on the physical ate traffic of a type or scape and nature I not be permitted. I nature conservation	Section 13 of the chapter is supported by a Transport Assessment (ES Appendix 13A) which states that the north-south construction route through the Solar Farm Site supports the proposals to provide a single point of access and to minimise the usage of other parts of the local highway network, including the Protected Lanes of Boreham Road to the west and Braintree Road to the north. Whilst it is acknowledged that some hedgerow clearance	 BDC: Agreed approach in terms of coppicing/ crown lifting to minimise vegetation removal, as discussed during a meeting on 15th November 2022. CCC: Agreed, as per the above (BDC). ECC: Agreed, as discussed during the meeting on 16th November 2022, following the above (BDC), subject to inclusion of the management set out to maintain visibility splays of 2.4m x 90m within the Framework OEMP/



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					 is proposed on the northern side of Noakes Lane to achieve visibility splays of 2.4m x 90m at the construction vehicle crossing point, the extent of hedgerow removal will be limited where possible (through coppicing/ crown lifting). Also no hedgerow removal is expected to be required on the southern side of the construction vehicle crossing point. It should be noted that the approach to remove vegetation was agreed with ECC Highways and the proposals (with hedgerow removal) have been subject to a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit which did not identify any problems relating to visibility at this location following the hedgerow removal. 	Vegetation Management Plan.
					Nonetheless, following discussions on 1 st September, 26 th September, 15 th November and 16 th November, the extent of hedgerow removal will be limited	



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					through coppicing/ crown lifting where possible, with added management at the crossing point if necessary. This will be managed/ secured as part of the Framework CEMP during the construction phase, and as part of the Framework OEMP and Vegetation Management Plan during the operational phase.	
					As such, it is considered that the Scheme is appropriate and in accordance with Policy LPP69.	
TRA- 02	Assessment Methodology	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing (TRA-02C only)	The impact assessment methodology detailed in Section 13.5 of the chapter is considered to provide an appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors and has been undertaken with consideration of the appropriate relevant guidance. This is subject to resolving the relevant points raised within Appendix 2 of ECC's Local Impact Report (covered	ECC: Agreed , subject to resolution of TRA-02C below . CCC: Defer to ECC. BDC: The Applicant submission is thorough, however, defer to ECC



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					under Point 1) which are set out below (TRA-02A to TRA-02F) for agreement following the meeting on 1 st September.	
TRA- 02A	Construction Workers	discussed (ref 08 me accommodation bee			For the Solar Farm Site, all non-local staff will reside within local worker accommodation (see Socio-Economic chapter 12 of the ES which identifies a plentiful supply of accommodation within a 60-minute catchment) and will be transported to/ from the Order limits by shuttle service. The provision of a shuttle service is embedded scheme mitigation and will be secured by the Framework CTMP and/ or Detailed CTMP. Therefore, local accommodation has been identified and a shuttle service will be implemented to transfer construction staff to/ from this local accommodation. Further to the above, construction worker travel patterns will be monitored as part of the Detailed CTMP and the Chelmer	ECC: Agreed-subject to monitoring (TRA-02D).



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				Valley Park & Ride (CVPR) will be utilised in the instance that all construction worker parking is utilised on-site (see TRA-02D below).	
TRA- Car Share Fa	and it has been dec ECC were citing 1.3	reased from 1.7 workers	ed on previous experience, per vehicle to 1.5. However, orroborate the use of 1.5 Transport Assessment?	Car sharing will be encouraged for local construction workers and based on experience of previous (granted) DCO applications where a large construction workforce has been employed, an average car occupancy of 1.5 persons per vehicle is considered to be realistic for the purposes of calculating the forecast vehicle trip attraction for the Solar Farm Site. Please see examples of other granted applications where a similar (or less robust) assumption has previously been adopted: • Heathrow Terminal 5 (2003): 3.0 average vehicle occupancy • East Anglia ONE North Offshore Windfarm	ECC: Agreed <u>-subject to</u> monitoring (TRA-02D)



		(2019): 1.5 average	
		vehicle occupancy	
		 East Anglia TWO Offshore Windfarm (2019): 1.5 average vehicle occupancy 	
		 East Anglia THREE Offshore Windfarm (2015): 2.5 average vehicle occupancy 	
		 Meaford Energy Centre Power Station (2016): 2.0 average vehicle occupancy 	
		West Burton C Power Station (2019): 1.5 average vehicle occupancy	
		The Applicant will implement measures (to be secured as part of the Framework CTMP) to seek to maximise the numbers of staff that car share with colleagues to reduce the number of vehicles travelling to/ from the Order limits each day, including a Car Share Scheme which will be implemented to match	
			 (2019): 1.5 average vehicle occupancy East Anglia THREE Offshore Windfarm (2015): 2.5 average vehicle occupancy Meaford Energy Centre Power Station (2016): 2.0 average vehicle occupancy West Burton C Power Station (2019): 1.5 average vehicle occupancy West Burton C Power Station (2019): 1.5 average vehicle occupancy The Applicant will implement measures (to be secured as part of the Framework CTMP) to seek to maximise the numbers of staff that car share with colleagues to reduce the number of vehicles travelling to/ from the Order limits each day, including a Car Share Scheme which will be



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					staff identify any colleagues who could potentially be collected along their route to/ from site	
					It should be noted that for Bulls Lodge Substation, a reduced level of 1.2 occupants per vehicle was assumed given that there will be fewer staff and therefore fewer opportunities to car share than for the Solar Farm Site.	
					In view of the above, the adopted car occupancy figures are considered to be reasonable.	
TRA- 02C	HGV Trip Generation	Transportation Scop two way movements Assessment it is 50 I	ing Report Review. At th) travelling to and from t	n the Longfield Solar Farm is time it was 25 HGVs (50 he site, in the latest Transport vements). It remains unclear derived?	The forecast HGV trip generation for the Solar Farm Site decreased from 42 HGVs as presented during the pre-application meeting with ECC Highways on 25 th January 2021, to 25 HGVs as set out within the Transport Assessment Scoping Report (TASR) in April 2021, before then increasing to 50 HGVs (as submitted with the DCO)	ECC: <u>Agreed as discussed</u> <u>during a call on 29th</u> <u>November 2022</u> . <u>Applicant's</u> <u>Response to be reviewed to</u> determine whether this is now agreed.



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					in February 2022. These	
					changes reflected further	
					information supplied by	
					EDF-R throughout the	
					course of the project (over	
					a period of more than 12	
					months) and were	
					intended/ presented to	
					provide a worst-case	
					assessment (at the time of	
					submission) in terms of	
					the forecast trip attraction	
					during the peak	
					construction phase. The	
					final HGV trip attraction	
					was informed by a detailed	
					construction programme/	
					schedule which identified	
					HGV movements by task	
					and month, with a daily	
					peak of 50 HGVs	
					associated with civil,	
					structure and electrical	
					works as well as internal	
					substations. Further	
					details of how the HGV trip	
					generation has been	
					derived are set out within	
					Section 5.3.1 of the	
					Framework Construction	
					Traffic Management Plan	
					(ES Appendix 13B).	



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TRA- 02D	Monitoring	documentation to moni traffic but it is not clear to ensure that the car r local construction work with the assumptions, place should this be th	if construction worker tr mode share referred to a kers is effective and are	ting/times and volumes of affic will also be monitored above and transfer of non- being met in accordance ction/mitigation can take	The draft DCO legally requires the measures set out within the Framework CTMP to be delivered. The Detailed CTMP will then build on these post- consent if necessary.	ECC: Agreed subject to inclusion within the Detailed CTMP.
	arriving on site.		The provision of a shuttle service is embedded scheme mitigation to be secured by the Framework CTMP and/ or Detailed CTMP. In addition, the Detailed CTMP will provide the mechanism for monitoring construction worker travel patterns. The Chelmer Valley Park & Ride (CVPR) will be utilised in the instance that all construction worker parking is utilised on-site (see TRA-02E below).			
TRA- 02E	Chelmer Valley Park & Ride	regarding the shuttle b	us service, location of n	n the supporting information on-local construction Valley Park and Ride will be	The provision of a shuttle service is embedded scheme mitigation and will be secured by the Framework CTMP and/ or Detailed CTMP. In addition, the Detailed CTMP will provide the mechanism for utilising the Chelmer Valley Park and Ride (CVPR) should this	ECC: Agreed subject to inclusion within the Detailed CTMP.



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					be required as part of the monitoring e.g. in the instance that all construction worker parking is utilised on-site. A certain number of parking spaces within the CVPR will be earmarked for use by construction workers should this be necessary, which will again be identified and agreed as part of the Detailed CTMP. Please see TRA-02A	
					above for the response on local accommodation.	
TRA- 02F	Speed Surveys	the locations are shown	n in Appendix D1 but it i loops in relation to the p	ber 2019 on Waltham Road, is unclear as to the location proposed site access and	The locations of the speed surveys are set out within Table 6 of the Transport Assessment. This confirms that the October 2019 surveys and May 2021 surveys at Location 2 were situated on Waltham Road circa. 100m to the south of the junction with Cranham Road and therefore circa. 25m to the north of the proposed site access on Waltham Road. The worst-case speed survey results (2019	ECC: Agreed as confirmed during the meeting on 26 th September.



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				surveys at Location 1) have been adopted to determine the visibility requirements at the proposed site access; both in terms of junction visibility splays and forward visibility splays, and as agreed with ECC Highways on 16 th August 2021 (see Appendix A of the Transport Assessment).	
				Furthermore, the worst- case speed survey results (2019 surveys at Location 1) have been adopted to determine the visibility requirements at the proposed vehicle crossing point on Waltham Road and to the associated Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) for traffic approaching the crossing point on the two Waltham Road approaches.	
				A Stage 1 RSA has been carried out for the proposed site access junction on Waltham Road and for the proposed crossing point on Waltham	
	Sub-topic				surveys at Location 1) have been adopted to determine the visibility requirements at the proposed site access; both in terms of junction visibility splays and forward visibility splays, and as agreed with ECC Highways on 16 th August 2021 (see Appendix A of the Transport Assessment). Furthermore, the worst- case speed survey results (2019 surveys at Location 1) have been adopted to determine the visibility requirements at the proposed vehicle crossing point on Waltham Road and to the associated Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) for traffic approaching the crossing point on the two Waltham Road approaches. A Stage 1 RSA has been carried out for the proposed site access junction on Waltham Road and for the proposed



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					Road which has not identified any road safety problems relating to visibility splays.	
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 (TRA-04A only)	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in Section 13.7 of the chapter are considered to be acceptable and agreed subject to resolving the relevant points raised within Appendix 2 of ECC's Local Impact Report (covered under Points 2 and 5) which are set out below (TRA-04A and TRA-04B) for agreement following the meeting on 1 st September.	BDC/CCC: Defer to ECC. ECC: Meetings were held on 1 st September, 26 th September and 16 th November to review these points and these are agreed subject to resolution of TRA- 04A below.
TRA- 04A	Road Safety Audits	DM14 requires and roa where appropriate to a materially alter the exis out in accordance with auditor.	ad safety audit report inc ccompany any planning sting highway and that s current standards by ar required for the followir		A Stage 1 Road Safety Audit (RSA) has been carried out for the first four points identified. Please see TRA-04B below with respect to permissive paths.	ECC: ECC to review with the Road Safety Team to determine whether any further passive measures are required in view of the casualty-reduction scheme which has already been implemented on Waltham Road and any available post-



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			ssing point (for construc	tion of the Grid Connection	The Stage 1 RSA and	monitoring data. This is to be
		Route)			supporting Designer's	considered based on the
			vay widening on Wheele	ers Hill, Cranham Road and	Response was shared	current proposal and
		Waltham Road.			with ECC Highways for	construction vehicle routing
		 Noakes Farm cross 			review on 12 th July 2022.	arrangements.
		 Locations where per 	ermissive routes join or o	cross existing highway.	Following this, the only	
					outstanding action was to	It is agreed that any potential
					undertake a RRRAP	implications relating to the
					assessment to determine	CNEB e.g. alternative
					whether safety fencing/	construction vehicle routing
					barriers are required on	arrangements on Waltham
					Waltham Road as a result	<u>Road (which would be a</u>
					of Longfield Solar Farm	temporary arrangement) will
					which can be	be picked up as part of TRA-
					accommodated within the	08 once further details
					highway or land within the	relating to the CNEB are
					control of the Applicant.	<u>known.</u>
					The RRRAP assessment	ECC to review with the Road
					was carried out in October	Safety Team to determine
					2022 and the Designer's	whether any further passive
					Response was updated to	measures are required with
					reflect the findings/	associated updates to the
					recommendations. The	Framework CTMP.
					updated Designer's	
					Response and RRRAP	
					was shared with ECC	
					Highways on 1 st	
					November 2022.	
					The remaining points	
					picked up with the Stage 1	
					RSA have been addressed	
					as part of the Designer's	
					Response and as such no	
					further actions are	
					considered to be required	



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					following the completion of the RRRAP as identified above.	
TRA- 04B	Permissive Paths	operational phase o applicant to ensure connect with and/or	f the development. It wil that the locations where cross existing public hig hway may be required to	through the works for the I be necessary for the these permissive routes ghway are safe. Additional b achieve this as identified	Based on the permissive path plan, a north-south route will be provided by providing new paths/ connections between existing PRoW, however, there is only one location where these will interact with the public highway which is at Noakes Lane. As above, the Noakes Lane crossing point has been subject to a Stage 1 RSA and mitigation will be put in place to ensure that the crossing will operate safely including providing controlled (gated) access and providing the required visibility splays.	ECC: Agreed on the understanding that the only interaction between a permissive route and the public highway will be at the crossing point on Noakes Lane, as discussed on 26 th September. In addition, suitable visibility splays will need to be maintained at this crossing point – see TRA- 01C above.
TRA- 05	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing (TRA-05C only)	The assessment conclusions detailed in Section 13.8 of the chapter and the Transport Assessment (ES Appendix 13A) are considered to be acceptable and agreed subject to resolving the relevant points raised within Appendix 2 of	BDC/CCC: Defer to ECC. ECC: Agreed, subject to resolution of TRA-05C below.



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					ECC's Local Impact Report (covered under Points 2 to 5) which are set out above (TRA-04A and TRA-04B) and below (TRA-05A and TRA-05B) for agreement following the meeting on 1 st September. This also includes a review of abnormal loads which was also discussed during this meeting (covered in TRA- 05C below).	
TRA- 05A	Waltham Road Cable Crossing	Road connecting the station would be insta	Longfield Solar Farm to	e cable crossing of Waltham o Bull's Lodge quarry sub- struction rather than an open altham Road.	At this stage, it is proposed to install the cable using an open trench on the assumption that it will be possible to accommodate alternative lane closures (supported by TTM). However, in the event that a whole road closure is required to accommodate trenching techniques (to be identified by the contractor during detailed design), then alternative techniques such as Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) will be explored at this location instead. The Framework CTMP has been updated	ECC: Agreed following the meeting on 26 th September and on the basis that the Framework CTMP has been updated.



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					and resubmitted accordingly.	
TRA- 05B	Condition Survey	possible there remai on the condition of th The Construction Tra before and after stud being required toget	affic Management Plan sho	tional traffic could impact les adjacent to the highway. buld include reference to tions of the highway asset reinstatement of any	A condition survey will be carried out on Wheelers Hill, Cranham Road and Waltham Road (125m section between Cranham Road and the proposed site access) pre- construction, during construction and post- construction and post- construction, to identify any defects that arise to highways assets/ verges during the construction phase of the Scheme for re-instatement. This will be secured within the Framework CTMP which has been updated and resubmitted accordingly.	ECC: Agreed following the meeting on 26 th September and on the basis that the Framework CTMP has been updated.
TRA- 05C	Abnormal Loads	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC, please can abnormal loads along Waltham Road be kept to the minimum necessary, so not to harm residential amenity.	Discussions ongoing	There will be a requirement for abnormal loads to transport the transformer and shunt reactor to the main site access on Waltham Road. An Abnormal Load Route Survey has been prepared to review the suitability of two potential delivery routes for accommodating Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AILs) when	BDC/CCC: Defer to ECC. ECC: Applicant's Response to be reviewed to determine whether this is now agreed. Applicant's Response to be reviewed to determine whether this is now agreed (based on the current proposal and routing arrangements).



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					travelling to the Solar Farm Site. The two assessed routes comprise 1) the agreed HGV routing strategy via the A12(T), RDR, A130, Wheelers Hill and Cranham Road, and 2) an alternative route via the existing section of the A130 to the north of Springfield instead of the RDR. As per the agreed HGV routing strategy, the route via the RDR is the preferred route in terms of the routing of abnormal loads. The assessment has been based on a candidate transformer and a girder frame trailer to provide a worst-case assessment. The abnormal load assessment demonstrates that both routes are expected to be able to accommodate AILs subject to a number of recommendations e.g. vegetation clearance, relocating street furniture and providing a load bearing surface. The proposed recommendations can all	It is agreed that any potential implications relating to the CNEB in terms of abnormal load routing arrangements will be picked up as part of TRA-08 once further details relating to the CNEB are known.



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					be carried out within the limits of road adoption i.e. are not reliant on third party land. Further details of the assessment methodology and findings are contained within the Abnormal Load Route Survey which is held within an updated version of the Framework CTMP which was resubmitted at Deadline 4.	
					It should be noted that abnormal loads will be subject to the approvals process post-consent and to be arranged with Essex police with supporting traffic management/ road closures.	
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 considered to be acceptable and agreed on the basis of TRA-02D above. The Applicant will be leasing the land for the Solar Farm Site and will return the land to the	BDC/CCC: Defer to ECC. ECC: Agreed. Details relating to the monitoring of construction worker traffic were discussed during the meetings held on 1 st September and 26 th September. The position relating to permissive paths is also agreed (see TRA- 04B). Details relating to the monitoring of construction



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					landowner after the decommissioning of the Scheme. Therefore, any new permanent public rights of way would not be possible (this is not within the Applicant's control) as the land would most likely be returned back to agricultural use. In addition, any proposed permissive paths would be limited to the lifetime of the Scheme. This was discussed and acknowledged during a PRoW meeting with ECC Officers on 12th August 2021.	worker traffic was discussed during the meetings held on 4 st -September and 26 th September and are agreed. Applicant's Response to be reviewed to determine whether this is now agreed in terms of Public Rights of Way:
TRA- 07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Defer to ECC	Agreed	Discussions ongoing	The assessment of residual effects and conclusions detailed in Section 13.10 of the chapter are agreed-subject to resolving the outstanding points above (TRA-02C, TRA-04A, TRA-05C and TRA06).	BDC: Defer to ECC. CCC: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Discussions ongoing. Meetings were held on 1 st September, 26 th September, 16 th November, 22 nd November and 29 th November to review TRA-01 to TRA-08. This is agreed subject to resolving outstanding points (TRA-04A and TRA-05C). Discussions ongoing. Meetings were held



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						on 1 st September, 26 th September and 16 th
						November to review TRA-01
						to TRA-08. This is agreed
						subject to resolving
						outstanding points (TRA-
						02C, TRA-04A, TRA-05C
						and TRA06).
TRA- 08	Cumulative Impacts	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	The assessment conclusions set out in	BDC/CCC: Defer to ECC.
	Impaoto				Section 13.11 of the	ECC: This was reviewed
					chapter are agreed. As	during the meetings on 1 st
					discussed during the	September and 26 th
					meetings on 1 st	September and it is agreed
					September and 26 th	that potential implications
					September, the potential	relating to the CNEB will be
					implications of the	revisited later in Examination
					Chelmsford North-East	when further details are
					Bypass scheme on the	available.
					construction traffic route	
					along Cranham Road are	Considerations relating to the
					not currently known and	CNEB include potential
					this will be addressed later	implications on construction
					in Examination when	vehicle routing (with
					further details are	reference to TRA-04A) and
					available. Mitigation will	abnormal loads (with
					then be considered should	reference to TRA-05C). This
					this be necessary e.g. in	was reviewed during the
					the instance that Cranham	meetings on 1 st September
					Road needs to be closed	and 26 th September and it is
					for any duration to	agreed that this will be
					accommodate the CNEB	revisited later in Examination
					construction.	when further details are
						available.



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					Further to the above, a separate SoCG has been prepared between the Applicant and National Highways to agree how any potential cumulative transport and access effects arising from Longfield Solar Farm and the A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme will be managed and mitigated.	
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 identified highway improvements (Requirement 21) and a construction traffic management plan (Requirements 15 and 27) is acceptable.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing following the meeting on 5th September 2022. CCC: Want to ensure that construction access to Bulls Lodge Substation to be secured via Generals Lane/A12 junction, via the DCO.



Ref Sub-topic BDC's Position CCC's Position ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
TRA- Additional Discussions ongoing Discussions ongoing 10 Mitigation	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.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing following the meeting on 5th 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	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The summary of the relevant legislation and policy detailed in Section 14.2 of the chapter is up to date and complete.	 BDC: Agreed, as detailed in the Planning Statement submitted at Deadline 4. CCC: Agreed – no further actions.
						ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
AQ- 02	Assessment Methodology	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The impact assessment methodologies detailed	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions.
					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.	ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
AQ- 03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The description of the baseline characteristics	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions.
					in Section 14.6 of the chapter are sufficient to inform the assessment.	ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
AQ- 04	Embedded Design Mitigation	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The embedded mitigation measures	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions.
					detailed in Section 14.7	ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
					of the chapter are acceptable.	
AQ- 05	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment conclusions detailed in Section 14.8 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
AQ- 06	Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The monitoring, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in Section 14.9 of the chapter are acceptable.	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
AQ- 07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment residual effects and conclusions detailed in Section 14.10 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
AQ- 08	Cumulative Impacts	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment conclusions set out in Section 14.11 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions. E CC : Defer to BDC/CCC
AQ- 09	Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	The provision for the submission and approval of a construction environmental management plan (CEMP), substantially in accordance with the outline CEMP	BDC/CCC/ECC: Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details.



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					(Requirement 13), prior to the commencement of the relevant phase of work is accepted as an appropriate control.	
AQ- 10	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 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.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing. Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details.



3.10 Human Health

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
НН- 01	Legislation and Planning Policy	Agreed	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: Agreed, as detailed in the Planning Statement submitted at Deadline 4.
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.
НН- 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.
НН- 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.



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
НН- 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	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment of residual effects and conclusions are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.
НН- 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 – wording of Requirement(s)	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	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.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details.
НН- 10	Additional Mitigation	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	Refer to Appendix 1	There are no specific measures relating to human health, rather any relevant matters are	BDC/CCC/ECC: Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details.



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					specifically covered under the relevant	
					environmental topic	
					above, which is an	
					acceptable approach.	



3.11 Glint and Glare [NOTE – Host Authorities provided a response to the Applicant on 12.12.22 and the Applicant responded to the Host Authorities 14.12.22 and is awaiting feedback].

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, as the authorities await the outpout oc a report they comissioned. Update to be provided at Deadline <u>76</u> .
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. Update to be provided at Deadline 67.
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. Update to be provided at Deadline <u>7</u> 6.
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. Update to be provided at Deadline <u>76</u> .



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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 are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing. Update to be provided at Deadline <u>7</u> 6.



3.12 Other Matters

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
ОТ- 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	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The overarching methodology is acceptable, subject to the topic specific assessments covered elsewhere in this document.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – with the exception of any technical matters identified in the thematic tables above.
ОТ- 03	Agricultural Land / Use of Best and Most Versatile Land	Defer to ExA	Defer to ExA	Defer to ExA	The assessment and its findings (Chapter 12 of the ES) are acceptable and no further mitigation identified as necessary.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Defer to the view of the ExA on this matter.
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	Defer to Essex Fire and Rescue	Defer to E x= ssex Fire and Rescue	Defer to Essex Fire and Rescue	The assessment and its findings and mitigation (Chapter 16 of the ES) are acceptable and no	BDC/CCC/ECC: Councils defer to Essex Fire and Rescue



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					further mitigation identified as necessary.	
0T- 06	Minerals and Waste	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Not in agreement	identified as necessary. 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: 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. Should the land not have been subject to an extant permission, the MVVPA acknowledges that prior extraction as a resource conservation measure ahead of non-mineral
						development taking place, would not be practical.



Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
						Applicant' Please refer to submissions into the examination for full details of our position.
OT- 07	Ground Conditions	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment and its findings and mitigation (Chapter 16 of the ES) are acceptable and no further mitigation identified as necessary.	BDC/CCC: Agreed - No further action. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
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.
ОТ- 09	Effect Interactions	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment (Chapter 17 of the ES) is acceptable.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed.



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 ar behalf of Longfield S		Name
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		Date
		Signature
Duly authorised for ar behalf of Braintree D		Name
Council		Job Title
		Date
		Signature
Duly authorised for an behalf of Chelmsford		Name
Council	,	Job Title
		Date
		Signature



Duly authorised for and on behalf of **Essex County** Name Council

Job Title

Date

Signature



Appendix 1: Overview of Status of Position on draft DCO and Section 106 Agreement [Note – final check on D6 version]

Draft DCO: A meeting was held between the parties on 1 November, where a number of matters were agreed. An updated version of the dDCO was submitted into the examination at Deadline 4. Further discussions were subsequently held, and the Applicant provided an updated version of the dDCO to the host authorities on 15 November in advance of a discussion on the 16 November, which included edits in response to their written submissions at Deadline 4. No further edits have been requested and the host authorities continue to review the document; which has been submitted at Deadline 5 for completeness.

Draft Legal Agreement: The Applicant has been meeting the host authorities on a fortnightly basis. Draft legal agreements have been provided to inform those discussions. Most recently, a version of the document was provided in September and in addition to the regular meetings, additional dedicated meetings were held on 7 November to discuss the skills and community benefits obligations. Further, a version was provided to the host authorities on 15 November to inform a discussion on 16 November; followed by an updated version being issued to them. The Applicant continues to work with them to seek to agree the wording; and can confirm that it will submitted a completed version of the legal agreement before the close of the examination.

Document - section	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Next Steps
Draft Development Consent Order				
Part 1: Preliminary	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing <u>No</u> comment	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Part 2: Streets	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingNo comment – defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Part 4: Supplemental Powers	Discussions ongoingNo comment	Discussions ongoingNo comment – defer to relevant authorities	Discussions ongoingNo comment	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing <u>No</u> comment



Part 5	Powers of Acquisition	Discussions ongoingNo comment	Discussions ongoingNo comment	Discussions ongoingNo comment	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoingNo comment
Part 6: Miscellaneous and General		Discussions ongoing	No commentDiscussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Schedule 1 – Authorised Development		Discussions ongoing	Agreed in principle Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Sched	ule 2 - Requirements	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
1	Interpretation	No commentDiscussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	No commentDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing No comment/agreed
2	Commencement of the authorised development	No commentDiscussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	No commentDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
3	Phasing of the authorised development	No commentDiscussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	No commentDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing No comment/agreed
4	Requirement for written approval	No commentDiscussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	No commentDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing <u>No</u> comment/agreed



5	Approval of details and amendments to them	No commentDiscussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	No commentDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing No comment/agreed
6	Community liaison group	Discussions ongoingAgreed	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	No commentDiscussions ongoingAgreed	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing Agreed
7	Solar farm works and grid connection – Detailed design approval	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
8	Solar farm works and grid connection – Battery safety management plan	Discussions ongoingNo comment	Discussions ongoingDefer to relevant operators	No commentDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing No comment/defer
9	Solar farm works and grid connection – Landscape and ecological management plan	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingAgreed in principle	Discussions ongoingDefer to BDC/CCC	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
10	Solar farm works and grid connection – Fencing and other means of enclosure	Discussions ongoingNo comment	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	No commentDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing No comment/agreed
11	Solar farm works and grid connection – Surface water and foul water drainage	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingDefer to ECC	Discussions ongoing ongoing ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing -
12	Solar farm works and grid connection - Archaeology	Discussions ongoingAgreed	Discussions ongoingDefer to ECC	AgreedDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing Defer/agreed
13	Solar farm works and grid connection – Construction environmental management plan	Discussions ongoingAgreed	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	AgreedDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing Agreed



14	Solar farm works and grid connection – Operational environmental management plan	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing Agred
15	Solar farm works and grid connection – Construction traffic management plan	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingDefer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
16	Solar farm works and grid connection – Operational noise⊨	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing -
17	Solar farm works and grid connection – Permissive paths	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingDefer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing -
18	Solar farm works and grid connection – Public rights of way diversions	Discussions ongoingAgreed	Discussions ongoingDefer to ECC	Discussions ongoingAgreed	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing Defer/agreed
19	Solar farm works and grid connection – Soil management	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing -
20	Solar farm works and grid connection – Decommissioning and restoration	Discussions ongoing <u>No</u> comment	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	No commentDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing No comment/agreed
21	Solar farm works and grid connection – Highway improvements	Discussions ongoing <u>Agreed</u>	Discussions ongoingDefer to ECC	AgreedDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing Defer/agreed
22	Bulls Lodge substation works – Detailed design approvals	Discussions ongoing	AgreedDiscussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
23	Bulls Lodge substation works – Fencing and other means of enclosure	Discussions ongoing <u>No</u> comment	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	No commentDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing No comment/agreed



24	Bulls Lodge substation works – Surface foul and drainage	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	Discussions ongoingDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
25	Bulls Lodge substation works - ArcchaeologyArchaeology	Discussions ongoingAgreed	Agreed*Discussions ongoing	AgreedDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing Agreed
26	Bulls Lodge substation works – Construction envirometalenvironmental management plan	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	Discussions ongoingDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
27	Bulls Lodge substation works – Construction traffic management plan	Discussions ongoingAgreed	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	AgreedDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing Agreed
28	Bulls Lodge substation works – Soils management	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	Discussions ongoingDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
29	Bulls Lodge substation works – Operational environmental management plan	Discussions ongoingAgreed	Discussions ongoingAgreed*	AgreedDiscussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Agreed
Schedu	Ile 3 – Legislation to be disapplied	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing <u>No</u> comment	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Schedule 4 – Streets subject to street works		Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingDefer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Schedu	ule 5 – Alteration of streets	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingDefer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing



Schedule 6 – Public rights of way	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingDefer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Schedule 7 – Access to works	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingDefer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Schedule 8 – Traffic Regulation measures	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoingDefer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Schedule 9 – Land which only new rights etc may be acquired	Discussions ongoingNo comments	Discussions ongoingNo comment	No comments Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing No comment
Schedule 10 – Modification of compensation and compulsory purchase	Discussions ongoingNo comments	Discussions ongoingNo comment	No comments Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing No comment
Schedule 11 – Land of which temporary possession may be taken	Discussions ongoing <u>No</u> comments	Discussions ongoingNo comment	No comments Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing No comment



Schedule 12 – Hedgerows to be removed	Discussions ongoing <u>No</u> comments	Discussions ongoing <u>No</u> comment	No comments Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing No comment
Schedule 13 – Documents and plans to be certified	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Schedule 14 – Arbitration rules	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Schedule 15 – Protective provisions (Part 8)	No comments	No comments	Discussions ongoingAgreed	BDC/CCC: No comments. ECC: <u>Agreed</u> Discussions ongoing
Schedule 16 – Procedure for discharge of requirements	Discussions ongoingAgreed	Discussions ongoing Agreed in principle	Discussions ongoingAgreed	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing - Agreed
Section 106 Agreement/Deed of Obligation				
Boilerplate	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Skills, Supply Chain and Employment	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing



Community Fund	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	0 0	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Resources for delivery phase	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	0 0	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing