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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 individual 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

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
					scope and wording of the Requirements.	for details on the status of the discussions.
PD-05	S106 Agreement / Deed of Obligation	Refer to Appendix 4 <u>Agreed</u>	Refer to Appendix 4 <u>Agreed</u>	Refer to Appendix 4 <u>Agreed</u>	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. The <u>legal agreement is agreed between the parties.</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Refer to Appendix 4 of this document for details on the status of the discussions. <u>Agreed</u>

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 <u>in relation to archaeology.</u> Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heritage documents have been were prepared and shared with the Host Authorities. <u>These documents were submitted at,</u> which included in the Deadline 2, <u>submission.</u>

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
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 chapter, as well as Appendix 7A: Heritage Desk Based Assessment is sufficient to inform the assessment; and Appendix 7.3: Geophysical .	BDC/CCC: Agreed in relation to built heritage, deferring to ECC on archaeology. ECC: Agreed <u>in relation to archaeology</u> .- Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heritage documents <u>were have been</u> prepared and shared with the Host Authorities. <u>These documents were submitted at , which included in the Deadline 2_ submission.</u>
CC-04	Embedded Design Mitigation	Not agreed (built heritage)	Not agreed (built heritage)	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: Not agreed. Matters were broadly agreed with the exception of the appropriateness of mitigation at Sparrows Farm/Little

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						<p>Russells and Rolls Farm.</p> <p>CCC: Not 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 Noakes Farm Lane.</p> <p>ECC: Agreed <u>in relation to archaeology.</u> Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heriatge documents have beenwere prepared and shared with the Host Authorities. <u>These documents were submitted at the,</u> which included</p>

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						in the Deadline 2 submission.
CC-05	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects	Agreed (built heritage)	Not agreed	Agreed (archaeology) and defer to BDC/CCC for built heriatge	The assessment conclusions detailed in Section 7.8 of the chapter are agreed.	<p>BDC: Agreed.</p> <p>CCC: . 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 Noakes Farm Lane.</p> <p>ECC: Agreed <u>in relation to archaeology.</u> Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heriatge documents have been were prepared and shared with the Host Authorities. The final versions <u>of these documents</u></p>

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
						were <u>submitted at included in the Deadline 3 submission.</u>
CC-06	Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures	Not agreed (built heritage)	Not agreed	Agreed (archaeology) and defer to BDC/CCC for built heritage	The mitigation measures identified in Section 7.9 of the chapter are acceptable.	<p>BDC: Not agreed. Matters were broadly agreed with the exception of a request for additional mitigation at Sparrows Farm/Little Russells and Rolls Farm</p> <p>CCC: Not 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 Noakes Farm Lane.</p> <p>ECC: Agreed <u>in relation to archaeology.</u> Following a meeting</p>

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						on 18.09.22, updated and additional heritage documents have been were prepared and shared with the Host Authorities. The final versions <u>of these documents</u> were <u>submitted at included in the</u> Deadline 3 <u>submission</u> .
CC-07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Agreed	Not agreed	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.	<p>BDC: Agreed. Level of impact agreed in terms of EIA terminology.</p> <p>CCC: Not 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 Noakes Farm Lane.</p>

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						<p>ECC: Agreed <u>in relation to archaeology.</u> Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heriatge documents have been <u>were</u> prepared and shared with the Host Authorities. <u>These documents were submitted at which included in the Deadline 2 submission.</u></p>
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.	<p>BDC/CCC: Agreed.</p> <p>ECC: Agreed <u>in relation to archaeology.</u> Following a meeting on 18.09.22, updated and additional heriatge documents have been <u>were</u> prepared and shared with the Host Authorities. The final versions <u>of these documents were submitted at</u></p>

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						<i>included in the Deadline 3 submission.</i>
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	<p>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 appropriate control.</p> <p>The wording of Requirements 12 and 25 of the draft DCO submitted in support of the application is acceptable.</p>	<p>BDC/CCC: Refer to Appendix 1 for details.</p> <p>ECC: Agreed <u>in relation to Requirements 12 and 25.</u></p>

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
CC-10	Additional Mitigation	Archaeology 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).	Agreed (archaeology). <u>no further mitigation required</u> 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 the measures embedded into the project proposals are acceptable.	BDC/CCC: Archaeology only. For built heritage mitigation refer to CC-04 (Emberdded Mitigation) and CC-06 (Additional Mitigation.. ECC: Agreed <u>in relation to archaeology.</u>

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

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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: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
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: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
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: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
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: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
ECO-08	Cumulative Impacts	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The assessment conclusions set out in Section 8.14 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions. 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	<p>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.</p> <p>The wording of Requirement 9 of the dDCO submitted in support of the application is acceptable.</p>	<p>BDC/CCC: Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details.</p> <p>ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC</p>
ECO-011	Additional Mitigation	Agreed <u>– no further mitigation required</u>	Refer to Appendix 1 <u>Agreed – no further mitigation required</u>	Defer to BDC/CCC	<p>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</p>	<p>BDC: Agreed, but refer to BDC's Deadline 6 response</p> <p>CCC: Agreed <u>Discussions ongoing. Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details.</u></p> <p>ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC</p>

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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	Agreed – no further mitigation required Refer to Appendix 1	Agreed – no further mitigation required Refer to Appendix 1	Agreed – no further 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: Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details. BDC/CCC/ECC: 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: Agreed, as detailed in the Planning Statement submitted at Deadline 4. CCC: Agreed. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN-02	Assessment Methodology	Agreed	Agreed	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 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 ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.

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LAN-04	Embedded Design Mitigation	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in Section 10.7 of the chapter are acceptable.	BDC/CCC: Agreed 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	Agreed, with the exception of effects resulting from PDA1 set out in LAN-05.01	Defer to BDC/CCC <u>Agreed, with the exception of effects resulting from PDA1 set out in LAN-05.01</u>	The assessment conclusions detailed in Section 10.8 of the chapter and Appendices 10F and G are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed, with the exception of effects resulting from PDA1 set out in LAN-05.01. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN-05.01	Assessment of Likely Impacts and Effects – PDA1	Not agreed	Not agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC <u>Not agreed.</u>	The effects of PDA1 are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Not agreed. There is a difference of professional judgement in the level of effect resulting from the development of PDA1 on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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

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						<p>by LVIA viewpoint 45).</p> <p>The effect of PDA 1 on other landscape and visual receptors has been agreed.</p> <p>In summary, regarding effects on the Ter Valley North LLCA, the LVIA 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.</p> <p>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 1, reducing to minor adverse (not significant) at</p>

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						year 15. The Host Authorities agree that there would be moderate adverse (significant) effects at year 1, however these would not reduce to minor adverse by year 15 and therefore conclude that the moderate adverse visual effect would remain. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN-06	Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The monitoring, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in Section 10.9 of the chapter are acceptable.	BDC/CCC: Agreed ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN-07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC Agreed	The assessment of residual effects and conclusions detailed in Section 10.10 of the chapter are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed, other than the landscape and visual effects resulting from PDA 1, explained in LAN-05.01, above. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN-08	Cumulative Impacts	Agreed	Agreed	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,

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						point 4, of the Longfield Solar Farm Draft position statement on Landscape and Visual Impact [REP1b-060] should be noted. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.
LAN-09	Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	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: Discussions ongoing. Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
LAN-10	Additional Mitigation	Agreed <u>– no further mitigation sought</u>	Agreed <u>– no further mitigation sought</u>	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	BDC/CCC: Agreed <u>– no further mitigation sought</u> ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC

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					into the project proposals are acceptable.	

3.6 Noise and Vibration

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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 chapter is up to date and complete.	BDC: Agreed, as detailed in the Planning Statement submitted at Deadline 4. CCC: Agreed. 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 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	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions.

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					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 detailed in Section 11.7 of the chapter are acceptable.	<p>BDC: Agreed. The OEMP has been updated to reflect the commitments sought.</p> <p>CCC: Agreed – no further actions.</p> <p>ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.</p>
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 11D , are agreed.	<p>BDC: Agreed. The measures sought are now adequately secured via the management plans.</p> <p>CCC: Agreed – no further actions.</p> <p>ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.</p>
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 acceptable.	<p>BDC: Agreed. The measures sought are now adequately secured via the management plans.</p> <p>CCC: Agreed – no further actions.</p> <p>ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.</p>

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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.	<p>BDC: Agreed. The measures sought are now adequately secured via the management plans.</p> <p>CCC: Agreed – no further actions.</p> <p>ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC.</p>
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.	<p>BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions.</p> <p>ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC</p>
N&V-09	Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)	Agreed	Agreed Refer to Appendix 1	Defer to BDC/CCC	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 (Requirements 14 and 29) and the Operational Noise Assessment (Requirement 16) are acceptable.	<p>BDC: Agreed</p> <p>CCC: Agreed Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details.</p> <p>ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC</p>

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N&V-10	Additional Mitigation	Agreed – no further mitigation sought	Agreed – no further mitigation sought 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 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: Agreed - no further mitigation sought CCC: Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC

3.7 Socio-economics and Land Use

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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	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further actions.

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					appropriate approach to assessing potential impacts on receptors; and has been undertaken with consideration of the 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.

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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)	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.
SE-10	Additional Mitigation	Agreed – no further mitigation sought Refer to Appendix 1	Agreed – no further mitigation sought Refer to Appendix 1	Agreed – no further mitigation sought Refer to Appendix 1	The obligations are to be secured through the S106 Agreement.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed – no further mitigation sought Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details.

3.8 Transport and Access

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TRA-01	Legislation and Planning Policy	<p>Agreed (insofar as the correct Local Plan Policies from the newly adopted BDC Local Plan have now been identified).</p> <p>Defer to ECC for general highway legislation/policy matters.</p>	Defer to ECC	Agreed	<p>The summary of the relevant legislation and planning policy is detailed in Section 13.2 of the chapter. It is understood that policies LPP42, LPP43 and LPP69 have since been adopted as part of BDC's new Local Plan which are separated out below (TRA-01A to TRA-01C) for agreement following the meetings on 1st September and 26th September.</p>	<p>BDC: Agreed that correct Local Plan Policies have now been identified. Otherwise defer to ECC.</p> <p>CCC: Defer to ECC.</p> <p>ECC: Agreed – no further actions.</p>
TRA-01A	BDC Policy LPP42 (All Transport Modes)	<p>BDC: Policy LPP42 of the Adopted Local Plan requires development to make appropriate provision for all transport modes including pedestrians, cyclists, public and community transport and servicing, refuse and emergency vehicles. It also requires development to be consistent with the 'Essex Transport Strategy' Local Transport Plan for Essex (or its successors), for Developers to produce Travel Plans and Transport Assessments and it confirms that the Essex County Council Transportation Development Management Policies provide further detail on requirements relating to accessibility and access. It also seeks to protect existing rights of way and improve them.</p>			<p>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.</p> <p>Therefore, the Scheme is considered to be in accordance with Policy LPP42.</p>	<p>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.</p>

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TRA-01B	BDC Policy LPP43 (Vehicle Parking)	BDC: Policy LPP43 of the Adopted Local Plan relates to vehicle parking and requires that provision is made in accordance with the Essex Parking Standards (2009).			<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	BDC: Agreed.

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					<p>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).</p> <p>Therefore, the Scheme is considered to be in accordance with Policy LPP43.</p>	
TRA-01C	BDC Policy LPP69 (Protected Lanes)	<p>BDC: Policy LPP69 of the Adopted Local Plan relates to Protected Lanes and states that the Council 'will conserve the traditional landscape and nature conservation character of roads designated on the Proposals Map as Protected Lanes, including their verges, banks, ditches and natural features such as hedgerows, hedgerow trees and other structural elements contributing to the historic features of the lanes'.</p> <p>Proposals 'that would have a materially adverse impact on the physical appearance of these Protected Lanes or generate traffic of a type or amount inappropriate for the traditional landscape and nature conservation character of a protected lane will not be permitted. inappropriate for the traditional landscape and nature conservation character of a protected lane, will not be permitted'.</p>			<p>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</p>	<p>BDC: Agreed approach in terms of coppicing/ crown lifting to minimise vegetation removal, as discussed during a meeting on 15th November 2022.</p> <p>CCC: Agreed, as per the above (BDC).</p> <p>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/</p>

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					<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nonetheless, following discussions on 1st September, 26th September, 15th November and 16th November, the extent of hedgerow removal will be limited</p>	Vegetation Management Plan.

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					<p>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.</p> <p>As such, it is considered that the Scheme is appropriate and in accordance with Policy LPP69.</p>	
TRA-02	Assessment Methodology	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing (TRA-02C only) Agreed	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	<p>ECC: Agreed.</p> <p>CCC: Defer to ECC.</p> <p>BDC: The Applicant submission is thorough, however, defer to ECC</p>

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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 2022 .	
TRA-02A	Construction Workers			ECC: Construction worker split local 45% and non-local 55% was discussed (ref 08 meeting minutes 14 July 2021), has local accommodation been identified and can an effective shuttle bus service be used to deliver 55% of the construction workforce to site from local accommodation?	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.

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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-02B	Car Share Factor			ECC: Car share factor, it appears this is based on previous experience, and it has been decreased from 1.7 workers per vehicle to 1.5. However, ECC were citing 1.35. Is there evidence to corroborate the use of 1.5 workers per vehicle as contained within the 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heathrow Terminal 5 (2003): 3.0 average vehicle occupancy • East Anglia ONE North Offshore Windfarm 	ECC: Agreed.

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					<p>(2019): 1.5 average vehicle occupancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>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 potential sharers and help</p>	

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					<p>staff identify any colleagues who could potentially be collected along their route to/ from site</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In view of the above, the adopted car occupancy figures are considered to be reasonable.</p>	
TRA-02C	HGV Trip Generation			ECC: HGV generation was questioned within the Longfield Solar Farm Transportation Scoping Report Review. At this time it was 25 HGVs (50 two way movements) travelling to and from the site, in the latest Transport Assessment it is 50 HGVs (100 two-way movements). It remains unclear how this level of HGV movements has been 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: Agreed as discussed during a call on 29 th November 2022.

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					<p>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).</p>	

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TRA-02D	Monitoring				<p>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.</p> <p>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).</p>	ECC: Agreed subject to inclusion within the Detailed CTMP.
TRA-02E	Chelmer Valley Park & Ride				<p>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</p>	ECC: Agreed subject to inclusion within the Detailed CTMP.

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					<p>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.</p> <p>Please see TRA-02A above for the response on local accommodation.</p>	
TRA-02F	Speed Surveys			ECC: Speed Surveys were conducted in October 2019 on Waltham Road, the locations are shown in Appendix D1 but it is unclear as to the location of the speed detection loops in relation to the proposed site access and proposed Waltham Road crossing.	<p>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.</p> <p>The worst-case speed survey results (2019</p>	ECC: Agreed as confirmed during the meeting on 26 th September.

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					<p>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 16th August 2021 (see Appendix A of the Transport Assessment).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	

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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) (see TRA-08 for implications relating to the CNEB)	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in Section 13.7 of the chapter are considered to be acceptable and agreed subject to resolving following resolution of 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 1st September.	BDC/CCC: Defer to ECC. ECC: Meetings were held on 1 st September, 26 th September and 16 th November and 20 th December 2022 to review these points and these are agreed subject to resolution of TRA-04A below. (see TRA-08 with respect to the CNEB).
TRA-04A	Road Safety Audits	ECC: Road Safety Audits are referred to in the documentation. Policy DM14 requires and road safety audit report including designer's response where appropriate to accompany any planning application which seeks to materially alter the existing highway and that such audit has been carried out in accordance with current standards by an independent safety auditor. Road safety audits are required for the following locations:			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: This is agreed following the completion of the Stage 1 RSA and RRRAP, in view of the casualty-reduction scheme on Waltham Road. Potential implications relating to the

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar Farm site access from Waltham Road • Waltham Road crossing point (for construction of the Grid Connection Route) • Proposed carriageway widening on Wheelers Hill, Cranham Road and Waltham Road. • Noakes Farm crossing point • Locations where permissive routes join or cross existing highway. 			<p>The Stage 1 RSA and supporting Designer's Response was shared with ECC Highways for review on 12th July 2022. Following this, the only outstanding action was to undertake a RRRAP assessment to determine whether safety fencing/ barriers are required on Waltham Road as a result of Longfield Solar Farm which can be accommodated within the highway or land within the control of the Applicant. The RRRAP assessment was carried out in October 2022 and the Designer's Response was updated to reflect the findings/ recommendations. The updated Designer's Response and RRRAP was shared with ECC Highways on 1st November 2022.</p> <p>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</p>	<p><u>CNEB are covered in TRA-08.</u></p> <p>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-monitoring data. This is to be considered based on the current proposal and construction vehicle-routing arrangements.</p> <p>It is agreed that any potential implications relating to the CNEB e.g. alternative construction vehicle-routing arrangements on Waltham Road (which would be a temporary arrangement) will be picked up as part of TRA-08 once further details relating to the CNEB are known.</p>

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					following the completion of the RRRAP as identified above.	
TRA-04B	Permissive Paths			ECC: Permissive routes are to be provided through the works for the operational phase of the development. It will be necessary for the applicant to ensure that the locations where these permissive routes connect with and/or cross existing public highway are safe. Additional works within the highway may be required to achieve this as identified through Road Safety Audit.	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 2022. 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	Agreed (see TRA-08 with respect to the CNEB) 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 following resolution of the relevant points raised	BDC/CCC: Defer to ECC. ECC: Agreed following the meeting on 20th December 2022 (see TRA-08 with respect to the CNEB) ; subject to resolution of TRA-05C below.

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					<p>within Appendix 2 of 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 1st September. This also includes a review of abnormal loads which was also discussed during this meeting (covered in TRA-05C below).</p>	
TRA-05A	Waltham Road Cable Crossing			<p>ECC: It would generally be assumed that the cable crossing of Waltham Road connecting the Longfield Solar Farm to Bull's Lodge quarry sub-station would be installed via trenchless construction rather than an open trench that would likely require closure of Waltham Road.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>ECC: Agreed following the meeting on 26th September 2022 and on the basis that the Framework CTMP has been updated.</p>

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					CTMP has been updated and resubmitted accordingly.	
TRA-05B	Condition Survey			ECC: ECC considers that despite the widening to 6 metres, where possible there remains the possibility that additional traffic could impact on the condition of the highway asset and verges adjacent to the highway. The Construction Traffic Management Plan should include reference to before and after studies for any vulnerable sections of the highway asset being required together with a programme for reinstatement of any defects both during and after the construction period.	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, 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 2022 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.	Agreed (see TRA-08 for implications relating to the CNEB) 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	BDC/CCC: Defer to ECC. ECC: Agreed following the meeting on 20th December 2022 subject to confirmation of weight review consultation (Pell Frischmann Abnormal Load Survey November 2022 3.5 Weight Review) contained in Appendix M of

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					<p>Loads (AILs) when 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</p>	<p>the Framework CTMP. Potential implications relating to the CNEB are covered in TRA-08.</p> <p>Applicant's Response to be reviewed to determine whether this is now agreed (based on the current proposal and routing arrangements).</p> <p>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.</p>

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					<p>recommendations can all be carried out within the limits of road adoption i.e. are not reliant on third party land.</p> <p>As per the agreed HGV routing strategy, the route via the RDR is the preferred route in terms of the routing of abnormal loads. It is understood that the new bridge over the railway line and A12(T) northbound on-slip has been designed to accommodate a single locomotive pulling a STGO Category 3 load (maximum gross weight of 150 tonnes, maximum basic axle load of 16.5 tonnes, gross weight of the vehicle train not exceeding 196 tonnes). Therefore, this bridge is expected to be able to accommodate the abnormal load associated with the transformer on the basis that this will be no larger than a STGO Category 3 vehicle.</p>	

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					<p>Further details related to the abnormal loads will be included within the Detailed CTMP reports for the Solar Farm Site and the Bulls Lodge Substation Site.</p> <p>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 Deadlines 4 and 7.</p> <p>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.</p>	
TRA-06	Additional Monitoring, Mitigation and Enhancement Measures	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing Agreed	The monitoring, mitigation and enhancement measures identified in Section 13.9 of the chapter are considered to be acceptable and agreed	<p>BDC/CCC: Defer to ECC.</p> <p>ECC: Agreed. Details relating to the monitoring of construction worker traffic were discussed during the</p>

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					<p>on the basis of TRA-02D above.</p> <p>The Applicant will be leasing the land for the Solar Farm Site and will return the land to the 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.</p>	<p>meetings held on 1st September and 26th September 2022. The position relating to permissive paths is also agreed (see TRA-04B).</p>
TRA-07	Residual Effects and Conclusions	Defer to ECC	<p>Agreed (see TRA-08 for implications relating to the CNEB)</p> <p>AgreedDefer to ECC</p>	Discussions ongoing	The assessment of residual effects and conclusions detailed in Section 13.10 of the chapter are agreed.	<p>BDC: Defer to ECC.</p> <p>CCC: Defer to ECC Agreed – no further actions.</p> <p>ECC: Agreed following meetings on 1st September, 26th September, 16th November, 22nd November,</p>

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						<p>29th November and 20th December 2022 to review TRA-01 to TRA-07. Potential implications relating to the CNEB are covered in TRA-08.</p> <p>Discussions ongoing. Meetings were held on 1st September, 26th September, 16th November, 22nd November and 29th November to review TRA-01 to TRA-08. This is agreed subject to resolving outstanding points (TRA-04A and TRA-05C).</p>
TRA-08	Cumulative Impacts	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	<p>Agreed on the basis that the Framework CTMP has been updated (with agreed wording) to ensure that potential implications relating to the CNEB are picked up as part of the Detailed CTMP.</p> <p>Discussions ongoing</p>	<p>The assessment conclusions set out in Section 13.11 of the chapter are agreed. As discussed during the meetings on 1st September, and 26th September and 20th December 2022, the potential implications of the Chelmsford North-East Bypass (CNEB) scheme on the construction traffic route along Cranham Road are not currently known and this will be addressed later will not be known at the time of in</p>	<p>BDC/CCC: Defer to ECC.</p> <p>ECC: This was reviewed during the meetings on 1st September and 26th September, 16th November and 20th December 2022 and it is agreed that potential implications relating to the CNEB will be revisited later in Examination as part of the Detailed CTMP when further details are available (given that insufficient information is available at the time of Examination). The Framework CTMP has been</p>

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					<p>Examination. <u>This will therefore be addressed as part of the Detailed CTMP when further details are available and the Framework CTMP has been updated to secure this requirement. Mitigation will then be considered should this be necessary e.g. in the instance that Cranham Road needs to be closed for any duration to accommodate the CNEB construction.</u></p> <p><u>The Detailed CTMP will consider the potential implications on construction vehicle routing and abnormal loads in the instance that a temporary closure will be required on Cranham Road to accommodate the construction of the CNEB, and/ or to consider the Cranham Road/ Drakes Lane overbridge concern (both in terms of swept paths and loading – see TRA-05C for reference). The need to manage traffic for Waltham Road, including the section of</u></p>	<p><u>updated to secure this requirement.</u></p> <p>Considerations relating to the CNEB include potential implications on construction vehicle routing (with reference to TRA-04A) and abnormal loads (with reference to TRA-05C).</p>

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[Waltham Road to the south of the proposed site access, will be considered once further details are known with specific regard to ECC's casualty reduction scheme in this area \(see TRA-04A for reference e.g. in relation to the casualty reduction scheme\). Traffic measures along this section of Waltham Road, such as if road widening is required by the council, would be delivered within the existing Scheme parameters.](#)

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.

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TRA-09	Development Consent Order – wording of Requirement(s)	Discussions ongoing	<u>Defer to ECC Discussions ongoing</u>	Discussions ongoing	<p>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.</p> <p><u>The Framework CTMP has been updated to include the following wording in Section 8 with respect to the delivery of highway works “The parties agree the principle of entering into a highways agreement with Essex County Council, as the local highway authority, to establish a framework pursuant to which the undertaker and ECC will manage the approval of</u></p>	<p>BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions <u>ongoing Agreed</u> following the meeting on 5th September 2022 <u>and further discussions on 10th January 2023 based on the agreed wording which has been included within the Framework CTMP.</u></p> <p>CCC: <u>Defer to ECC. Please note CCC Want to ensure that construction access to Bulls Lodge Substation to be secured via Generals Lane/A12 junction, via the DCO.</u></p> <p>CCC: <u>Want to ensure that construction access to Bulls Lodge Substation to be secured via Generals Lane/A12 junction, via the DCO.</u></p>

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					<i>details of street works authorised by the Order, and supervision, inspection, sign off and maintenance of those works."</i>	
TRA-10	Additional Mitigation	<u>Agreed – no further mitigation sought</u> Discussions ongoing	<u>Agreed – no further mitigation sought, and defer to ECC</u> Discussions ongoing	<u>Agreed – no further mitigation sought</u> 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.	BDC/CCC/ECC: <u>Agreed – no further mitigation sought; and CCC defer to ECC</u> 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 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: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
AQ-03	Baseline Conditions	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The description of the baseline characteristics in Section 14.6 of the chapter are sufficient to inform the assessment.	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC
AQ-04	Embedded Design Mitigation	Agreed	Agreed	Defer to BDC/CCC	The embedded mitigation measures detailed in Section 14.7	BDC/CCC: Agreed – no further actions. ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC

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					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. ECC: 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	<u>Agreed – no further mitigation sought</u> Discussions ongoing	<u>Agreed – no further mitigation sought</u> 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: <u>Agreed – no further mitigation sought</u> Discussions ongoing. Refer to Appendix 1 of this document for details. <u>ECC: Defer to BDC/CCC</u>

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	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.
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.
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.

Ref	Sub-topic	BDC's Position	CCC's Position	ECC's Position	Applicant's Response	Status
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	Agreed	Agreed	Agreed	The assessment of residual effects and conclusions are agreed.	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed. —no further actions.
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 – 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.
HH-10	Additional Mitigation	<u>Agreed – no further mitigation</u>	<u>Agreed – no further mitigation</u>	<u>Agreed – no further mitigation sought</u> Refer to Appendix 1	There are no specific measures relating to human health, rather any relevant matters are	BDC/CCC/ECC: <u>Agreed – no further mitigation sought</u> Refer to Appendix 1

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		sought Refer to Appendix 1	sought Refer to Appendix 1		specifically covered under the relevant environmental topic above, which is an acceptable approach.	of this document for details.

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		Noted – defer to ExA		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 output of a report they commissioned. Update to be provided at Deadline 7.
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 7.
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 7.
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 7.

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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 7.

The Host Authorities commissioned an independent consultant to peer review [REP6-066] the Applicant's original assessment [APP-087]. The Applicant provided a response to the peer review on 14 December 2022, which is attached to this SoCG at Appendix 1. The Host Authorities asked their consultant to consider the Applicant's response and the position between the parties on these residual points is as follows:

<u>Matter</u>	<u>Host Authorities' Position</u>
<u>Impact on railway signals in the area.</u>	<u>Agreed</u>
<u>Approach to the assessment in terms of exclusion of receptors based solely on the vertical angle relative to the panel area.</u>	<u>Noted, no further comments to make</u>
<u>Approach to mitigation for residential receptor 40.</u>	<u>Agreed</u>
<u>Magnitude of impact for residential receptors.</u>	<u>Agreed</u>
<u>Nature and extent of hedgerow screening.</u>	<u>Agreed</u>

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	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.
OT-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 Essex 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.	
OT-06	Minerals and Waste	Defer to ECC	Defer to ECC	Not in agreement	The assessment and its findings and mitigation (Chapter 16 of the ES) are acceptable and no further mitigation identified as necessary.	<p>BDC/CCC: Defer to ECC</p> <p>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 MWPA acknowledges that prior extraction as a resource conservation measure ahead of non-mineral development taking place, would not be practical.</p>

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						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.
OT-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 and on behalf of Longfield Solar Limited	Name
	Job Title
	Date
	Signature

Duly authorised for and on behalf of Braintree District Council	Name
	Job Title
	Date
	Signature

Duly authorised for and on behalf of Chelmsford City Council	Name
	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 ~~Legal 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	No comment	Discussions ongoing <u>No comment</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
<u>Part 2: Principal Powers</u>			<u>ECC cannot accept Article 6 (4) for reasons explained in ECC's answers to the ExA's questions at Deadline 6.</u>	
Part 2: Streets	Discussions ongoing	No comment – defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing

Part 4: Supplemental Powers		No comment	No comment – defer to relevant authorities	No comment	BDC/CCC/ECC: No comment
Part 5: Powers of Acquisition		No comment	No comment	No comment	BDC/CCC/ECC: –No comment
Part 6: Miscellaneous and General		Discussions ongoing Not agreed <u>Article 37(1) Not agreed, please refer to BDC/ECC submission for Deadline 6.</u>	No comment	Discussions ongoing Not agreed <u>Article 37(1) Not agreed, please refer to BDC/ECC submission for Deadline 6</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing Not agreed; refer to individual submissions for details. CCC: <u>No comment</u>
Schedule 1 – Authorised Development		Discussions ongoing	Agreed in principle	Discussions ongoing <u>Agreed in principle</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Schedule 2 - Requirements		Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
1	Interpretation	No comment	Agreed*	Agreed <u>No comment</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: No comment/agreed
2	Commencement of the authorised development	No comment	Discussions ongoing	Agreed <u>No comment</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
3	Phasing of the authorised development	No comment	Agreed*	Agreed <u>No comment</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: No comment/agreed
4	Requirement for written approval	No comment	Agreed*	Agreed <u>No comment</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: No comment/agreed

5	Approval of details and amendments to them	No comment	Agreed*	Agreed No comment	BDC/CCC/ECC: No comment/agreed
6	Community liaison group	Agreed	Agreed*	No comment Agreed	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed
7	Solar farm works and grid connection – Detailed design approval	Discussions ongoing	Agreed*	Agreed Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
8	Solar farm works and grid connection – Battery safety management plan	No comment	Defer to relevant operators	No comment	BDC/CCC/ECC: No comment/defer
9	Solar farm works and grid connection – Landscape and ecological management plan	Discussions ongoing Not agreed, please refer to BDC/ECC submission for Deadline 6	Agreed in principle	Defer to BDC/CCC Not agreed, please refer to BDC/ECC submission for Deadline 6	BDC/CCC/ECC: Not agreed; please refer to individual submissions Discussions ongoing CCC: Agreed in principle
10	Solar farm works and grid connection – Fencing and other means of enclosure	No comment	Agreed*	No comment	BDC/CCC/ECC: – No comment/agreed
11	Solar farm works and grid connection – Surface water and foul water drainage	Discussions ongoing Noted	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing Noted Applicant's response to BDC/ECC's comments on Requirement 11 is noted. No further comment, please refer to BDC/ECC submission for Deadline 6 .	BDC/CCC/ECC: Noted Discussions ongoing
12	Solar farm works and grid connection - Archaeology	Agreed	Defer to ECC	Agreed	BDC/CCC/ECC: DDefer/agreed
13	Solar farm works and grid connection – Construction environmental management plan	Agreed	Agreed*	Agreed	BDC/CCC/ECC: DAgreed

14	Solar farm works and grid connection – Operational environmental management plan	Discussions ongoing	Agreed*	Agreed Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed
15	Solar farm works and grid connection – Construction traffic management plan	Discussions ongoing	Defer to ECC	Agreed Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
16	Solar farm works and grid connection – Operational noise	Discussions ongoing	Agreed*	Discussions ongoing Agreed	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing -
17	Solar farm works and grid connection – Permissive paths	Discussions ongoing	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing Agreed	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing -
18	Solar farm works and grid connection – Public rights of way diversions	Agreed	Defer to ECC	Agreed	BDC/CCC/ECC: Defer/agreed
19	Solar farm works and grid connection – Soil management	Discussions ongoing	Agreed*	Discussions ongoing Agreed	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing -
20	Solar farm works and grid connection – Decommissioning and restoration	No comment	Agreed*	No comment	BDC/CCC/ECC: – No comment/agreed
21	Solar farm works and grid connection – Highway improvements	Agreed	Defer to ECC	Agreed	BDC/CCC/ECC: Defer/agreed
22	Bulls Lodge substation works – Detailed design approvals	Discussions ongoing	Agreed	Agreed Discussions ongoing	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
23	Bulls Lodge substation works – Fencing and other means of enclosure	No comment	Agreed*	No comment	BDC/CCC/ECC: No comment/agreed
24	Bulls Lodge substation works – Surface foul and drainage	Discussions ongoing <u>Noted</u>	Agreed*	Discussions ongoing <u>Noted</u> <u>Applicant's response to BDC/ECC's comments on Requirement 24 is noted.</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing <u>Noted</u> CCC: <u>Agreed</u>

				<u>No further comments, please refer to BDC/ECC submission for Deadline 6.</u>	
25	Bulls Lodge substation works - Archaeology	Agreed	Agreed*	Agreed	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed
26	Bulls Lodge substation works – Construction environmental management plan	Discussions ongoing	Agreed*	<u>Agreed Discussions ongoing</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
27	Bulls Lodge substation works – Construction traffic management plan	Agreed	Agreed*	Agreed	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed
28	Bulls Lodge substation works – Soils management	Discussions ongoing	Agreed*	<u>Agreed Discussions ongoing</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
29	Bulls Lodge substation works – Operational environmental management plan	Agreed	Agreed*	Agreed	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed
Schedule 3 – Legislation to be disapplied		Discussions ongoing	No comment	<u>Discussions ongoing</u> <u>No comment</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Schedule 4 – Streets subject to street works		Discussions ongoing	Defer to ECC	<u>Discussions ongoing</u> <u>Agreed</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Schedule 5 – Alteration of streets		Discussions ongoing	Defer to ECC	<u>Discussions ongoing</u> <u>Agreed</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Schedule 6 – Public rights of way		Discussions ongoing	Defer to ECC	<u>Discussions ongoing</u> <u>Agreed</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing

Schedule 7 – Access to works	Discussions ongoing	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing <u>Agreed</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Schedule 8 – Traffic Regulation measures	Discussions ongoing	Defer to ECC	Discussions ongoing <u>Agreed</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Schedule 9 – Land which only new rights etc may be acquired	No comments	No comment	No comments s	BDC/CCC/ECC: No comment
Schedule 10 – Modification of compensation and compulsory purchase	No comments	No comment	No comments s	BDC/CCC/ECC: No comment
Schedule 11 – Land of which temporary possession may be taken	No comments	No comment	No comments s	BDC/CCC/ECC: No comment
Schedule 12 – Hedgerows to be removed	No comments	No comment	No comments s	BDC/CCC/ECC: No comment
Schedule 13 – Documents and plans to be certified	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing <u>No comment</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing

Schedule 14 – Arbitration rules	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing	Discussions ongoing <u>Applicant's proposed changes at Deadline 7 are noted and agreed.</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing
Schedule 15 – Protective provisions (Part 8)	No comments	No comments	Agreed	BDC/CCC: No comments. ECC: Agreed
Schedule 16 – Procedure for discharge of requirements	Agreed	Agreed in principle	Agreed	BDC/CCC/ECC: Agreed
Section 106 Agreement/Deed of Obligation				
Boilerplate	Agreed <u>Discussions ongoing</u>	Agreed <u>Discussions ongoing</u>	Agreed <u>Discussions ongoing</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing <u>Agreed</u>
Skills, Supply Chain and Employment	Agreed <u>Discussions ongoing</u>	Agreed <u>Discussions ongoing</u>	Agreed <u>Discussions ongoing</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing <u>Agreed</u>
Community Fund	Agreed <u>Discussions ongoing</u>	Agreed <u>Discussions ongoing</u>	Agreed <u>Discussions ongoing</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing <u>Agreed</u>
Resources for delivery phase	Agreed <u>Discussions ongoing</u>	Agreed <u>Discussions ongoing</u>	Agreed <u>Discussions ongoing</u>	BDC/CCC/ECC: Discussions ongoing

<u>Yield Enhancement</u>	<u>No comment</u>	<u>No comment</u>	<u>No comment</u>	<u>BDC/CCC/ECC: No comment</u>
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