

Please find below the responses from RCC in relation to the Examining Authority's Action Points from Issue Specific Hearing 4 – Environmental Matters – Day 1		
Q7	Rutland County Council	Update on position, including any implications of proposed operational time limit for the Flood of proposed operational time limit for the Flood Risk Assessment
Answer	Rutland County Council have no objections to the approach proposed by the applicant subject to the approval of the relevant Management Plans outline in the DCO Requirements	
Q9	RCC & LCC	Provide updated position on relevant management plans regarding water and flood risk matters (including versions submitted at D6). Suggested wording to management plans to be provided by the local authorities as appropriate
Answer	<p>RCC as LLFA are satisfied with the principals of mitigation set out in the oSWDS. Furthermore, RCC LLFA acknowledge it will have the opportunity to review the detailed surface water drainage design and final CMTP under the DCO to ensure that the development does not result in any flood risk. As such, the principals put forward in the oSMP, oSWDS & oWMP are accepted.</p> <p>RCC would however request that within the SWDS or oWMP that there is a section that requires where a flooding event takes place that this is investigated and reported to the LLFA and that if additional mitigation measures are required to ensure future flooding events are avoided that suitable mitigation is undertaken.</p>	
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Q4	RCC	Consider (and provide alternative drafting as necessary) wording of revisions to R6 (2) in relation to archaeology
Answer	RCC understand that Richard Clark from Leicestershire CC has provided detailed comment separately, which cover this point.	
Q6	RCC	Response to latest versions of relevant outline management plans
Answer	RCC are satisfied with the wording of the relevant outline Management Plans and that this will provide RCC with appropriate controls with the final detail versions of the plans are submitted for approval.	
Q10	RCC	Provide any feedback from Designing out Crime Officers (or equivalent) on fencing
Answer	The Designing Out Crime Officer has advised that he is aware that deer fencing has been used on other solar farms and has raised no objection to this. They have however suggested alternatives that could be considered including a secondary internal electrified fence, which can be monitored if it is broken to alert CCTV or site security staff.	
Q15	RCC	Response to Applicant's ecological monitoring measures (EXQ2 3.0.5)

Answer	Following consultation advice RCC are satisfied with the ecological monitoring measures outlined in the Applicants response. In particular the 5 year monitoring periods once the site is operational.	
Q21	RCC	Any responses to D5 oCTMP updates
Answer	RCC has no comments on the oCTMP	
Q22	RCC	Information on PRoW widths. Local authorities to provide details, including suggested drafting.
Answer	The oLEMP states that planting/screening alongside permissive and existing paths will be 15 metres from the line of the right of way. RCC has no objection to this and does not therefore consider that a minimum width is required.	
Q25	RCC	Provide any comments on Applicant's D5 response on the need for a separate PRoW management plan.
Answer	RCC does not now consider that a separate PRoW management plan is required.	
Q26	RCC	Any comments on updated oLEMP regarding PRoW
Answer	No further updates were made to the PRoW section of the oLEMP, however RCC Highways have considered the document and have no objections.	
Please find below the responses from RCC in relation to the Examining Authority's Action Points from Issue Specific Hearing 5 – Environmental Matters and Draft DCO		
Q1	RCC	Comments on Applicant's updated Cumulative Scheme Long List [REP6-004a]
Answer	RCC is satisfied that the list covers all major developments likely to impact on the proposed DCO.	
Q4	RCC	Suggest drafting to address Local Authority concerns regarding lack of approval for maintenance schedule
Answer	At the hearings the applicant indicated that they would be willing to discuss the approval of the maintenance schedule. RCC maintain the opinion that this should be approved prior to any maintenance been undertaken RCC confirmed that we would agree to this been limited to confirm that approval that the proposed maintenance was in line with the ES and did not go beyond the scope of the DCO. RCC is waiting for suggested wording from the applicant on this point. RCC would suggest the following wording either in the DCO or the Outline Operational Management Plan "A maintenance scheme for the preceding 12 month period shall be submitted each year for the operational life of the scheme. The maintenance scheme shall be agreed in writing by the local planning authority and set out clearly the planned maintenance work for the coming 12 month period. Only the agreed maintenance works and emergency works required to keep the site operational shall be undertaken within the following 12 month period." or words to that effect.	

Q5	RCC	Discussion regarding RCC suggestion that passing bays and junction improvements on Uffington Lane would need to be kept or re-instated to support maintenance
Answer	RCC can confirm that the passing bays do not need to be retained to support the maintenance of the scheme. This would impact on the ecology of the verges in this sensitive location if retained.	