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# 1. Visual Baseline

## 1.1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This Appendix to **ES Volume 1, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual Amenity [EN010131/ APP/3.1]** presents details of each representative viewpoint and visual receptor group (including a description of their baseline view and sensitivity).

## 1.2 Representative viewpoints

- 1.2.1 A total of 38 representative viewpoints have been selected to assist in illustrating the effects on visual receptors. These viewpoints represent the experience of different types of visual receptor.
- 1.2.2 Representative viewpoints are also referred to in the case of private views, for example the views of residents from properties where it has not been possible to access or where large numbers of viewpoints cannot all be included individually. In such cases reference is made to viewpoints located on public land, such as roads, or Public Rights of Way (PRoW).
- 1.2.3 The selection of viewpoints has been informed by the Zone of Theoretical Visibility analysis, fieldwork, desk-based research and consultations with Lincolnshire County Council. Specific views from residential properties adjacent to the Scheme are included in **ES Volume 2: Figures 10-19 to 10-20 [EN010131/APP/3.2]**.
- 1.2.4 In some cases, viewpoints have been chosen specifically to demonstrate a particular effect or specific issue, for example where visibility is restricted by intervening vegetation or buildings.
- 1.2.5 The following text describes the baseline view from each viewpoint that would exist without the Scheme. Reference should be made to **ES Volume 1: Chapter 10 [EN010131/APP/3.1]**, which identifies which receptor group(s) each viewpoint relates to. Reference should also be made to **ES Volume 2: Figures 10-16 to 10-18 [EN010131/APP/3.2]**, which include baseline photography from each viewpoint as well as a range of Photomontages at Year 1 and Year 15 (where applicable).

### Viewpoint 1: View northeast from an access track north of Burton Wood

- 1.2.6 This view is representative of outdoor workers / farmers of Gate Burton Estate and Prospect Farm. The viewpoint is located within an Area of Great Landscape Value.
- 1.2.7 This is an open view to the northeast across a rural landscape. Medium scale arable fields with long linear hedgerows are interspersed with mature deciduous trees occupying the fore- and middle ground. The view is framed by the Long Nursery woodland to the north as well as mature field boundary

vegetation and a block of woodland plantation in the middle distance in the south. The railway line running between Sheffield and Lincoln runs through the background. Just beyond this, agricultural fields with hedgerow boundaries and stands of trees shape the background. These distant views of fields are interrupted by large blocks of woodland on the skyline, which create enclosure and limit the extent of views beyond. The terrain slopes down gently towards the railway line and then rises gently again.

- 1.2.8 The view is across proposed areas for solar panels and towards the substation and BESS developments, which are to be located in the fore- and middle ground. The view does not have a particular focus.
- 1.2.9 The view consists of common landscape elements, such as fields, hedgerows but also areas of mature woodland. While the view does not include any specific landmarks or features of particular interest. However, the areas of mature woodland add to a sense of place. The value attached to the view is therefore assessed as medium.

#### **Viewpoint 2: View north-northwest from Clay Lane west of Clay Farm**

- 1.2.10 Clay Lane terminates east of the railway line. This view is representative of outdoor workers of Prospect Farm and Clay Farm as well as residents of Clay Farm passing by. The viewpoint is located within an Area of Great Landscape Value.
- 1.2.11 This is a middle distance, open view looking north across medium sized arable fields from the gated field boundary. Arable fields in the foreground and middle ground rise up gently to a wooded horizon (Burton Wood and Long Nursery) alongside the heavily vegetated railway embankments. These dense blocks of woodland on slightly elevated ground screen views beyond. The fields are interspersed with linear hedgerows with intermittent gaps. Overhead power lines are visible crossing the view from west to east. The Sheffield to Lincoln railway is also visible along the line of the track with occasional passing trains.
- 1.2.12 The Scheme will occupy the fields in the foreground and middle ground of the view. The view does not have a particular focus.
- 1.2.13 This view consists of common landscape elements, with fields, hedgerows as well as areas of mature woodlands. It is crossed by overhead power lines. Considering the setting at a field entrance gate, the presence of overhead lines and the railway embankment, the value of the view is assessed as low.

#### **Viewpoint 3: View northeast from Clay Lane at the corner of Gate Burton estate**

- 1.2.14 The view is representative of vehicle users travelling to and from Clay Farm and people engaged in outdoor recreation. The viewpoint is located within an Area of Great Landscape Value.
- 1.2.15 This is a middle distance, open view looking northeast from a slightly elevated perspective. A medium scale arable field that doglegs around the mature woodland of Burton Wood occupies the foreground. There are gentle undulations in the field to the north whilst gently falling to the east. The centre of the view is dominated by Burton Wood with a mixture of mature deciduous

and evergreen trees. To the north, mature woodland, in the vicinity of Knaith, creates a wooded horizon. To the east the views are enclosed by hedgerows.

- 1.2.16 The Scheme will occupy the field from the middle ground until the boundary of Burton Wood. The view does not have a particular focus.
- 1.2.17 The view consists of common landscape elements such as fields, bands of trees along field boundaries and, as the most distinctive feature in this view, mature woodland (Burton Wood). The value of the view is therefore assessed as medium.

#### **Viewpoint 4: View north / northeast from Willingham Road, east of the railway bridge**

- 1.2.18 This view is representative of vehicle users on Willingham Road and recreational users. The view is fleeting and oblique to the direction of travel for vehicle users.
- 1.2.19 This is a wide, long distance view orientated north. Beyond the deciduous native hedgerow, the foreground view comprises a series of medium sized arable fields interwoven with hedgerows. To the west, the embanked railway line, running between Sheffield and Lincoln, is visible heading into the middle ground before being screened by intervening buildings at Clay Farm. The flat topography affords distant views of fields, hedgerows, and dispersed farmsteads with pockets of woodland creating a wooded horizon.
- 1.2.20 The Scheme will occupy the fields in the foreground and middle ground of the view. The view does not have a particular focus.
- 1.2.21 The view consists of common landscape elements with fields, hedgerows and areas of woodland, along with overhead power line and railway infrastructure. The view provides an opportunity, particularly for walkers, to gain an elevated long distance view north across the rural landscape. The value of the view is assessed as medium.

#### **Viewpoint 5: View north from the A1500 (Stow Park Road)**

- 1.2.22 This view is representative of vehicle users along the A1500 (Stow Park Road). The view is fleeting and oblique to the direction of travel. This or similar views are also representative of nearby residents along the A1500.
- 1.2.23 This view is orientated north and is foreshortened by rising landform in the centre of the view. A small pastoral field occupies the foreground bounded to all sides by hedgerow and post and rail fencing. Scrubland rises beyond the hedgerow in the central middle ground with a mixture of shrubs and low trees. Arable fields occupy the middle ground to either side with field boundary vegetation filtering views of dispersed farmsteads. Pockets of woodland in the far distance create a wooded horizon to the east.
- 1.2.24 The view has no obvious focus, and the Scheme will be barely discernible due to intervening vegetation. The view has been included to illustrate mid-range views south of the Scheme.

- 1.2.25 The view consists of common landscape elements, with fields, hedgerows and bands of trees, the value of the view is assessed as low.

#### **Viewpoint 6: View northwest from Manor Farm, Stow**

- 1.2.26 This view is representative of residents arriving or leaving Manor Court and dwellings along Stow Park Road and Church Lane at the extents of the settlement edge at Stow. The view is also representative of vehicle users along Stow Park Road. Travelling views are fleeting and oblique to the direction of travel.
- 1.2.27 This is a wide, long distance view orientated northwest across arable landscape. Medium scale arable fields occupy the foreground and middle ground neatly interwoven by intermittent hedgerows and occasional larger deciduous trees. The flat topography affords distant views of the cooling towers at Cottam Power Station on the horizon. Solar panels at the Sustain Solar Park near Danes Farm are also visible. A line of pylons is visible against the sky along the horizon. The cooling towers and chimneys at West Burton are perceptible behind intervening vegetation on the horizon in the centre right of this view.
- 1.2.28 Glimpses of the Scheme will be visible in the middle to far ground.
- 1.2.29 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements, with fields, hedgerows and individual trees or groups of trees. Pylons and power station infrastructure provide an industrial component and detracting features to the otherwise rural view. The value of the view is assessed as low.

#### **Viewpoint 7: View west / northwest from Tillbridge Lane Viewpoint**

- 1.2.30 This view is representative of recreational users / visitors of the designated Tillbridge Lane tourist viewpoint adjacent to RAF Scampton.
- 1.2.31 This is a wide, open and long-distance view orientated west / northwest. Beyond the deciduous native hedgerow in the foreground, arable fields slope downhill and far into the middle ground. A myriad of medium sized arable fields are interwoven with hedgerows, bands or pockets of trees along with two small reservoirs. The elevated perspective affords views across the flatter topography of the middle ground. Distant views of fields and dispersed farmsteads are filtered by intervening vegetation. Pockets of woodland in the distance create a wooded horizon punctuated by the cooling towers and chimneys of Cottam Power Station and West Burton Power Station.
- 1.2.32 Long distance glimpses of the Scheme will be visible in the distance due to the elevated nature of this view.
- 1.2.33 Composition of the view consists of common landscape elements, with fields, hedgerows, bands of trees and areas of woodland, and is crossed by pylons. The view includes detracting features of historic and modern energy infrastructure but is likely to be valued by the community experiencing the elevated and long distance view. The value of the view is assessed as medium.

### **Viewpoint 8: View northwest from Marton Road**

- 1.2.34 This view is representative of vehicle users along Marton Road, outdoor workers / farmers and recreational users including people emerging at the northern end of PRow Stow/70/1.
- 1.2.35 This is a middle to long distance and open view looking northwest across irregular medium sized arable fields separated by a fragmented hedgerow running across the middle ground of the view from east to the centre of the view. Due to the gently undulating topography, distant views of fields and dispersed farmsteads (notably Park Farm) are available. Pockets of woodland in the distance create a wooded horizon only punctuated by the cooling towers and chimneys at West Burton Power Station.
- 1.2.36 The Scheme will occupy the fields in the middle ground and extent into the background of the view. The cooling towers at West Burton Power Station provide a focus in this view.
- 1.2.37 The view consists of common landscape elements such as fields, hedgerows, pockets of woodland in the distance as well as industrial features such as West Burton Power Station. The value of the view is therefore considered low.

### **Viewpoint 9: View west from Marton Road, Willingham by Stow**

- 1.2.38 The view is representative of recreational users of PRow Wlgm/976/1 and Wlgm/976/2, vehicle users, visitors to the nearby Willingham by Stow cemetery. The view is also representative of residents of the Howson Care Home and dwellings along Marton Road at the western extents of the settlement edge at Willingham by Stow. The view is fleeting and oblique to the direction of travel.
- 1.2.39 This is a long distance view, with semi-mature trees and hedgerows along the road partially filtering the otherwise open view orientated west at the western edge of Willingham by Stow. A medium scale arable field occupies the middle ground framed to the southwest by a mature hedgerow with intermittent mature trees, and to the northwest by the Howson Care Home. The landform falls gently to the middle ground and is met by overhead power lines that cross the view from east to west. Beyond this, further arable fields gently rising back up into the distance. Pockets of woodland in the distance create a wooded horizon only punctuated by the cooling towers and chimneys at West Burton Power Station.
- 1.2.40 The Scheme will occupy the fields in the middle ground of the view until it reaches the wooded background. The cooling towers at West Burton Power Station provide a focus in the distance.
- 1.2.41 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements, with roadside trees, hedgerows, fields, pockets of woodland and is crossed by pylons. The view includes detracting industrial features of energy infrastructure in the background. The value of the view is therefore assessed as low.



### **Viewpoint 10-1: View northwest from B1241 (Kexby Lane)**

- 1.2.42 The view is representative of vehicle users along Kexby Lane as well as a number of residents living adjacent at the western edge of a band of residences along the northern side of Kexby Lane.
- 1.2.43 This is a wide, open and middle to long distance view orientated northwest from the B1241 (Kexby Lane). A medium scale arable field occupies the foreground and is unbounded by vegetation. Instead, field drains form the boundary to the adjacent dwelling. The view is open with sparse vegetation (individual trees) in the middle ground. Overhead power lines cross the view from north to west running parallel to the B1241. In the middle ground, large woodland pockets (Top Fox Covert, Thurlby Wood, and Stag wood respectively) form the background and screening most further views into the distance beyond. The landscape in the background with pockets of woodland is designated as an Area of Great Landscape Value. A gap between these woodland pockets affords a long distance view to the horizon across the flat topography where intervening vegetation filters views towards Lea.
- 1.2.44 The Scheme will occupy the fields in the foreground and middle ground of the view. The view does not have a particular focus.
- 1.2.45 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements with fields, roadside hedgerows, pockets of woodland and is crossed by overhead power lines. The value is low.

### **Viewpoint 10-2: View west from B1241 (Kexby Lane)**

- 1.2.46 Similar to Viewpoint 10-1, the view is representative of vehicle users along Kexby Lane as well as a number of residents living adjacent at the western edge of a band of residences along the northern side of Kexby Lane.
- 1.2.47 This view has been included on request of Lincolnshire County Council following comments received during the statutory consultation process. The view is a western extension of Viewpoint 10-1 as described above.
- 1.2.48 This is a wide, open and middle to long distance view orientated northwest from the B1241 (Kexby Lane). A medium scale arable field occupies the foreground and is unbounded by vegetation. Instead, field drains form the boundary to the adjacent dwelling. The view is open with sparse vegetation (individual trees) in the middle ground. Overhead power lines cross the view from north to west running parallel to the B1241. In the middle ground, large woodland pockets (Top Fox Covert, Thurlby Wood, and Stag wood respectively) form the background and screening most further views into the distance beyond. The landscape in the background with pockets of woodland is designated as an Area of Great Landscape Value. A gap between these woodland pockets affords a long distance view to the horizon across the flat topography where intervening vegetation filters views towards Lea.
- 1.2.49 The Scheme will occupy the fields in the foreground and middle ground of the view. The view does not have a particular focus.

- 1.2.50 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements with fields, roadside hedgerows, pockets of woodland and is crossed by overhead power lines. The value is low.

**Viewpoint 11: View east from B1241 (Kexby Lane) at the eastern entry to Knaith Park**

- 1.2.51 The view is representative of pedestrians along Kexby Lane / Willingham Road and from dwellings along Willingham Road and Upton Road at the eastern extents of the settlement edge at Knaith Park. It is also representative of vehicle users travelling east along Kexby Lane. The viewpoint is located within an Area of Great Landscape Value.
- 1.2.52 This is an enclosed middle distance view along Kexby Lane at the junction with Upton Road. The foreground is dominated by a short linear stretch of the B1241 heading southeast before it gently turns out of view. Orthogonal to this, the T-junction with Upton Road heads northeast. The road is bounded by street furniture including lighting and road signage. Overhead telephone cables cross in the middle ground running parallel with both roads. Views into the adjacent fields are filtered by intervening hedgerows and some mature deciduous trees. Overhead power lines cross through the view from north to south in the middle distance. Large pockets of woodland (Top Fox Covert and Thurlby Wood) as well as intervening vegetation screen distant views beyond towards Upton.
- 1.2.53 The Scheme will occupy the fields in the middle ground of the view. The view does not have a particular focus.
- 1.2.54 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements, with fields, hedgerows, areas of woodland and is crossed by overhead power lines and telephone cables. The view includes detracting features of street furniture. The value is low.

**Viewpoint 12: View south from Station Road west of Knaith Park**

- 1.2.55 This view is representative of vehicle users and recreational users travelling along Station Road. The view is fleeting and oblique to the direction of travel. The viewpoint is located within an Area of Great Landscape Value.
- 1.2.56 The view is orientated south with the foreground and middle ground comprising a medium sized arable field with sparse intervening vegetation. Views are foreshortened by the large woodland plantations (Park and Jubilee Plantations) as part of Broom Hills and Park Wood. A patchwork of shrubs (part of a former hedgerow) and stands of mature trees bound the field to the west.
- 1.2.57 The Scheme will occupy the field in the foreground and middle ground until the edge of the woodland. The large woodland plantation largely focuses the view.
- 1.2.58 The large woodland belt in the background is a distinctive feature in this view, which otherwise contains common landscape elements such as arable ground, hedgerows, shrubs and stands of mature trees. The value of the view is assessed as medium.

### **Viewpoint 13: View east from A156 (Gainsborough Road) between Knaith and Gate Burton**

- 1.2.59 This view is representative of vehicle users along the A156 (Gainsborough Road). Views experienced whilst driving along the road are typically framed by hedgerows flanking the road corridor. Occasional glimpses beyond the road corridor, such as represented by this viewpoint, are afforded by gaps in the vegetation. The viewpoint is located within an Area of Great Landscape Value.
- 1.2.60 This is a middle distance view orientated east from a field entrance along the A156 (Gainsborough Road). Long and linear arable fields stretch uphill from the foreground to middle ground. Some separated by a linear native hedgerow. The landform rises steadily to the intermittent and disconnected field boundary just below the horizon line. Beyond this, a further arable field rises to the horizon, flanked by intermittent hedgerow vegetation with occasional mature trees. To the northeast, the large woodland pocket of Fox Covert meets the horizon under a large sky. The left of the view is flanked by Beanland's Plantation and a band of mature trees along the northern boundary of Gate Burton Estate.
- 1.2.61 The proposed access road will be visible in foreground extending to the background. Glimpses of the upper most sections of the Scheme beyond the brow of the hill are unlikely.
- 1.2.62 The view consists of common landscape features such as fields, hedgerows, some individual stands of trees and larger pockets of woodland, the value of the view is assessed as low.

### **Viewpoint 14: View east from Littleborough Road, Littleborough**

- 1.2.63 This view is representative of vehicle users along Littleborough Road as well as recreational users of PRow NT/Sturton Le Steeple/BW7.
- 1.2.64 The view is orientated east. An arable field with a new tree plantation / or orchard occupies the foreground, bounded by hedgerows, some of them fragmented. A low voltage overhead powerline follows the road alignment. The flat landscape of the River Trent floodplain offers views across several further fields in the middle ground. The landscape rises notably in the background, which is lined with pockets of woodland, stands of mature trees and small arable fields.
- 1.2.65 The Scheme will be located to the east beyond the ridge in the background and will unlikely be visible due to intervening mature vegetation and landform. However, the proposed access road leading off uphill to the east of the A156 may become discernible in the background.
- 1.2.66 The view consists of common landscape elements including fields, hedgerows and pockets woodland. It is an overall rural view with some small scale electricity infrastructure. The view of the rising ground with its wooded character provides visual interest. The value of the view is therefore assessed as medium.

### **Viewpoint 15: View east along view axis between Gate Burton Estate and Burton Wood**

- 1.2.67 The view is representative of a viewing axis along a straight road (located in a north-eastern/south-western alignment) within Gate Burton Estate focusing east on Burton Wood. While the view is currently partially obscured due to overgrown boundary vegetation along Gate Burton Estate, it is part of a formerly planned view out from Gate Burton Estate. The view is also representative of residents of the Gate Burton Estate. The viewpoint is located within an Area of Great Landscape Value.
- 1.2.68 This is a medium distance, open view looking east from a slightly lower perspective that foreshortens the view. A medium scale arable field occupies the foreground and gently rises into the distance. The centre background of the view is dominated by Burton Wood with a mixture of mature deciduous and evergreen trees. Set behind this is another small woodland parcel with both contributing to the wooded horizon. Several mature deciduous trees sit interspersed along the arable fields along the horizon line before a further distant area of woodland (Long Nursery) subsumes the horizon line to woodland.
- 1.2.69 Sections of the Scheme will become visible in the background to either side of Burton Wood. The view does not have a particular focus.
- 1.2.70 The view consists of pockets of mature woodland and arable fields, the value of the view is assessed as medium.

### **Viewpoint 16: View east from Clay Lane south of Gate Burton Estate**

- 1.2.71 This view is representative of vehicle users and recreational users along Clay Lane. The view is fleeting and oblique to the direction of travel. The viewpoint is located within an Area of Great Landscape Value.
- 1.2.72 The view is orientated east through a field entrance gap in vegetation. A long medium sized arable field occupies the foreground. The field is gently undulating, and the landform falls away from west to east offering long distance views. Mature hedgerows with intermittent trees flank Clay Lane to the north and Willingham Road to the south reducing views of vehicles to glimpses. Two separate sets of overhead lines cross the middle ground. Distant views of fields and dispersed farmsteads are filtered by intervening vegetation before the rising landform (Scampton, Ingham Cliff, Glentworth Cliff) defines the horizon with pockets of woodland below a large sky.
- 1.2.73 The Scheme will occupy the field in the middle ground of the view. The view does not have a particular focus.
- 1.2.74 The view is comprised of common landscape elements such as arable fields, hedgerows and roadside bands of trees. The value is therefore considered low.

### **Viewpoint 17: View north / northwest from Marton Road**

- 1.2.75 This view is representative of vehicle users along on Marton Road. The view is fleeting and oblique to the direction of travel. The view is also representative

of nearby residents of Sandy Barr Cottage and Nursery House although the actual views are not as open on account of screening vegetation along boundaries facing the Scheme.

- 1.2.76 The view is orientated north-northwest and taken from a field entrance. A medium sized arable field occupies the foreground. The field gently rises to the north. A set of overhead lines cross the view from west to east and overhead power lines move from south to north receding into the distance. The gently undulating topography affords views across further arable fields interwoven with fragmented hedgerows and occasional trees. Distant views of fields and dispersed farmsteads are filtered by intervening vegetation. Pockets of woodland (particularly Burton Wood, Quilters, Long Nursery, Broom Hills) in the distance create a wooded horizon that partially screen views of the cooling towers of West Burton Power Station.
- 1.2.77 The Scheme will mainly occupy the fields in the background of the view. The transmission lines, chimneys of West Burton Power Station and distant built farm structures focus the view somewhat.
- 1.2.78 The view consists of common landscape elements, such as fields, dispersed trees and pockets of woodland. The value of the view is assessed as low.

#### **Viewpoint 18: View north / northwest from Marton Road at elevated location**

- 1.2.79 This view is representative of vehicle users travelling along an elevated section of Marton Road and recreational users. The view is fleeting and oblique to the direction of travel for vehicle users.
- 1.2.80 The view is orientated north-northwest across a roadside hedgerow. A large sized arable field occupies the foreground with strips of gappy hedgerows. The gently undulating topography affords views across further arable fields interwoven with fragmented hedgerows and occasional trees in the middle ground and background. Distant views of fields and dispersed farmsteads are filtered by intervening vegetation. Pockets of woodland in the long distance create a wooded horizon.
- 1.2.81 The Scheme will occupy the fields in the foreground and middle ground of the view. The view does not have a particular focus.
- 1.2.82 The expansive view is comprised of common rural landscape elements, but it provides a slightly elevated location with good long-distance views across the land. The value is low.

#### **Viewpoint 19: View southwest from B1241 (Gainsborough Road) north of Willingham by Stow**

- 1.2.83 The view is representative of dwellings and pedestrians / recreational users along Gainsborough Road at the extents of the settlement edges of Willingham by Stow and Kexby. It is also representative of people travelling by vehicle along Gainsborough Road between Willingham by Stow and Kexby.
- 1.2.84 The view is orientated southwest at the entrance to Valley Farm from Gainsborough Road. Beyond the deciduous native hedgerow, the foreground

view comprises a medium sized arable field stretching into the middle ground. A set of telephone lines recede into the distance along the access road to Valley Farm and overhead power lines move from south to north across the view. Farm (Valley Farm) and agricultural buildings (Park Farm) are visible just below the horizon line. Pockets of woodland in the distance (particularly Dealtry Holt, Tiger Holt, Broom Hills) create wooded horizon that partially screen views of the cooling towers at Cottam Power Station. The upper sections of chimneys relating to West Burton Power Station appear above the woodland pocket in the right of this view.

- 1.2.85 The Scheme will occupy the fields in the foreground and middle ground of the view. The chimneys at Cottam focus the view.
- 1.2.86 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements, with fields, hedgerows, overhead distribution lines and woodland. The view includes detracting features of street furniture and prominent industrial elements. The value is low.

**Viewpoint 20: View southwest from Kexby, Junction Kexby Lane / B1241 Willingham Road / Upton Road**

- 1.2.87 The view is representative of vehicle users along Gainsborough Road / Kexby Lane and from a number of residents along these roads, particularly near the junction.
- 1.2.88 The view is orientated southwest near the junction of Upton Road (Kexby) with the B1241 (Kexby Lane / Willingham Road). This is a wide view across the arable landscape foreshortened by the rising landform in the middle distance. Medium scale arable fields occupy the foreground interspersed with lines of native hedgerow. Telephone lines bisect the view from north to south across the view and connecting in from east to the centre of the main line. Distant views of fields and dispersed farmsteads are filtered by intervening vegetation and pockets of woodland. These also partially filter views of the cooling towers and chimney at Cottam Power Station.
- 1.2.89 The Scheme will occupy fields in the background. The cooling towers and chimney at Cottam Power Station provide a long distance focus in this view.
- 1.2.90 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements, with fields, bands of hedgerows and trees as well as parcels of woodland and is crossed by telephone cables. The value is low.



## 1.3 Viewpoints of the Grid Connection Corridor

- 1.3.1 The following 3 viewpoints have been selected to illustrate views across the area of the proposed Grid Connection Corridor. Viewpoint 21 provides 2 views (21-1 & 21-2) along the Grid Connection Corridor in different directions but from the same location.

### Viewpoint 21-1: View east from Headstead Bank along Grid Connection Corridor

- 1.3.2 This view is representative of recreational users entering PRow NT/Cottam/FP3 and vehicle users on Headstead Bank. The view is fleeting and oblique for vehicle users to the direction of travel.
- 1.3.3 This is a wide, long distance view orientated east / northeast along the footpath, which is framed by native hedgerows to either side. Medium sized arable fields occupy the foreground and middle ground to either side of the hedgerows. Distant views of fields and dispersed farmsteads are filtered by intervening vegetation and pockets of scrubland along the River Trent. High voltage overhead pylons run along the horizon line visible against the skyline originating from the northeast and receding across the view to the southeast.
- 1.3.4 The Scheme grid connection corridor occupies the fields in the foreground. The overhead pylons provide a focus in the distance.
- 1.3.5 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements, with fields, hedgerows, bushes and small trees. Overhead pylons are detracting industrial features within the view. The value is therefore considered low.

### Viewpoint 21-2: View west from Headstead Bank along Grid Connection Corridor

- 1.3.6 This view is representative of recreational users emerging from PRow NT/Cottam/FP3 and vehicle users on Headstead Bank. The view is fleeting and oblique for vehicle users to the direction of travel.
- 1.3.7 This is a wide, long distance view orientated west / southwest across Headstead Bank road and adjoining large, arable fields. The view is framed by hedgerows and individual stands of trees in the middle distance and background. High voltage overhead pylons run along the horizon line visible against the skyline originating from the northwest and receding across the view to the southwest. Cottam Power Station and one of its stacks are located in the left (southwest) of this view.
- 1.3.8 The Grid Connection Corridor occupies the fields in the foreground. The stack of Cottam Power Station and the overhead pylons along the horizon line focus the view.
- 1.3.9 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements, with fields, hedgerows, bushes and small trees. Overhead pylons and power station infrastructure are detracting industrial features within the view. The value is therefore considered low.

### **Viewpoint 22: View west from Cottam Road / Outgang Lane along Grid Connection Corridor**

- 1.3.10 This view is representative of vehicle users along Outgang Lane / Cottam Road. The view is fleeting and oblique to the direction of travel. The view is also representative of recreational users of PRow NT/South Leverton/BOAT16.
- 1.3.11 This view is a middle distance view orientated west / northwest. Outgang Lane / Cottam Road are located in the foreground with Cottam Road running off west into the distance in the left of this view. The view across the road is of a wide open agricultural landscape with arable fields and farmsteads bounded by low hedgerows. Bushes and small trees are scattered along these field boundaries. The horizon line is formed by distant taller, deciduous vegetation. Existing high voltage power lines are located in the foreground and continue northwest into the background. West Burton Power Station with its cooling towers and stack is visible on the horizon to the north / northwest. Further high voltage power lines run along the horizon from West Burton Power Station to the east. These tall built components add an industrial layer to this view.
- 1.3.12 The Scheme grid connection corridor occupies the fields in the middle distance between the farmstead and the high voltage power line. The transmission line structures are the most prominent features in this view.
- 1.3.13 The composition of the view consists of prominent industrial elements. Natural elements are common in nature and fulfil a subordinate role. Overhead pylons are highly detracting within the view. The value is very low.

### **Viewpoint 23: View northeast from Torksey Ferry Road at the eastern edge of Rampton towards Grid Connection Corridor**

- 1.3.14 The view is representative of residential receptors of dwellings along Torksey Ferry Road, dwellings at the eastern extents of the settlement edge of Rampton (The Pastures, Orchard Drive, Glodenholm Lane) and recreational users of PRow NT|Rampton|FP5. It is also representative of vehicle users along Torksey Ferry Road.
- 1.3.15 This view is a middle-distance view orientated northeast. The view is foreshortened by the built infrastructure associated with the Cottam Power Station. A fragmented native hedgerow forms the boundary to the arable field in the foreground. Bushes and stands of trees are scattered along field boundaries and along Torksey Ferry Road. Views for vehicle users along Torksey Ferry Road are often partially or fully screened by intervening roadside vegetation. Cottam Power Station and parallel running high voltage power lines dominate the horizon to the east and north of the view, which is partially filtered by a small, wooded area (Rampton Thorns). Intervening vegetation and pockets of woodland form a thin horizon line that filters distant views to the north.
- 1.3.16 The Grid Connection Corridor will occupy the fields in the middle ground. The power line and power station infrastructure form the main focus of this view.



- 1.3.17 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements including fields, some trees and small pockets of woodland. The industrial structures are detracting within the view. The value is therefore considered very low.

## 1.4 Cumulative Viewpoints

- 1.4.1 The following 5 viewpoints have been selected to illustrate cumulative views of Gate Burton Energy Park in conjunction with Cottam Solar Project, West Burton Solar Project and Tillbridge Solar.
- 1.4.2 Viewpoint C1 provides 3 views (C1-1 to C1-3) taken from locations in close proximity to each other in order to capture three different view directions, which cannot otherwise be experienced from one single viewpoint location along this access road.
- 1.4.3 Viewpoint C3 provides 2 views (C3-1 & C3-2) in different view directions but from the same location.

### Viewpoint C1-1: View southeast from access track northeast of Burton Wood

- 1.4.4 This view is representative of outdoor workers / farmers along this access road originating at Clay Lane. The viewpoint is located within an Area of Great Landscape Value and faces away from the Area of High Landscape Value.
- 1.4.5 This is an open view to the southeast across a rural landscape. The vegetated embankments of the railway line running between Sheffield and Lincoln are located in the foreground as well as an overhead transmission line. A telecommunication mast is located in the middle ground along the access track. The land is gently descending to the southeast where it becomes almost flat. It remains gently undulating further west. Medium scale arable fields with long linear hedgerows are interspersed with bands and clusters of deciduous trees and pockets of woodland occupying sections of the fore- and middle ground and extend to the background. Low wooded hills can be seen along the horizon. These distant views of fields are interrupted by bands of mature trees and clusters of woodland. The bell tower of the Minster Church of St Mary, Stow can be seen in the background. Lincoln Cathedral is discernible further south on the horizon under a large sky.
- 1.4.6 The Scheme will become visible east of the railway line and west of the access track. While the view does not have an obvious focus point, the towers of Lincoln Cathedral and the bell tower of Minster church of St Mary in Stow provide points of interest in a long distance view. Combined views of Gate Burton Energy Park and the proposed West Burton Solar Project may be possible from this location.
- 1.4.7 The view consists of common landscape elements, such as fields, hedgerows, bands of trees as well as clusters of mature woodland. The view does include specific built landmarks in the background and on the horizon. The value attached to the view is therefore assessed as medium.

### **Viewpoint C1-2: View northeast from access track northeast of Burton Wood**

- 1.4.8 This view is representative of outdoor workers / farmers along this access road originating at Clay Lane. The viewpoint is located at the eastern border of an Area of Great Landscape Value and faces away from the Area of High Landscape Value.
- 1.4.9 This is an open view to the northeast across the vegetated embankments of the railway line running between Sheffield and Lincoln in the foreground and a rural landscape beyond. The land is gently descending to the east where it becomes almost flat, apart from gentle undulations. Large arable fields with long linear hedgerows and bands of trees as well as clusters of deciduous trees and areas of woodland occupy sections of the middle-, and background. Park Farm can be seen in the middle distance.
- 1.4.10 The Scheme will become visible east of the railway line. The view does not have an obvious focus point. Combined views of Gate Burton Energy Park and the proposed Cottam Solar Project and Tillbridge Solar may be possible from this location.
- 1.4.11 The view consists of common landscape elements, such as fields, hedgerows, bands of trees as well as clusters of mature woodland. The value attached to the view is therefore assessed as low.

### **Viewpoint C1-3: View east from access track northeast of Burton Wood**

- 1.4.12 This view is representative of outdoor workers / farmers along this access road originating at Clay Lane. The viewpoint is located at the eastern border of an Area of Great Landscape Value and faces away from the Area of High Landscape Value.
- 1.4.13 This is an open view to the east / southeast, which is partially obscured by intervening mesh fencing and vegetation in the foreground. The view is across the vegetated embankments of the railway line running between Sheffield and Lincoln in the foreground and a rural landscape beyond. An overhead transmission line is located in the middle distance. The land is gently descending to the east / southeast where it becomes almost flat. Large arable fields with hedgerows and bands of trees occupy sections of the middle-, and background.
- 1.4.14 The Scheme will become visible east and southeast of the railway line. The view does not have an obvious focus point. Combined views of Gate Burton Energy Park and the proposed Cottam Solar Project may be possible from this location.
- 1.4.15 The view consists of common landscape elements, such as fields, hedgerows and bands of trees. There is no particular landmark or significant point of reference visible in this view. The value attached to the view is therefore assessed as low.

### **Viewpoint C2-1: View south / southeast from Marton Road**

- 1.4.16 This view is representative of vehicle users and recreational users along Marton Road south of the western extents of Willingham by Stow. The view is fleeting to the direction of travel for vehicle users.
- 1.4.17 This open view is orientated south-southeast along Marton Road and is framed by native hedgerows forming prominent field boundaries to either side of the road. The view is foreshortened by rising landform in the left of the view. Arable fields occupy the fore-, and middle ground to either side with field boundary vegetation. Dispersed single trees filter views of farmsteads associated with the small settlement of Normanby by Stow in the middle distance. A small overhead transmission line is running in a north-south direction in the middle distance. The bell tower of the Minster Church of St Mary, Stow can be seen in the background.
- 1.4.18 Potentially combined views of Gate Burton Energy Park and the proposed Cottam Solar Project and West Burton Solar Project will be possible from this location.
- 1.4.19 The view consists of common landscape elements, such as fields, hedgerows, bands of trees as well as clusters of mature woodland. The view does include a built landmark in the background. The value attached to the view is therefore assessed as low.

### **Viewpoint C2-2: View south / southwest from Marton Road**

- 1.4.20 This view is representative of vehicle users and recreational users along Marton Road south of the western extents of Willingham by Stow. The view is fleeting to the direction of travel for vehicle users. This view is a western extension of Viewpoint C2-1 as described above.
- 1.4.21 This open view is orientated south-southwest along Marton Road and is framed by native hedgerows forming prominent field boundaries to either side of the road. The land is gently undulating. Single mature trees are dotted along the road and into the distance. Overhead transmission lines running across the view in the background. Areas of woodland and clusters of mature trees in the background partially screen the cooling towers and chimneys of Cottam Power Station and West Burton Power Station located along the horizon.
- 1.4.22 Potentially combined views of Gate Burton Energy Park and the proposed West Burton Solar Project will be possible from this location. The view has no particular focus other than on the power station infrastructure on the horizon.
- 1.4.23 The view consists of common landscape elements, such as fields, hedgerows, individual trees and clusters of trees as well as areas of mature woodland. The overall rural view includes an industrial layer due to the visibility of the power stations. The value attached to the view is therefore assessed as low.

### **Viewpoint C3-1: View west / northwest from B1241 south of Normanby by Stow**

- 1.4.24 This view is representative of vehicle users and recreational users along the B1241 (Normanby Road) between Stow and Normanby by Stow. The view of

the Scheme is fleeting and oblique to the direction of travel by vehicle. The view is also representative of nearby residents located at the corner of the B1241 and Coates Lane.

- 1.4.25 The view west / northwest along the road is bounded by native hedgerows screening views beyond the road. This viewpoint is the closest point to Cottam Solar Project where potential cumulative views of both projects could arise.
- 1.4.26 The composition of the view consists of a common view along road infrastructure accompanied by hedgerows and some trees. The value is considered low.

#### **Viewpoint C3-2: View east / northeast from B1241 south of Normanby by Stow**

- 1.4.27 This view is representative of vehicle users and recreational users along the B1241 (Normanby Road) between Stow and Normanby by Stow. The view of the Scheme is fleeting and oblique to the direction of travel by vehicle. The view is also representative of nearby residents located at the corner of the B1241 and Coates Lane.
- 1.4.28 This long distance and open view is looking east / northeast from a slightly elevated perspective. Beyond the deciduous native hedgerow in the foreground, the view comprises a series of medium sized arable fields interwoven with hedgerows and bands of trees. Residences along Coates Road become visible in the right side of this view. The gardens are bounded by tall hedgerows and individual trees. The almost flat topography extends into the background and is interspersed by a range of field boundaries and cluster of trees. The River Till in the middle distance is barely perceptible. On the horizon, the land is rising sharply towards Ingham Cliff and Glentworth Cliff, which provide a notable ridge containing fields, clusters of trees and woodland.
- 1.4.29 Potentially successive views of Gate Burton Energy Park and the proposed Cottam Solar Project and Tillbridge Solar may be possible from this location. The view has no particular focus.
- 1.4.30 The view consists of common landscape elements, such as fields, hedgerows and bands of trees. There is no particular landmark or significant point of reference visible in this view. The value attached to the view is therefore assessed as low.

#### **Viewpoint C4: View northwest from Tillbridge Lane viewpoint towards Cottam Solar Project, West Burton Solar Project and Gate Burton Energy Park**

- 1.4.31 This view is representative of recreational users / visitors of the designated and popular Tillbridge Lane viewpoint adjacent to RAF Scampton.
- 1.4.32 This is a wide, open and long distance view orientated west / northwest. Beyond the deciduous native hedgerow in the foreground, arable fields slope downhill and far into the middle ground. A myriad of medium sized arable fields are interwoven with hedgerows, bands or pockets of trees along with two small reservoirs. The elevated perspective affords views across the flatter

topography of the middle ground. Distant views of fields and dispersed farmsteads are filtered by intervening vegetation. Pockets of woodland in the distance create a wooded horizon only punctuated by the cooling towers and chimneys of Cottam Power Station and West Burton Power Station.

- 1.4.33 Combined views of sections of the proposed Gate Burton Energy Park, Cottam Solar Project and West Burton Solar Project will likely be possible from this location. The open and panoramic long distance view does not have a specific point of focus other than the cooling towers of Cottam Power Station and West Burton Power Station on the horizon.
- 1.4.34 The view consists of common landscape elements, such as fields, hedgerows and bands of trees. Some settlements can be identified in the distance. The visibility of power station infrastructure provides an industrial layer to the otherwise panoramic view across agricultural landscape. Notable points of reference visible in this view are related to power station infrastructure. Considering the elevated nature of the view and its designation as a specific viewpoint, the value attached to the view is therefore assessed as high.

**Viewpoint C5: Elevated view west towards Cottam Solar Project and Gate Burton Energy Project from B1398 Middle Street / Entrance to Cliff Park Farm**

- 1.4.35 This view is representative of vehicle users along the B1398 (Middle Street) as well as recreational users of nearby PRow LL/Ingh/17/2.
- 1.4.36 This is a long distance, elevated, panoramic view looking west from the ridge of Ingham Cliff. Open arable fields in the foreground and middle ground recede downhill into the distance. The west sloping topography screens views of Ingham and Fillingham, which are located at the bottom of the cliff, and allows for distant views of fields and dispersed farmsteads with ribbons of various intervening vegetation such as hedgerows, bands of trees and areas of woodland. Individual wind turbines are discernible in southern section of this view. Cottam Power Station as well as West Burton Power Station are prominent points of focus in the background sitting against the large sky. The villages of Stow, Willingham by Stow, Sturton by Stow as well as other smaller settlements are either not or barely perceptible due to the effects of distance and intervening layers of vegetation.
- 1.4.37 Likely combined and successive views of sections of Gate Burton Energy Park and Cottam Solar Project may be possible from this location. The main focus points of this open and long distance view are the power stations at Cottam and West Burton.
- 1.4.38 The view consists of common landscape elements, such as a large network of fields, hedgerows, bands of trees and areas of woodland. The visibility of power station infrastructure provides an industrial layer to the otherwise panoramic view across agricultural landscape. Notable points of reference visible in this view are related to power station infrastructure. Considering the elevated nature of the view, the value attached to the view is therefore assessed as medium.

## 1.5 Viewpoints requested by Lincolnshire County Council

- 1.5.1 The following 10 additional viewpoints have been agreed with Lincolnshire County Council to be included in the ES landscape and visual impact assessment.

### LCC 1: View northwest from PROW LL/Stow/70/1

- 1.5.2 This view is representative of outdoor workers / farmers and recreational users along PROW LL|Stow|70/1 leading north to Marton Road. The view is also representative of walkers or vehicle users who may use this lane as a cut through south to Stow Park Road. The view is fleeting and mainly masked by a hedgerow.
- 1.5.3 This view leads north along PROW LL|Stow|70/1 and also opens up a middle distance view orientated to the northwest. This view looks through a gap in the hedgerow opening up across an agricultural field towards the hedge lined Marton Road and a line of individual trees. The PROW in this section is mostly lined with a hedgerow to the west and individual trees. Gaps in the hedgerow are sparse, so that this view or similar ones cannot be experienced at all times along the public walkway.
- 1.5.4 The Scheme will occupy the fields north of Marton Road in the background beyond the hedgerow line in the distance. The view has no specific focus but the individual stands of trees within the line of hedgerows are a feature of this section of the PROW LL|Stow|70/1.
- 1.5.5 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements including fields, hedgerow boundaries, individual trees as well as a small pocket of woodland. A small fenced off service compound is located in the background adjacent the pocket of woodland. The value of the view is low.

### LCC 2: View southeast from Upton Road and PROW LL/Upto/53/1

- 1.5.6 This view is representative of vehicle users along Upton Road/Padmoor Lane as well as recreational users who use PROW LL/Upto/53/1, which runs between the two fields from Upton Road in the west through to Upton Road in the east.
- 1.5.7 Stands of trees, bushes and a fragmented hedgerow are located in the foreground and continue east along PROW LL/Upto/53/1. They obscure partially a longer distance view southeast across the adjacent field. A view east leads into the distance across arable fields and intersecting hedgerows. It is bounded by deciduous vegetation along the horizon. A low voltage power line is located southeast in the background. It runs in an east – west direction along Kexby Lane (screened in this view).
- 1.5.8 The Scheme will occupy the field adjacent to Upton Road in the middle ground beyond the trees and the fragmented hedgerow in the foreground. The view has no specific focus, however, the trees in the foreground are prominent features at that location.



- 1.5.9 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements including fields, hedgerow boundaries, individual trees as well as a small pockets of woodland. The value of the view is low.

### **LCC 3: View southeast from PROW LL/Upto/53/1**

- 1.5.10 The view is representative of recreational users along PROW LL/Upto/53/1 that the runs between the two fields from Upton Road in the west through to Upton Road in the east. The viewpoint is located within an Area of Great Landscape Value.
- 1.5.11 The viewpoint is located at the north-eastern corner of the Scheme, and is orientated to the south. PROW LL/Upto/53/1 runs along a fragmented native hedgerow and stands of trees, which form the northern boundary of the Scheme in this area. The view is south along the eastern edge of the Scheme. Tall trees and hedgerows run along a drain at the eastern side of the field, which opens up partially to the west in the middle distance. The view is framed by dense vegetation to either side of and opens up only briefly when walking along PROW LL/Upto/53/1.
- 1.5.12 The Scheme will occupy the field in the middle distance. The view is guided along the tall hedgerows and trees running parallel to the field drain but has no specific focus.
- 1.5.13 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements including fields, tall hedgerow boundaries, clusters and bands of trees. While the viewpoint is located at the edge of an area of high landscape value, the view is not looking across a designated landscape. The view is enclosed and rural. The value of the view is low.

### **LCC 4: View southwest from Padmoor Lane**

- 1.5.14 This view is representative of vehicle users along Padmoor Lane. Recreational users are also using occasionally the wide green verges along the road.
- 1.5.15 The view is orientated to the west / southwest and provides a view across a gate in the foreground into an adjacent field, which extends into the middle distance. A roadside hedgerow accompanies Padmoor Lane into the distance to the west. Bands of trees and clusters of woodland form the background, which is only intersected by the cooling towers and stacks of West Burton Power Station. For vehicle users, this view is intermittent while recreational users will be able to experience this or similar views over the hedgerow for a longer period when moving along Padmoor Lane.
- 1.5.16 The Scheme will likely not be visible from this viewpoint as it will be obscured by intervening vegetation along PROW LL/Upto/53/1 in the background. The view does not have a particular focus. While the stacks of West Burton Power Station are discernible in the distance, they are not a prominent feature in the overall view.
- 1.5.17 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements including arable fields, hedgerow boundaries, individual trees interspersed in the hedgerows as well as pockets of woodland. The partial visibility of power

station infrastructure provides an industrial aspect to the view. The value of the view is low.

#### **LCC 5: View south / southwest from Station Road**

- 1.5.18 This view is representative of vehicle users and recreational users along Station Road who will experience this view when passing by near the field gate. Open views across the field get quickly obscured by intervening roadside vegetation. Similar views can also be experienced from upper windows of residential receptors located further east perpendicular to Station Road. The viewpoint is located within an Area of Great Landscape Value.
- 1.5.19 The view is orientated to the southwest and taken at the gate of the field. The view is across an arable field lined with hedgerows and trees to the east and north. The woodland of the Park Plantation encloses the view to the south. Stands of trees and bushes border along the field along its western boundary but allow views further west of clusters of trees and bands of woodland as well as a dwelling in the background.
- 1.5.20 The Scheme will be located across the field in the foreground and middle distance. The view does not have a particular focus.
- 1.5.21 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements including arable fields, hedgerow boundaries, bands of trees. However, it is framed by a large area of woodland. The value of the view is medium.

#### **LCC 6: View west from B1241 south of Willingham by Stow**

- 1.5.22 This view is representative of vehicle users and pedestrians along the B1241 south of Willingham by Stow.
- 1.5.23 This view is orientated to the west. The foreground consists of an arable field which is flanked by hedgerows to the north and south. Stands of trees as well as bands of trees can be seen to either side of the field as well as in the background. A low voltage power line runs along the southern field boundary as well as partially from north to south. West Burton Power Station with its cooling towers and stacks, and high voltage transmission lines can be seen in the west at the horizon.
- 1.5.24 The upper most sections of the Scheme may become visible in the background. The view does not have a particular focus but West Burton Power Station is a discernible landmark in the far distance.
- 1.5.25 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements including arable fields, hedgerow boundaries, individual trees interspersed in the hedgerows. The number of power lines as well as West Burton Power Station add industrial components to the view. The value of the view is considered low.

#### **LCC 7: View east from Knaith Hill**

- 1.5.26 This view is representative of vehicle users along Knaith Hill and also representative of walkers who use the fields indicated by the PRow



LL|Knai|44/2. The PRow runs along the north edge of the field. To the West of the Viewpoint, there are some domestic dwellings accessing the view from upper and lower windows. The viewpoint is located within an Area of Great Landscape Value.

- 1.5.27 The foreground contains arable fields viewed through gaps in a fragmented hedgerow. A low-level verge on the north side of the road has an open vista. This view cannot not be experienced for prolonged periods of time by vehicle users passing through. The midground view consists of woodlands (Stephenson's Hill and Norbury Hill) creating a boundary along the north edge. Clusters of shrubs, and variously sized trees are dispersed across the middle ground. A number of overhead service and transmission lines running along the road and across the view. The horizon comprises of a wooded tree line.
- 1.5.28 Sections of the Scheme may become visible in the middle ground but partially screened by intervening vegetation. The view does not have a particular focus.
- 1.5.29 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements that align with the character of the area, including arable fields, hedgerow boundaries, as well as woodland areas which add to the quality of the view. The value is therefore considered medium.

#### **LCC 8: View west / northwest from PRow LL/Knai/44/2 (Park Plantation)**

- 1.5.30 The view is representative recreational users of PRow LL/Knai/44/2. The viewpoint is located within an Area of Great Landscape Value.
- 1.5.31 The foreground of the view consists of arable fields bounded by overgrown hedgerows and trees. The Park Plantation woodland is located in the left of this view. Further cluster of trees are visible in the background along Station Road and adjoining residential properties. An overhead transmission line crosses the view in a north-south direction. The horizon comprises of a wooded tree line with the two chimneys of West Burton Power Station.
- 1.5.32 Sections of the Scheme may become visible in the left of this view beyond the overgrown hedgerow and stands of trees. The view does not have a particular focus.
- 1.5.1 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements such as arable fields, hedgerows, individual trees and sections of woodland. Apart from the transmission line and power station infrastructure the view is mainly rural without specific landscape features or landmarks. The value is therefore considered low.

#### **LCC 9: View north / northeast from PRow LL/Mton/69/1**

- 1.5.2 This view is representative of recreational users of PRow LL/Mton/69/1. Similar views can be experienced from mainly upper windows of adjacent residential dwellings located along the eastern and north-eastern side of Mount Pleasant Close and Cornfield Drive, Marton. The viewpoint is located within an Area of Great Landscape Value.

- 1.5.3 The open view is across a large arable field in the fore-, and middle ground which is bounded to the north by a dense band of mature trees and hedgerows to the west. Residences, adjacent to the field, become visible in the left of this view. Overhead transmission lines cross the view in various directions in the foreground. The view becomes expansive as the field descends gently eastwards. Band of trees bound the field in the background. The cliff at Ingham with clusters of woodland defines the horizon line in the far distance.
- 1.5.4 The Scheme will be located north of the dense band of trees along the field boundary and will unlikely be visible. The view has no specific focus but the eye is drawn to the ridge in the far distance due to the slightly elevated nature of this viewpoint.
- 1.5.5 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements, with fields, bands of hedgerows and trees as well some detracting elements such as prominent overhead transmission lines. While the viewpoint is located at the edge of an area of high landscape value, the view is not looking across a designated landscape. The elevated nature of this view and the long distance vista east provides a notable quality to the visual amenity along this section of PRoW LL/Mton/69/1. The value is considered medium.

#### **LCC 10: View north / northeast from River Trent embankments at Littleborough**

- 1.5.6 This view is representative of recreational users of PRoW NT/Sturton Le Steeple/FP8. Similar views can be experienced from nearby residences located at the eastern end of Littleborough Road.
- 1.5.7 The viewpoint is located close to the western shore of the River Trent and east of the flood protection dam along the grassed walkway along the shore. Dense shoreline vegetation in the foreground is screening views of the water body. Dense pockets of river side vegetation extend into the middle ground, which begins to rise uphill towards the A156 and Gate Burton estate. A mixture of field boundaries consisting of hedges, bands of trees as well the mature woodland and individual trees of Gate Burton estate define the background.
- 1.5.8 The Scheme will be located beyond the mature tree line in the background and will unlikely be visible. The view has no specific focus.
- 1.5.9 The composition of the view consists of common landscape elements such as trees, bushes and pockets of woodland. The adjacent River Trent fosters a different vegetation along its shores when compared to vegetation away from the river. The overall view is natural and while it is not designated and lacks any landmarks, it is a pleasing vista across the abundant vegetation, which gives a sense of remoteness. There are no detracting features in this or similar views. The value is therefore considered medium.