



Stonestreet Green Solar

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Appendix J: 2023 Targeted Consultation

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Ashford District Borough Council	s42(1)(b)		Host authority	Roland Mills Civic Centre Tannery Lane Ashford TN231PL
Folkstone & Hythe District Council	s42(1)(b)		The Applicant contacted Folkstone & Hythe District Council to notify they are no longer a host authority due to the changes to the Order limits	Alex Stafford Helena Payne Civic Centre Castle Hill Avenue Folkstone CT20 2QY
BT Limited	s42(1)(d)	Category 2	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Company Secretary or Clerk 1 Braham Street London E1 8EE
C.C.Projects	s42(1)(d)	Category 2	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Company Secretary or Clerk 29 Great Smith Street London SW1P 3PS
Cedarvale	s42(1)(d)	Category 2	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Company Secretary or Clerk 29 Great Smith Street London SW1P 3PS
Christopher Robert Price	s42(1)(d)	Category 1	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Granary Court Granary Court Road Smeeth Ashford TN25 6RE
Colt Technology Services	s42(1)(d)	Category 2	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Company Secretary or Clerk Colt House 20 Great Eastern Street

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				London EC2A 3EH
CTRL (UK) Limited	s42(1)(d)	Category 2	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Company Secretary or Clerk 5th Floor Kings Place 90 York Way London N1 9AG
Douglas John Wanstall	s42(1)(d)	Category 1	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Douglas John Wanstall Bank Farm Bank Road Aldington Ashford TN25 7DF
Environment Agency	s42(1)(d)	Category 1 & 2	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Jennifer Wilson Orchard House Endeavour Park London Road Addington West Malling, Kent ME19 5SH
Geoffrey Wanstall	s42(1)(d)	Category 1	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Geoffrey Wanstall Bank Farm Bank Road Aldington Ashford TN25 7DF
High Speed 1 Ltd	s42(1)(d)	Category 1	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Ben Olney Company Secretary or Clerk HS1 Limited, 5th Floor Kings Place, 90 York Way London N1 9AG
James Reid	s42(1)(d)	Category 2	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	James Reid The White Cottage Sandling Road Saltwood Hythe

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				CT21 4QJ
Kent County Council	s42(1)(b) and s42(1)(d)	Category 1	Host authority and a person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Francesca Potter Invicta House County Hall Maidstone Kent ME14 1XQ
Lloyds Bank plc	s42(1)(d)	Category 2	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Company Secretary or Clerk 25 Gresham Street London EC2V 7HN
Lumen Technologies UK Limited	s42(1)(d)	Category 2	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Company Secretary or Clerk 260-266 Goswell Road London EC1V 7EB
Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd	s42(1)(d)	Category 1	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Stephen Sprei Nick Donoghue Company Secretary or Clerk Network Rail Waterloo General Office London SE1 8SW
National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited	s42(1)(a)		Statutory undertaker who may be interested in the changes to the proposed Order limits	Company Secretary or Clerk 1 - 3 Strand London WC2N 5EH
National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc	s42(1)(d)	Category 1 & 2	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Company Secretary or Clerk 1 - 3 Strand London WC2N 5EH
National Grid Interconnectors Limited	s42(1)(d)	Category 1	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Company Secretary or Clerk 1 - 3 Strand

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Nicholas J H Small	s42(1)(d)	Category 2	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Nicholas J H Small 12 Cambridge Road Waterbeach Cambridge CB25 9NJ
Richard Cleveland Price	s42(1)(d)	Category 1	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Richard Cleveland Price Partridge Farm Harringe Lane Sellindge Ashford TN25 7DF
Richard John Wanstall	s42(1)(d)	Category 1	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Richard John Wanstall Bank Farm Bank Road Aldington Ashford TN25 7DF
Sellindge Solar Limited	s42(1)(d)	Category 1	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Company Secretary or Clerk Percivals Farm Fairfield Farm Upper Weald Calverton MK19 6EL
South East Water Limited	s42(1)(d)	Category 2	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Company Secretary or Clerk Rocfort Road Snodland ME6 5AH
South Eastern Power Networks plc	s42(1)(d)	Category 1 & 2	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Company Secretary or Clerk Newington House 237 Southwark Bridge London SE1 6NP

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The Secretary of State for Transport	s42(1)(d)	Category 1 & 2	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Department of Transport Great Minster House 33 Horseferry Road London SW1P 4DR
UK Power Distribution Limited	s42(1)(a)		Statutory undertaker who may be interested in the changes to the proposed Order limits	Company Secretary or Clerk 6500 Daresbury Park Daresbury Warrington WA4 4GE
UK Power Networks	s42(1)(a)		Statutory undertaker who may be interested in the changes to the proposed Order limits	Company Secretary or Clerk Newington House 237 Southwark Bridge London SE1 6NP
UK Power Networks Services (South East) Limited	s42(1)(d)	Category 2	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Company Secretary or Clerk Newington House 237 Southwark Bridge London SE1 6NP
UKAL No1 Limited	s42(1)(d)	Category 2	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Company Secretary or Clerk Unit B Great Hollenden Centre Mill Lane

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				Underriver TN15 0SQ
River Stour Kent IDB	s42(1)(d)	Category 1	Person with an interest in the land directly affected by proposed changes	Company Secretary or Clerk White Cliffs Business Park Dover CT16 3PJ
Aldington and Bonnington Parish Council	s42(1)(a)		Previously provided feedback about traffic impacts and pedestrian safety in relation to the proposed changes	Company Secretary or Clerk The Mission Hall Forge Hill Aldington TN25 7DT
Mersham Parish Council	s42(1)(a)		Previously provided feedback about traffic impacts and pedestrian safety in relation to the proposed changes	Mrs T Block Company Secretary or Clerk The Briars The Street Ashford TN25 5HU
Sellindge Parish Council	s42(1)(a)		Order limit changes are within the Sellindge Parish Council boundary and the Sellindge Parish Council may be interested in those changes	Linda Hedley Company Secretary or Clerk Sellindge Village Hall Sellindge, Ashford Kent TN25 6JY
National Highways	s42(1)(a)		Order limit changes may affect the road network.	Marius Pieters Company Secretary or Clerk Bridge House 1 Walnut Tree Close Guildford GU1 4LZ
Historic England	s42(1)(a)		The Order limit changes are slightly closer to heritage assets.	Jana Shuster Company Secretary or Clerk

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				4th Floor Cannon Bridge House 25 Dowgate Hill London EC4R 2YA
Forestry Commission	s42(1)(a)		Changes to the Site boundary is slightly closer to Poulton Woods and Aldington Sand Pit which are both within 1km of the Site.	Richard Cobb Company Secretary or Clerk 20 Bristol Business Park Coldharbour Lane Bristol BS16 1EJ
Natural England	s42(1)(a)		Changes to the Site boundary is slightly closer to Poulton Woods and Aldington Sand Pit which are both within 1km of the Site.	Sean Hanna Company Secretary or Clerk County Hall Spetchley Road Worcester WR5 2NP
National Grid Ventures Limited	s42(1)(a)		Statutory undertaker who raised an objection to the converter station being within the 2023 Statutory Consultation proposed Order limits	Company Secretary or Clerk 1 - 3 Strand London WC2N 5EH



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1. Sample Letter

National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited

1 - 3 Strand

London

WC2N 5EH

10 November 2023

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Stonestreet Green Solar

Targeted Consultation: 9:00am on 13 November 2023 to 11:59pm on 13 December 2023

Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008 ("Act")

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The site of the Project is located approximately 6.5km to the south east of Ashford Town Centre and approximately 13.7km to the west of Folkestone Town Centre, in the county of Kent.

The site covers an area of approximately 192 hectares (474 acres) of land to the north and west of the village of Aldington.

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The key technical components of the Project include:

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It is proposed that the Application will, amongst other things, also seek to authorise (to the extent required):

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- the application and disapplication of legislation; and
- such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licenses, rights, permits, consents and authorisations as are necessary and/or appropriate.

The Project lies entirely within the administrative area of Ashford Borough Council and Kent County Council.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment development ("EIA development"), as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, and an Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of the Application. The Environmental Statement will provide a detailed description of the Project and its likely significant environmental effects. Information compiled so far about the Project's likely significant environmental effects is set out in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR"), updated in a PEIR Addendum and summarised in a non-technical summary.

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Proposed changes to the Project

Following the 2023 Statutory Consultation, the Applicant has had regard to the feedback received and carried out further design work. As a result, the Applicant is now proposing seven minor changes to the site boundary (known as the "Order limits") and so is consulting you on these as a consultee who falls within section 42(1)(a) of the Act, and who we consider may have an interest in the proposed changes to the Project.

The changes to the Project are set out in Enclosure 1: 'Proposed Project Changes – Summary Note' of this letter and are summarised below:

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- Proposed Change B: Additional land to be included in the proposed Order limits at Bank Farm to provide site access for the duration of the Project

- Proposed Change C: The road verge along Goldwell Lane to be included in the proposed Order limits to provide a wider turning circle for construction vehicles, avoiding the need to remove vegetation for access purposes
- Proposed Change D: Part of the road and the road verge at Station Road to be included in the proposed Order limits to provide space for necessary visibility splays and to ensure the Project is compliant with UK road safety requirements
- Proposed Change E: The cable corridor route to be widened following engagement with UK Power Networks and to allow for flexibility during installation of the cable
- Proposed Change F: The majority of the Sellindge Substation site to be removed from the proposed Order limits, and a small extension to be added to the proposed Order limits to the eastern side of the Substation, following consultation with UK Power Networks who have confirmed the area needed to connect to the Sellindge Substation
- Proposed Change G: The alternative cable route to be removed from the proposed Order limits because UK Power Networks have confirmed the grid connection for the Project can be directly into the Sellindge Substation.

It is not expected that the seven minor proposed changes to the site boundary would result in any new or materially different likely significant environmental effects from those that were set out in the PEIR or PEIR Addendum that were presented as part of the 2023 Statutory Consultation for all technical topics.

The consultation documents

Enclosed with this letter are the following documents in hard copy:

- Enclosure 1: 'Proposed Project Changes – Summary Note', which explains the proposed changes to the Project and identifies the locations of those proposed changes; and
- Enclosure 2: 'Land Plan', showing the location of your interest in the land affected by the proposed changes explained above.

Requests for large print, audio or braille versions of the documents will be considered on a case-by-case basis and appropriate charges may apply. Requests should be made to the Applicant by telephone on 08081 698335 (free of charge) or by email at info@stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk. Reasonable postage charges may apply.

Responding to the targeted consultation

We encourage you to let us know your views on the changes that we are proposing to make to the Project. Responses to this targeted consultation on the proposed changes must be received by the Applicant by no later than **11:59pm on Monday 13 December 2023**.

Responses must be submitted by one of the following methods:

- email to info@stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk
- post (free of charge; no stamp required) to FREEPOST Stonestreet Green Solar
- telephone (free of charge) at 08081 698335

The Applicant will have regard to all responses received by the above deadline when developing the Application. A Consultation Report will be submitted as part of the Application that will provide the details of the pre-application consultation undertaken by the Applicant, summarise any relevant responses received by the Applicant and explain the account taken by the Applicant of those relevant responses. The Applicant may be required to submit copies of the consultation responses to the Planning Inspectorate and if so the Applicant will comply with all applicable data protection legislation.

Further information

Further details in relation to the Project can be found on the Applicant's website at www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk

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We look forward to hearing from you.



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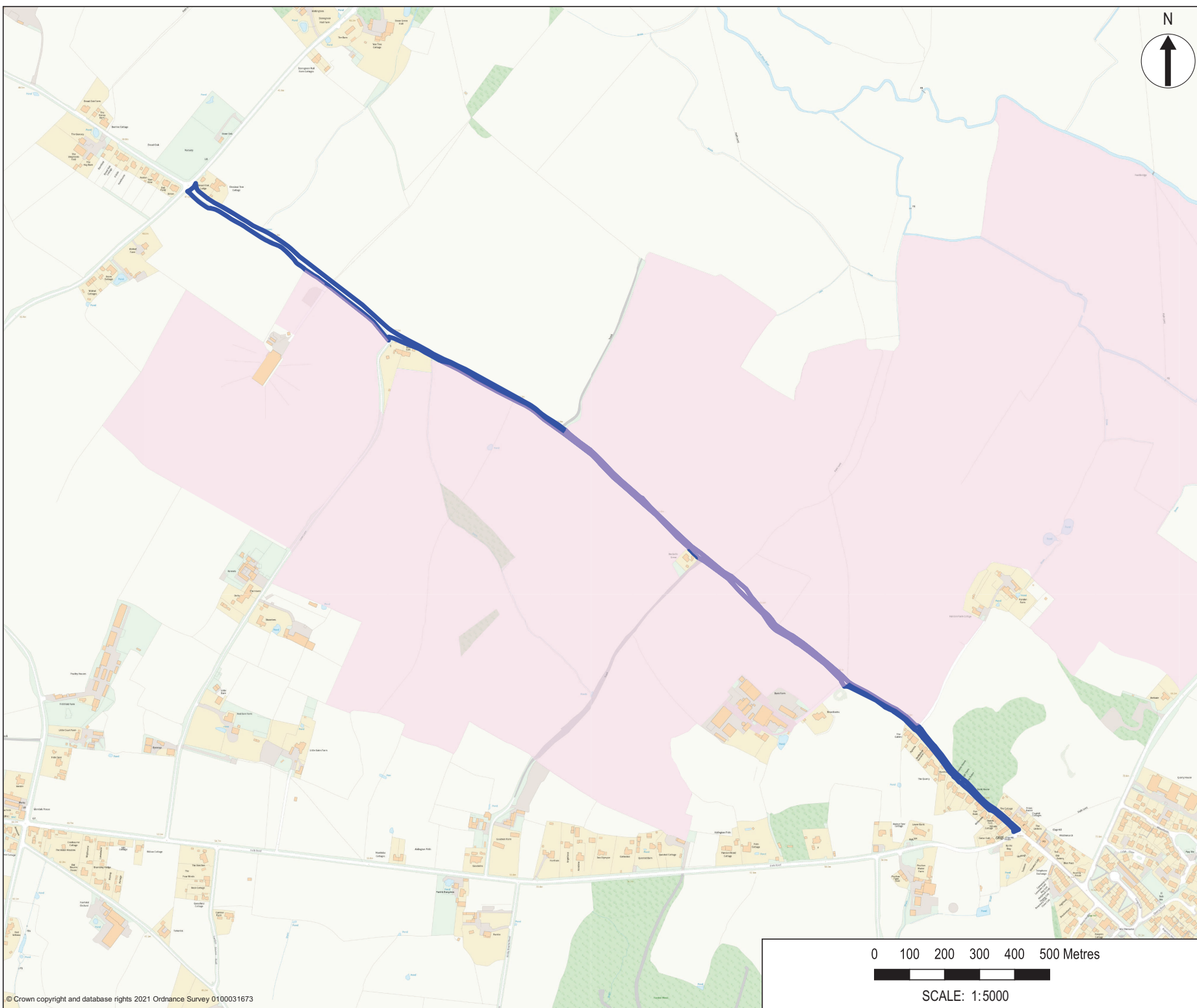
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Consultation Report
Appendix J-2: Sample Letter and
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2. Enclosure: Proposed Project Changes
– Summary Note (2023 Statutory Consultation)



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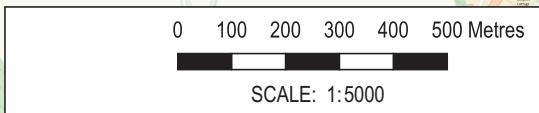
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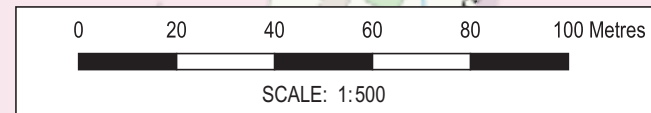
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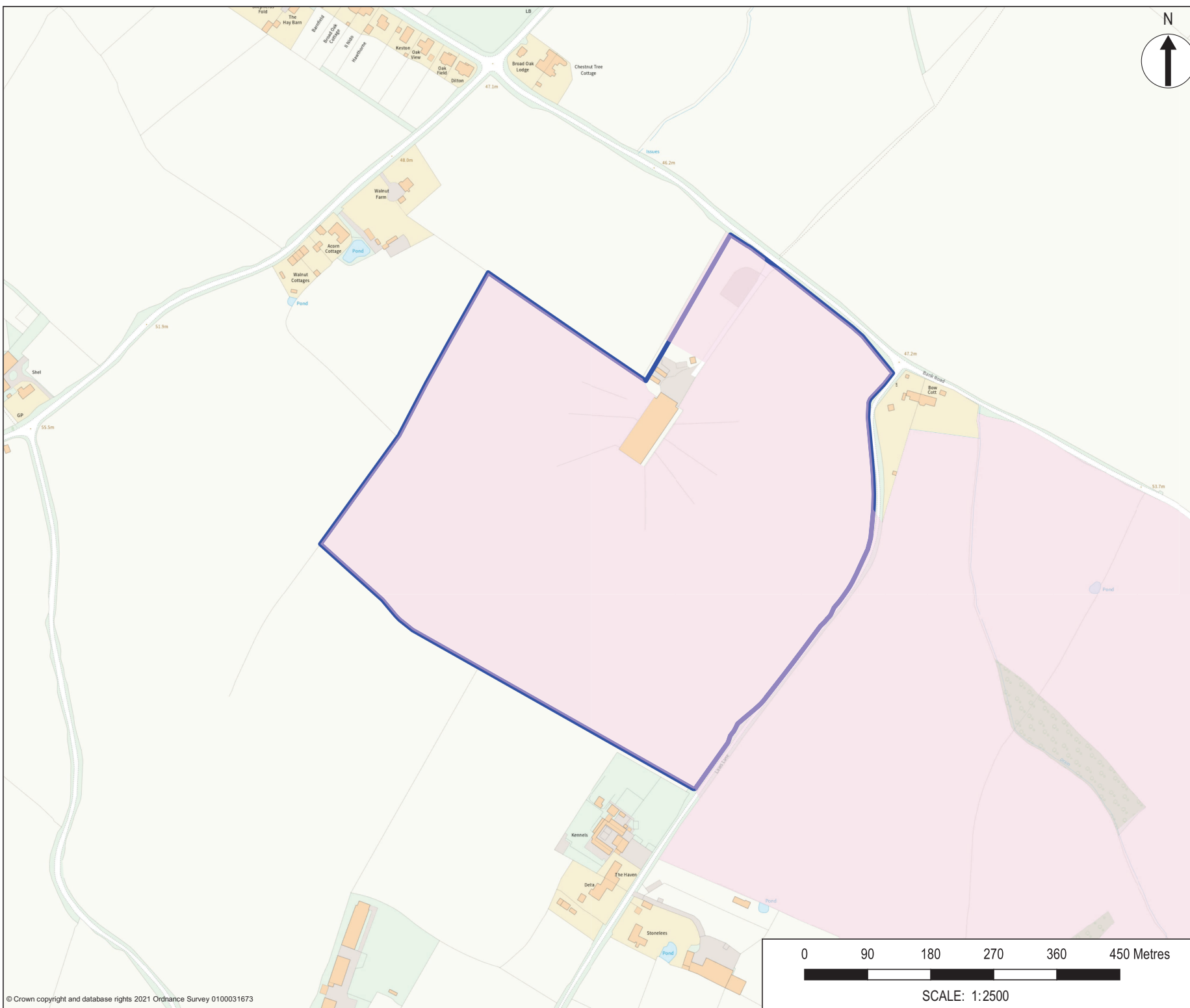
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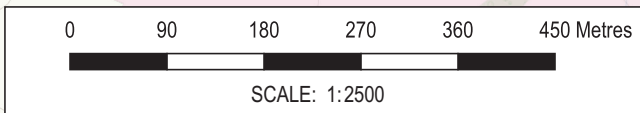
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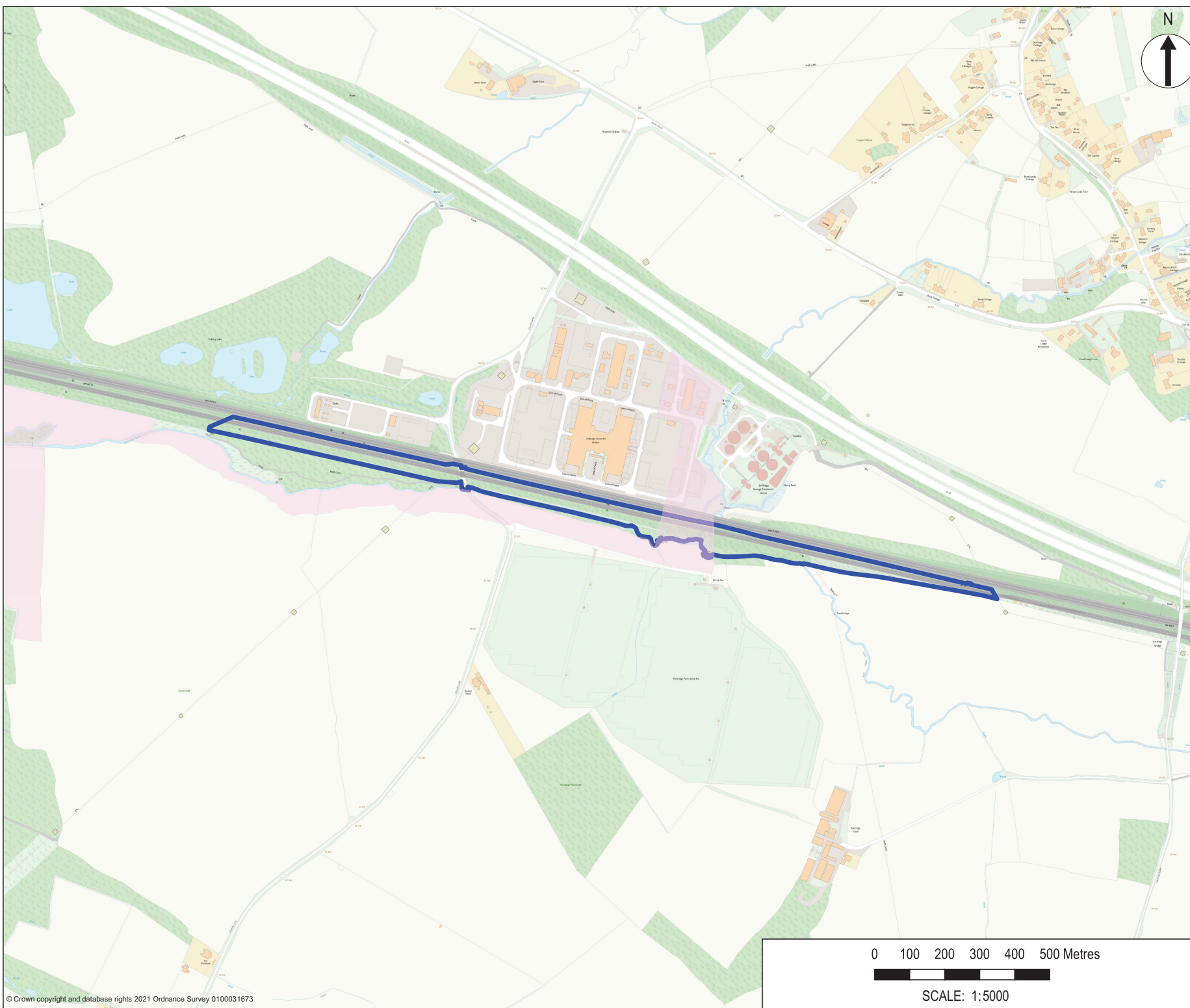


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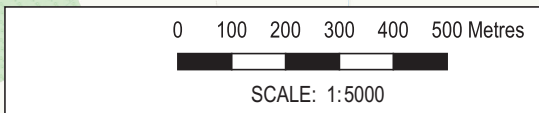
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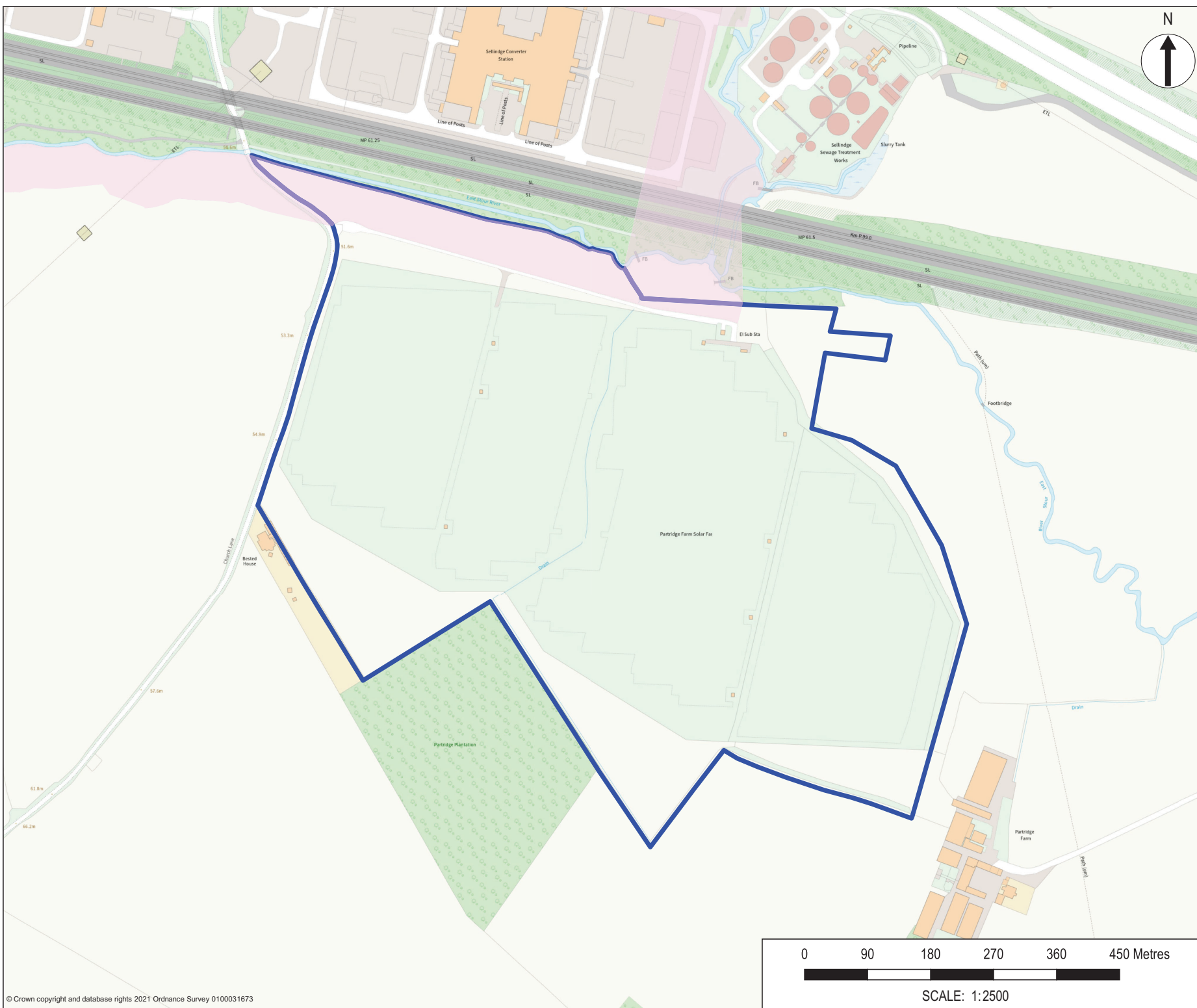
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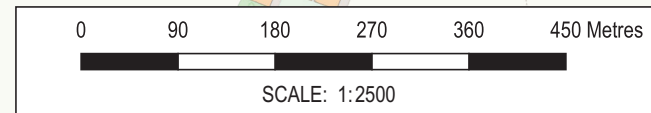
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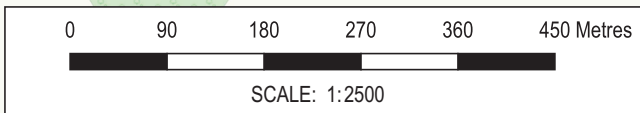
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Dear Mr Williamson

Stonestreet Green Solar
Statutory pre-application consultation: 9:00am on 02 March 2024 to 11:59pm on 1 April 2024
Section 42(1)(a) and s42(1)(d) of the Planning Act 2008 ("Act")

EPL 001 Limited ("the Applicant"), which is a subsidiary of Evolution Power Limited, is intending to develop a renewable energy generating project, together with on-site energy storage, associated infrastructure and an underground cable connection, on land at Aldington, near Ashford in Kent known as Stonestreet Green Solar ("the Project"). Further to the consultations undertaken in 2022 (to which we received a response from you) and 2023, we are writing to you to consult you on the Project as a prescribed consultee under section 42(1)(a) of the Act and as a person who may have an interest in land affected by the Project under s42(1)(d) of the Act.

The Applicant wrote to you via a hard copy letter and email in respect of the 2022 Statutory Consultation and 2023 Statutory Consultation but has recently identified that whilst they consulted you by email in respect of the 2023 Targeted Consultation, a hard copy letter was not provided. This letter explains the Project and how you can share your views on the proposals.

The Project

As the proposed generating capacity exceeds 50 megawatts ("MW"), the Project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under sections 14(1)(a) and 15(1) and (2) of the Act meaning that a Development Consent Order must be obtained. The Applicant proposes to make an application ("the Application") under section 37 of the Act for a Development Consent Order for the Project from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero.

The Project comprises the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of solar photovoltaic ("PV") arrays and energy storage, together with associated infrastructure and an underground cable connection to the existing National Grid Sellindge Substation.

The Project will include a generating station (incorporating solar arrays) with a total capacity exceeding 50 MW. The agreed grid connection for the Project will allow the export and import of up to 99.9 MW of electricity to the grid. The Project will connect to the existing National Grid Sellindge Substation via a new 132 kilovolt substation constructed as part of the Project and cable connection under the Network Rail and High Speed 1 railway.

The site of the Project is located approximately 6.5km to the south east of Ashford Town Centre and approximately 13.7km to the west of Folkestone Town Centre, in the county of Kent.

The site covers an area of approximately 192 hectares (474 acres) of land to the north and west of the village of Aldington.

The Project will provide a domestic source of renewable energy for 40 years, making a meaningful addition to UK domestic energy security, contributing to the UK's climate change objectives and providing a significant improvement in local biodiversity.

The key technical components of the Project include:

- Solar panel areas – including PV panels, mounting structures, converters, connecting cabling and safety and security measures;
- Inverter Stations – to convert direct current produced by the PV panels into alternating current that can be exported to the electricity network;
- Energy storage units – to provide grid balancing services and able to be charged directly by the PV panels;
- Project substation – to house switchgear, Project transformer, control equipment and site facilities; and
- Cable connection route - to connect into the existing substation at Sellindge.

The key landscape, ecological and amenity components of the Project include:

- Planting of new hedgerows and woodland, with additional planting in already established areas;
- Retention and management of existing grassland;
- Creation of new grassland, native wildflower meadow, wetland meadow and pond habitats; and
- Alterations to existing and the creation of new Public Rights of Way to retain and improve connectivity.

It is proposed that the Application will, amongst other things, also seek to authorise (to the extent required):

- the compulsory acquisition of land and rights in land and the temporary possession of land;
- the overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land;
- the application and disapplication of legislation; and
- such ancillary, incidental and consequential provisions, licenses, rights, permits, consents and authorisations as are necessary and/or appropriate.

The Project is an Environmental Impact Assessment development (EIA development), as defined by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, and an Environmental Statement will be submitted as part of the Application. The Environmental Statement will provide a detailed description of the Project and its likely significant environmental effects. Information compiled so far about the Project's likely significant environmental effects is set out for consultation in a Preliminary Environmental Information Report ("PEIR"), updated in a PEIR Addendum and summarised in a non-technical summary.

Consultation undertaken to date

Non-statutory consultation on the Project took place between 25 March and 29 April 2022 and statutory consultation under the Act was then carried out between 25 October and 29 November 2022 and again between 12 June and 17 July 2023. Targeted consultation on minor changes to the Order limits was then carried out between 13 November and 13 December 2023 (known as the 2023 Targeted Consultation). The Order limits are the limits within which the Project may be carried out pursuant to the Development Consent Order. A further targeted consultation on the proposed inclusion of a small parcel of additional land

within the Order limits is being carried out between 12th February 2024 and 12th March 2024 (known as the 2024 Targeted Consultation).

Why we are writing to you

We have recently identified that your organisation was not provided a hard copy letter in respect of the 2023 Targeted Consultation. We are therefore writing to consult you as a prescribed consultee in accordance with section 42(1)(a) of the Act and as a person who may have an interest in the land affected by the Project under s42(1)(d) of the Act.

Consultation documents

A copy of the documents which were available during the consultations referenced above can be accessed via the Project website at: <https://www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk/Consultation>. This includes a copy of the notices which were published pursuant to section 48 of the Act, the most recent of which is linked here: <https://www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk/files/image/consultation/2023%20Statutory%20Consultation/Section%2048%20Notice%20-%20June%202023.pdf>

A note explaining the changes to the Order limits that were the subject of the 2023 Targeted Consultation is enclosed with this letter. A plan showing the small parcel of additional land that it is proposed to be included within the Order limits, which is the subject of the 2024 Targeted Consultation and a 'Land Plan', showing the location of your interest in the land affected by the proposed changes explained above, are also enclosed.

Please note that all references to providing a consultation response by a specific date in the above documents are not applicable to you and your deadline for providing a consultation response is **11:59pm on 1st April 2024**.

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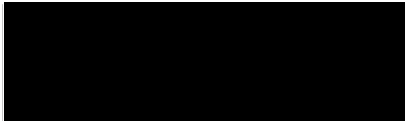
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We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

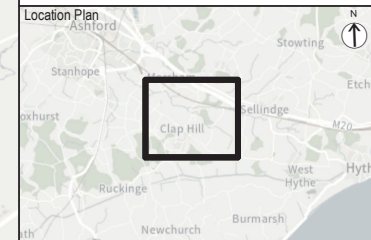
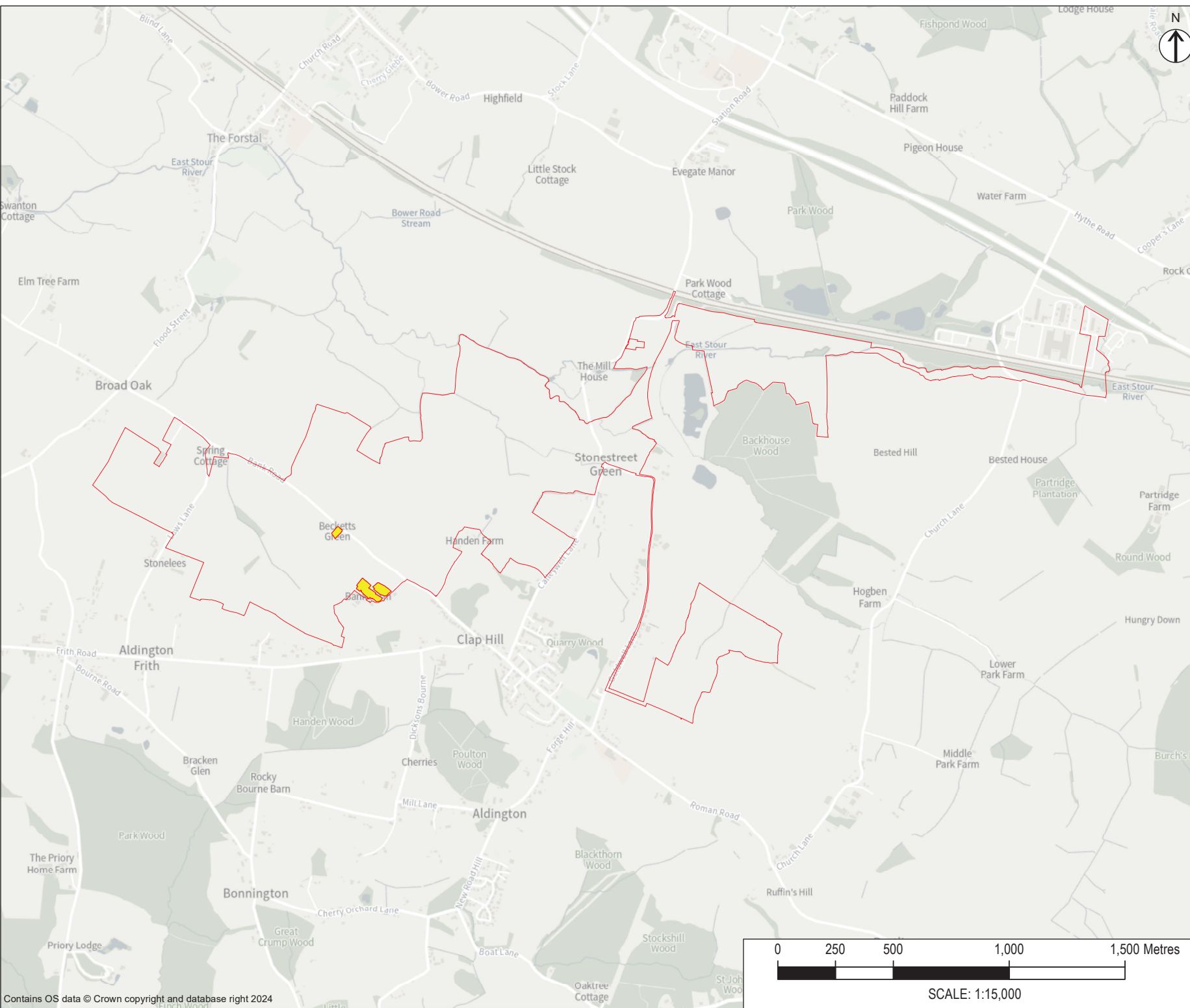


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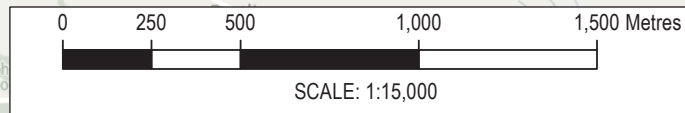
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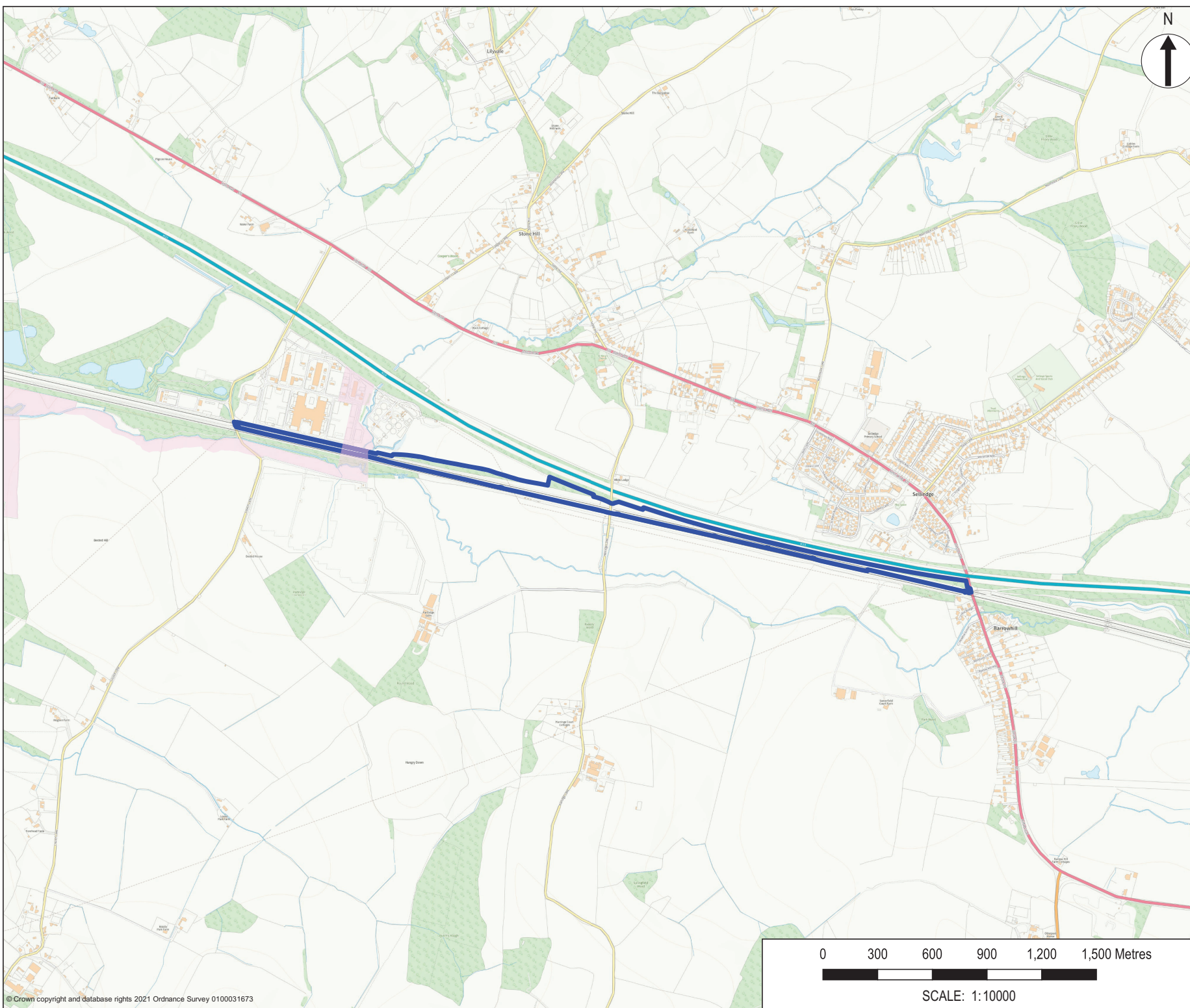
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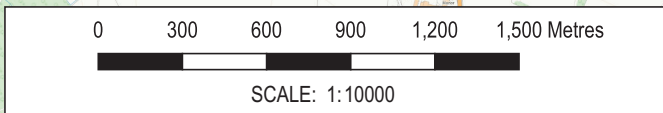
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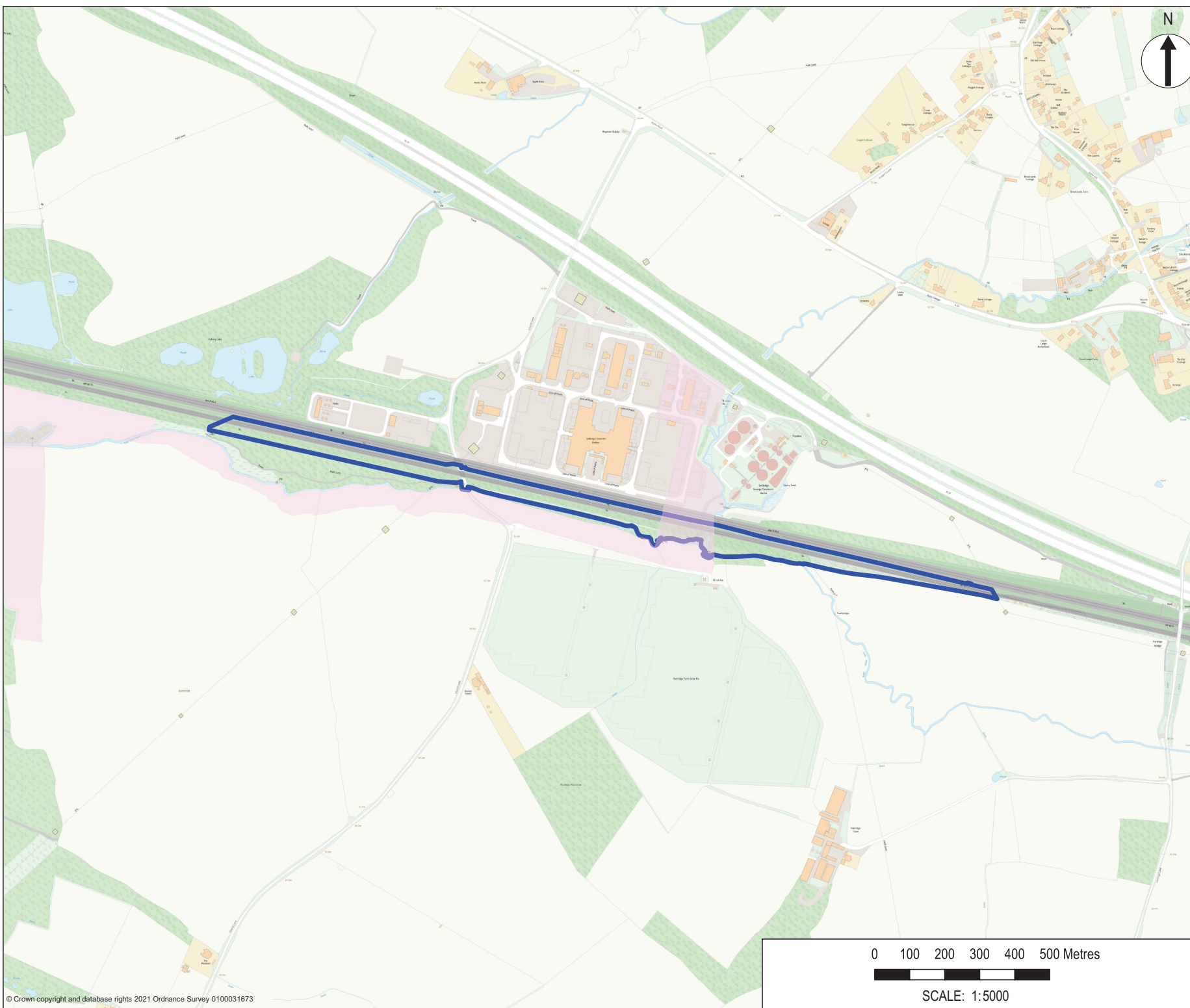


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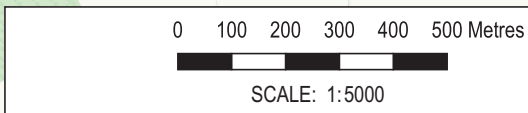
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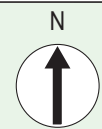
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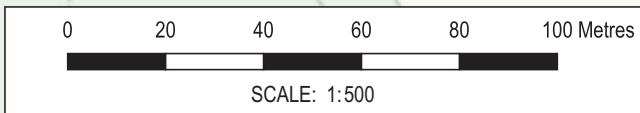
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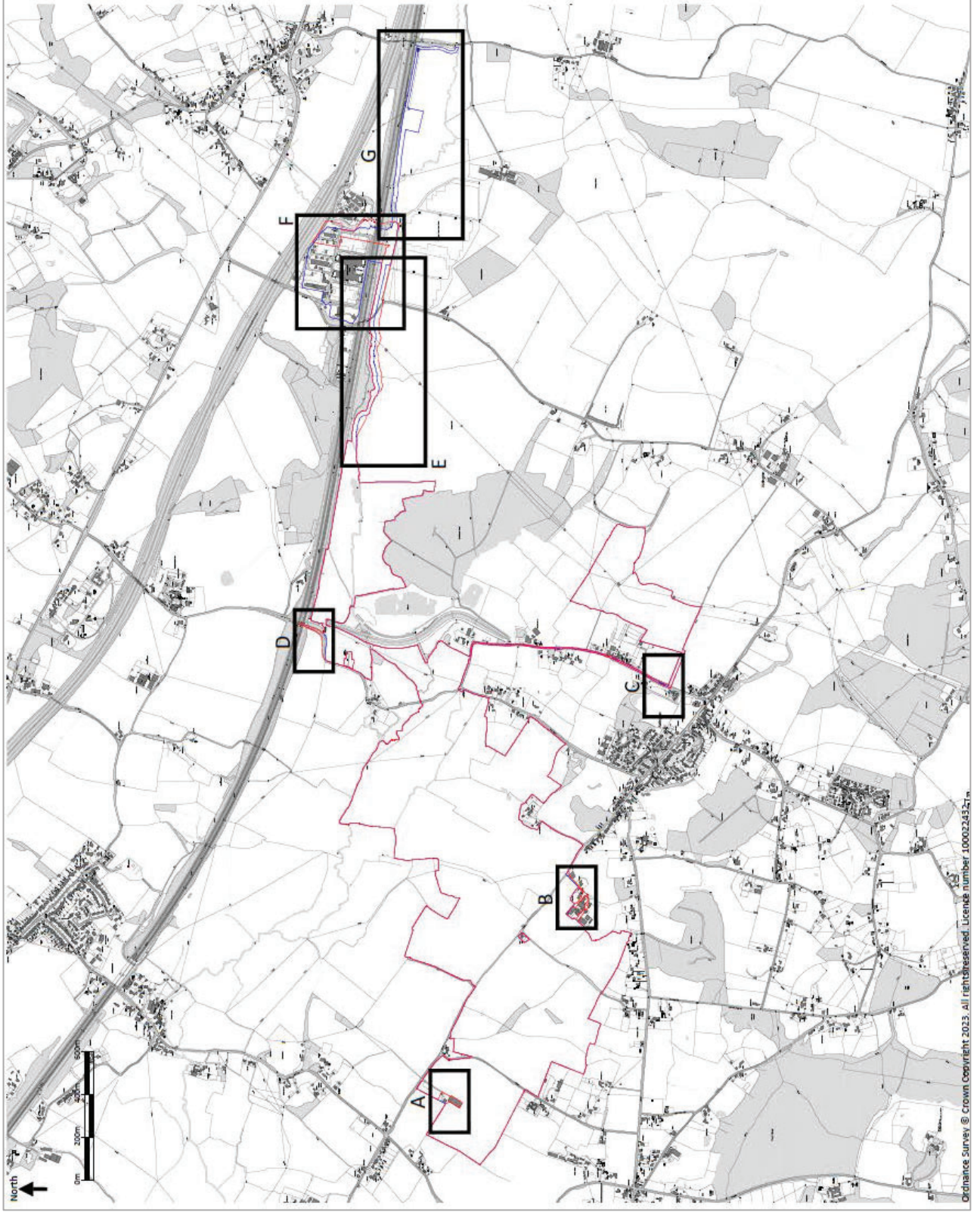
1 Executive Summary

- 1.1.1 EPL 001 Limited¹ ("EPL 001") is proposing a solar and energy storage project located on land to the north and west of the village of Aldington known as the Stonestreet Green Solar project (the "Project").
- 1.1.2 EPL 001 conducted a second round of Statutory Consultation over a five-week period between 12 June 2023 and 17 July 2023 (the "2023 Statutory Consultation").²
- 1.1.3 Following the 2023 Statutory Consultation, EPL 001 has had regard to the feedback received and carried out further design work. As a result, EPL 001 is now proposing seven minor changes to the site boundary (known as the "Order limits"). The proposed changes result in a small overall reduction of the total area of the proposed Order limits. The proposed changes include a change to the area of land needed for the grid connection, removal of an agricultural building not required for the Project, proposed changes in relation to highways and access requirements and removal of the Alternative Cable Route.
- 1.1.4 EPL 001 is carrying out targeted consultation on the proposed changes and will have regard to any feedback to this consultation in finalising the application for a development consent order for the Project.
- 1.1.5 It is expected that these minor proposed changes would not result in any new or materially different likely significant environmental effects from those that were set out in the Preliminary Environmental Impact Report ("PEIR") or PEIR Addendum that were presented as part of the 2023 Statutory Consultation for all technical topics.
- 1.1.6 The proposed changes include the addition of some new land within the site boundary. The development consent order application will seek powers over the land within the site boundary, which may include powers of compulsory acquisition of land and rights in land, temporary possession over land and the overriding of easements and other rights over or affecting land.
- 1.1.7 The locations of the seven minor proposed changes are shown on the following page, with detail regarding each change provided in Section 2. In each case the blue area plan denotes the 2023 Statutory Consultation position with the red area plan showing the proposed updated Order limit position.

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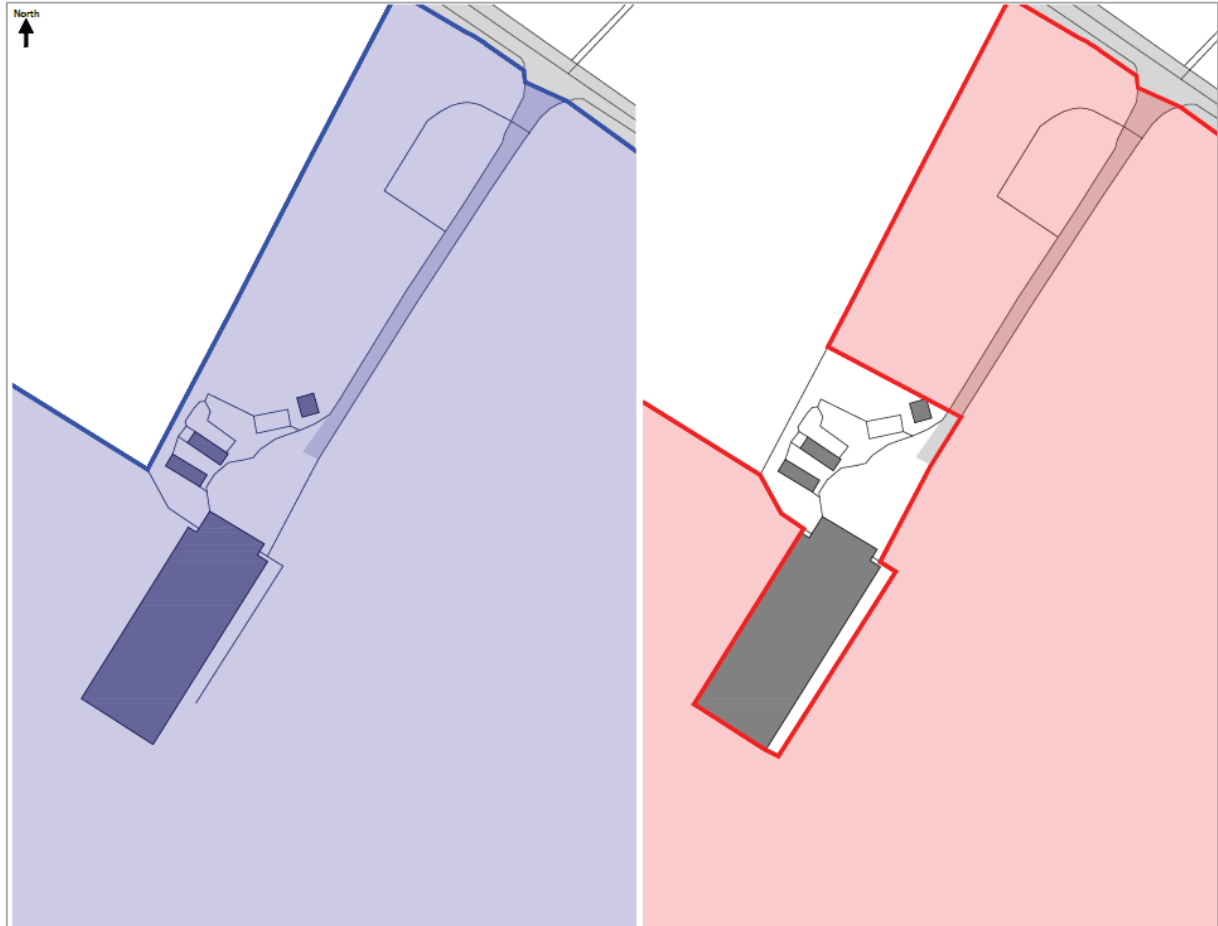
² The consultation materials for that consultation can be found on the project website at <https://www.stonestreetgreensolar.co.uk/Consultation/Statutory+Consultation+Summer+2023>

Overview plan showing location of proposed changes



2 Detail of Proposed Changes

2.1 Proposed Change A - Removal of Agricultural Buildings



- 2.1.1 This proposed change would result in the removal of approx. 0.36 hectares of land from the western part of the site. That land includes one existing agricultural building and associated ancillary buildings.

Reason for Change

- 2.1.2 Only land that is necessary for the Project to achieve its objectives will be included within the site boundary. It had previously been proposed that the land that is the subject of this proposed change would be part of an area of the site used for storage during the construction and decommissioning phases. However, as this land includes existing agricultural buildings, and following further design review, it is now proposed that the land that includes these agricultural buildings be removed from the site boundary. There is sufficient space within the remaining land in this part of the site to accommodate the Project's storage requirements. Therefore, the land including the agricultural buildings is proposed to be removed from the site as this land is not required for the Project.

Assessment of the Environmental Effects

- 2.1.3 It is expected that this minor reduction would not result in new or materially different likely significantly environmental effects compared to those previously described in the PEIR and PEIR Addendum for all technical topics

2.2 Proposed Change B – Inclusion of Bank Farm Access Tracks



- 2.2.1 This proposed change would involve the addition of approx. 0.29 hectares of land within the southwestern part of the site. The additional land is part of operational Bank Farm farmstead, specifically it is the hardstanding access tracks used to access the farm yard from Bank Road and traverse Bank Farm.

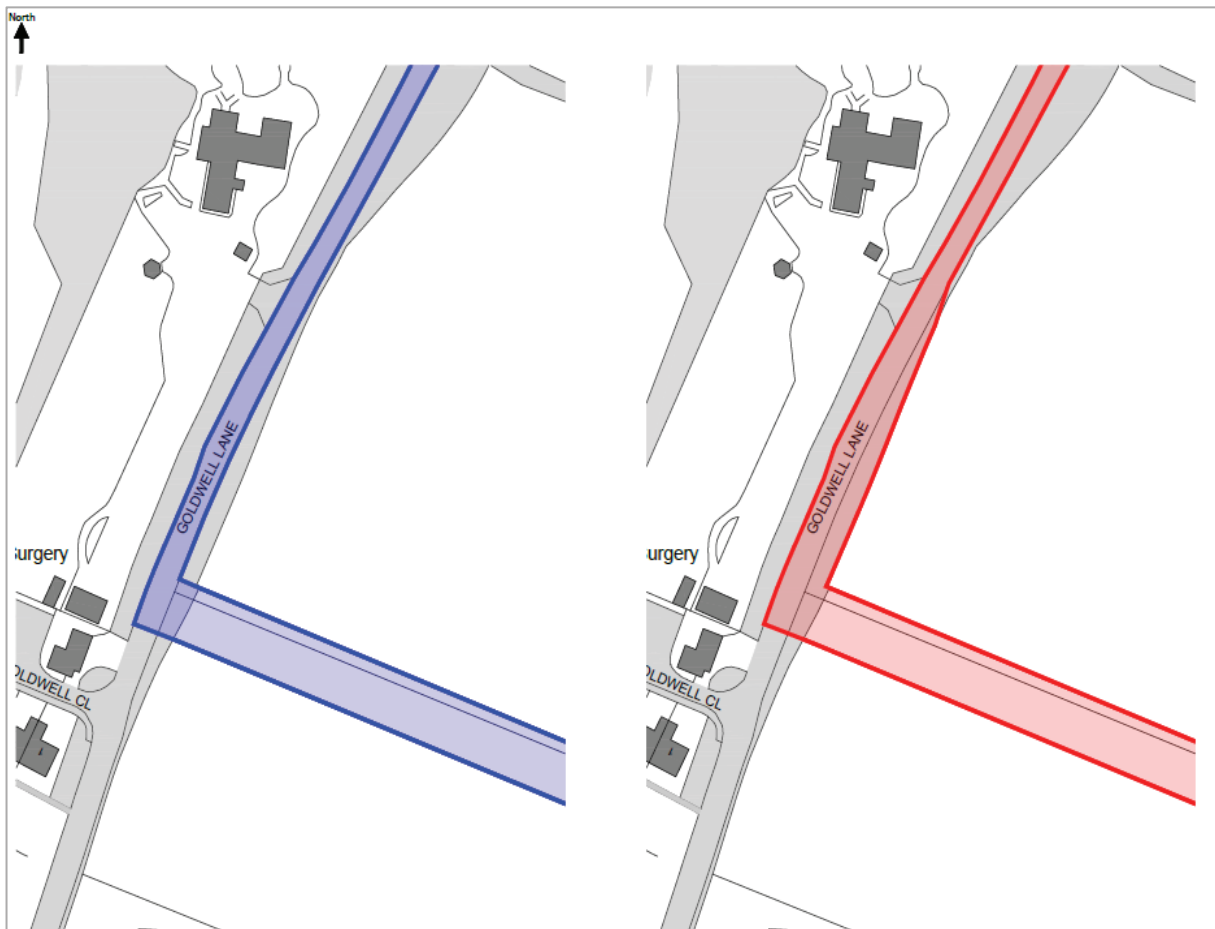
Reason for Change

- 2.2.2 Land that is required for the Project will be included within the site boundary to ensure that all necessary powers over that land to enable the Project to proceed can be granted by the development consent order. The existing hardstanding access tracks to Bank Farm are therefore proposed to be included within the site boundary as this land is necessary to ensure access via Bank Farm for the duration of the Project.

Assessment of the Environmental Effects

- 2.2.3 It is expected that this minor change would not result in new or materially different likely significantly environmental effects compared to those previously described in the PEIR and PEIR Addendum for all technical topics.

2.3 Proposed Change C – Inclusion of Road Verge (Goldwell Lane)



- 2.3.1 This proposed change would involve the addition of approx. 0.03 hectares of land within the southern part of the site. The additional land is the grassed verge of Goldwell Lane.

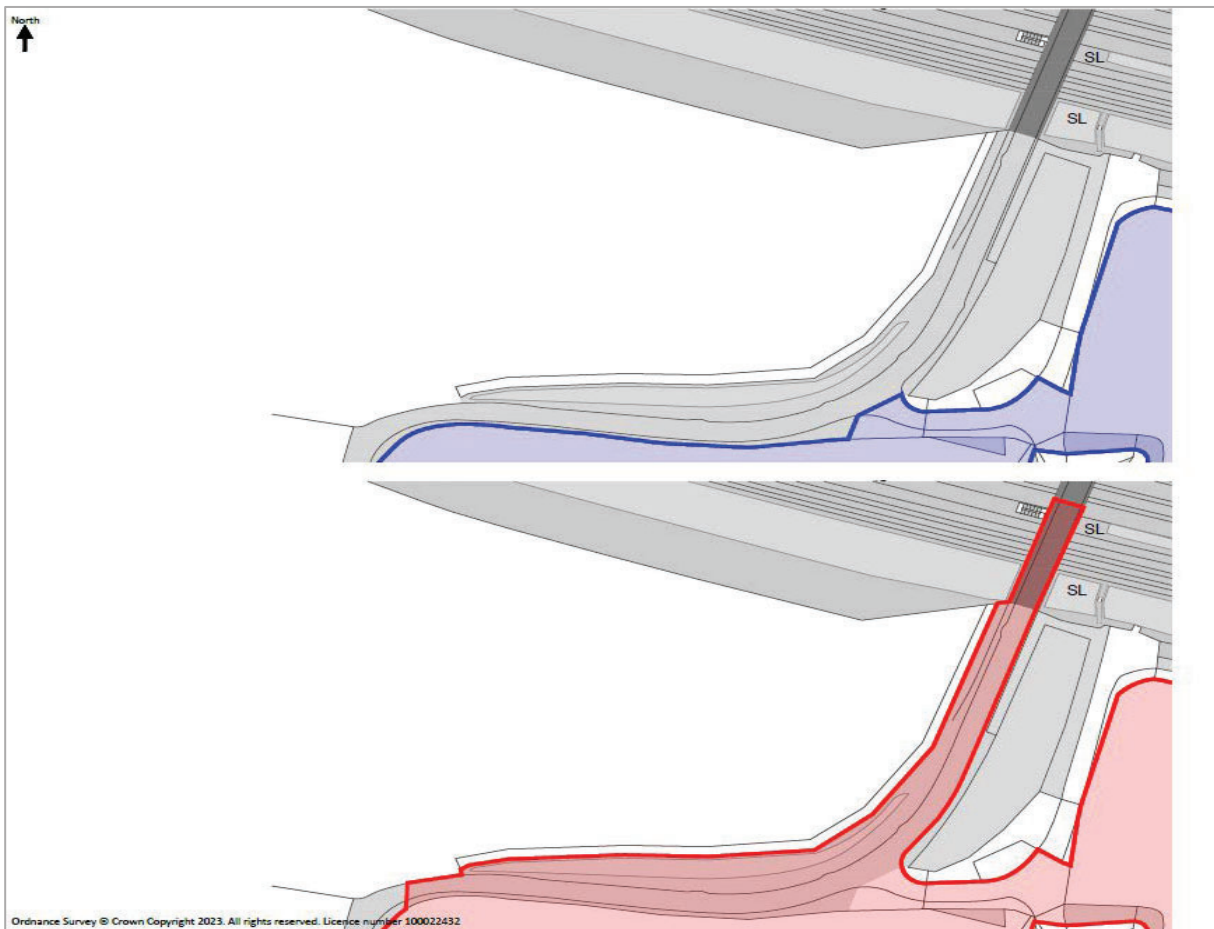
Reason for Change

- 2.3.2 Following further construction vehicle tracking analysis at the entrance point into Field 20 along Goldwell Lane, it has been determined that the inclusion of the grass verge would be advantageous as it would provide a wider turning circle for construction vehicles, during the construction and decommissioning phases, avoiding the requirement to remove vegetation to the south of the access point.

Assessment of the Environmental Effects

- 2.3.3 It is expected that this minor change would not result in new or materially different likely significantly environmental effects compared to those previously described in the PEIR and PEIR Addendum for all technical topics.

2.4 Proposed Change D – Inclusion of Road and Road Verge (Station Road)



- 2.4.1 This proposed change would involve the addition of 0.3 hectares of land within the northern part of the site. The additional land includes the carriageway of Station Road and associated road verges.

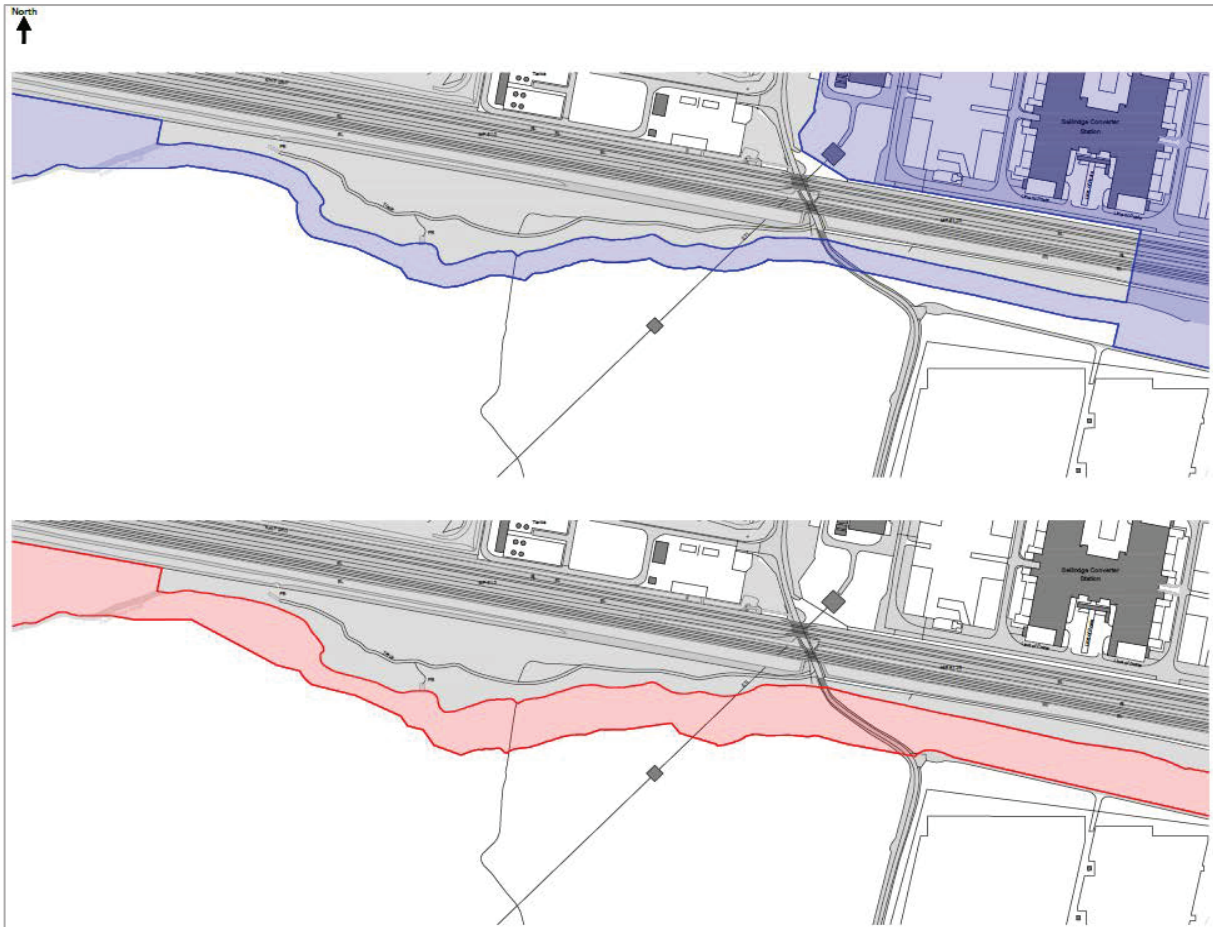
Reason for Change

- 2.4.2 Following further analysis of vehicle tracking, during construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning phases at the main access point to the Project, it has been determined that the inclusion of a small section of Station Road and associated verges would ensure that the Project has all necessary powers over that land to manage visibility splays throughout the Project's life cycle. This ensures that the Project would be able to align with current and future UK road safety requirements.

Assessment of the Environmental Effects

- 2.4.3 It is expected that this minor change would not result in new or materially different likely significantly environmental effects compared to those previously described in the PEIR and PEIR Addendum for all technical topics.

2.5 Proposed Change E – Amendment to Cable Corridor Area



- 2.5.1 This proposed change would involve the addition of 1.34 hectares of land within the northern part of the site. The additional land is identical to the arable land already included within the Cable Corridor Route.

Reason for Change

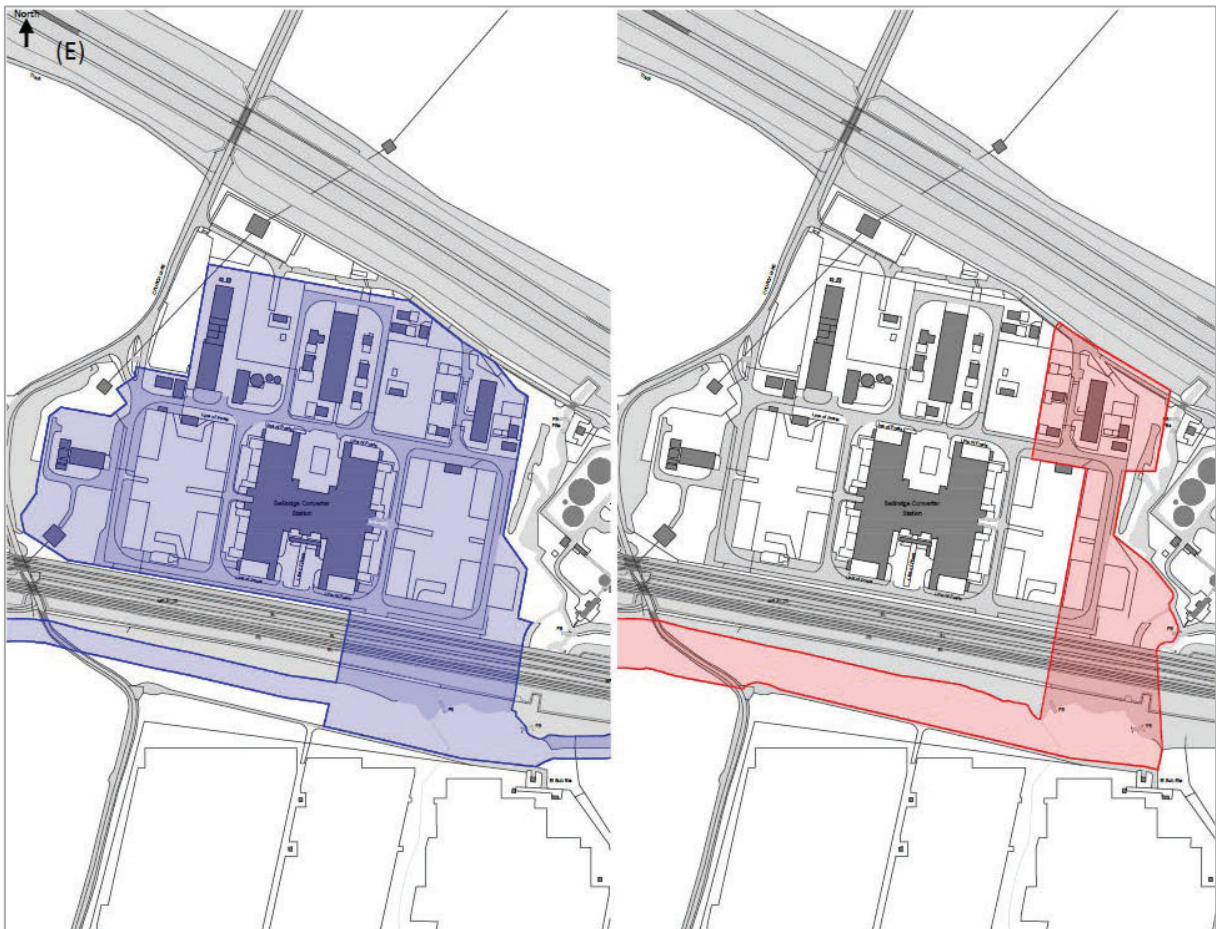
- 2.5.2 The Project Substation will connect to an existing National Grid substation at Sellindge (the 'Sellindge Substation') via underground cables. It is proposed that the Cable Corridor Route be expanded from that proposed during the 2023 Statutory Consultation following input from the distribution network operation, UK Power Networks ("UKPN"), to allow for required flexibility. The flexibility would facilitate the accommodation of any potential alterations, adjustments, or modifications that may be necessitated during both the detail design phase and the installation of the 132kV cable during construction.
- 2.5.3 The Cable Corridor Route varies in width across its length from 16m at its narrowest point to 49m at its widest point. These maximum and minimum widths remain unchanged from the 2023 Statutory Consultation. The proposed changes would increase the width of the Cable Corridor Route from between 6m to 26m in certain sections along its length.

- 2.5.4 The size of the cables and the works required to install the cables have not changed, with the operational wayleave remaining at 10m wide.

Assessment of the Environmental Effects

- 2.5.5 It is expected that this minor change would not result in new or materially different likely significantly environmental effects compared to those previously described in the PEIR and PEIR Addendum for all technical topics.

2.6 Proposed Change F – Amendment to Sellindge Substation Area



- 2.6.1 This proposed change would involve the removal of some land within the existing Sellindge Substation from the site boundary and the addition of a small area of land on the eastern side of the Sellindge Substation. This would result in an overall reduction of 8.34 hectares of land.
- 2.6.2 The land to be added to the site boundary comprises grass and engineered ground linked to the Sellindge Substation.

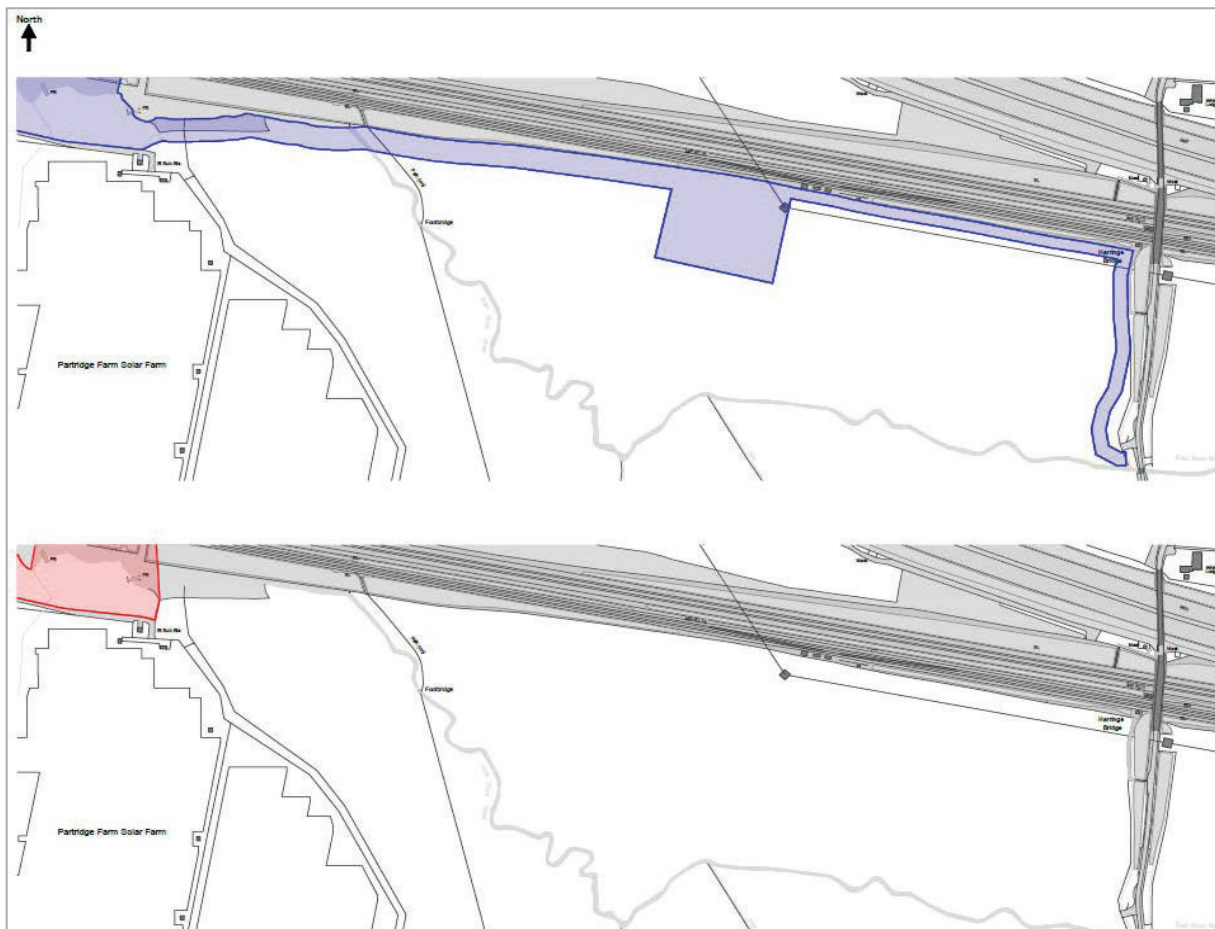
Reason for Change

- 2.6.3 Following the 2023 Statutory Consultation, UKPN confirmed the area within the Sellindge Substation where works are required to connect the Project to the electricity grid.
- 2.6.4 This has allowed EPL 001 to define with greater certainty the land that needs to be included within the site boundary to accommodate those works. This includes a small extension to the substation on the eastern side.

Assessment of the Environmental Effects

- 2.6.5 It is expected that this minor change would not result in new or materially different likely significantly environmental effects compared to those previously described in the PEIR and PEIR Addendum for all technical topics.

2.7 Proposed Change G - Removal of the Alternative Cable Route



- 2.7.1 Two cable routes were proposed (as alternatives to each other) in the 2023 Statutory Consultation Scheme as it was not known at that time whether the Project would connect directly to the Sellindge Substation (described as the Preferred Cable Route) or whether connection would need to be via an existing 132kV tower on the south side of High Speed 1 (described as the Alternative Cable Route). This proposed change would remove the Alternative Cable Route from the Project. This would result in the Project no longer having any element within the administrative boundary of Folkestone & Hythe District Council.
- 2.7.2 This would result in an overall reduction of 2.6 hectares of land.

Reason for Change

- 2.7.3 UKPN has now confirmed that the connection will be directly into the Sellindge Substation and therefore it is proposed to remove the Alternative Cable Route as it is no longer required.

Assessment of the Environmental Effects

- 2.7.4 The PEIR and PEIR Addendum assessed the likely significant effects of the Preferred Cable Route and Alternative Cable Route. Any effects associated solely with the Alternative Cable Route would not occur given its removal from the Project. There would be no new or materially different likely significantly environmental

effects compared to those previously described in the PEIR and PEIR Addendum for all technical topics.



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Appendix J-3: Regard had to 2023 Targeted Consultation Consultee Responses

The tables below set out a summary of the responses to the 2023 Targeted Consultation from consultees under s42 of the Planning Act 2008 and the regard had to them by the Applicant. It should be read in conjunction with Section 8.3.11 of the **Consultation Report (Doc Ref. 6.1)**.

This Appendix covers the following topics:

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- [Theme 1: Changes to the Order limits](#)

Table 1: Summary of responses to the 2023 Targeted Consultation from consultees under s42(1)(a) and s42(1)(b):

Theme 1: Principle of development

Consultee	Feedback	Change to the Project Design Y/N	How regard was given to the consultee's comment
<p>Fisher German on behalf of National Grid Ventures and National Grid Interconnectors Limited</p>	<p>Works in close proximity to the National Grid apparatus would require consent from National Grid. In this instance, consent would not be granted as the Project would restrict access to the cable, both for routine maintenance and in an emergency situation. We must therefore object to the planning application.</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>The Applicant undertook further engagement with National Grid Ventures and is currently negotiating protective provisions.</p>

Theme 2: Changes to the Order limits

Consultee	Feedback	Change to the Project Design Y/N	How regard was given to the consultee's comment
Ashford Borough Council	Proposed Change A – No objection. Proposed Change E – No objection. Proposed Change F – No objection. Proposed Change G – No objection.	N	Noted.
National Highways	None of the proposed changes have any implications for the SRN and NH have no objection to the Project subject to being consulted on the Transport Assessment and Construction Traffic Management Plans for the Commissioning and Decommissioning stages of the Project.	N	Noted.
Natural England Historic England Environment Agency	The 7 minor boundary changes proposed have no material impact on the advice already provided.	N	Noted.

Theme 2: Changes to the Order limits

Consultee	Feedback	Change to the Project Design Y/N	How regard was given to the consultee's comment
Kent County Council	There is no reference to the changes to the section of Church Lane south of the River Stour, Railway and Converter Station within the supporting final order change limit note. Questions why the highway of Church Lane appears to be included for a distance of 450m south of the actual land take for the cable corridor and the purpose and proposed use of this section of Church Lane.	N	The Applicant responded directly to the County Council on 14 February 2024. This part of Church Lane is explained in section 2.5 of the Proposed Changes Summary shared with consultees which accompanied the non-statutory targeted consultation letter (see Appendix J-2: Sample Letter and Enclosures to Consultees (Doc Ref. 6.2) for the Proposed Changes Summary note.
Aldington and Bonnington Parish Council	Proposed Change A: No comments or concerns on this amendment. Proposed Change E: No comment or concerns on this amendment.	N	Noted.
The River Stour (Kent) Internal Drainage Board	No comments to the proposed changes. Previous comments remain valid and request for consultation on surface water management in the detailed design stage.	N	Noted.

Theme 3: Traffic and access

Consultee	Feedback	Change to the Project Design Y/N	How regard was given to the consultee's comment
Kent County Council	<p>Proposed Change B – Requests clarity as to how the hard standing access tracks within Bank Farm will be used by the Project, including the expected type and frequency of traffic, to allow for an understanding and assessment of the impacts of the development on the existing uses.</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>The access drawings at ES Volume 4, Appendix 13.7: Access Drawings (Doc Ref. 5.4) demonstrate how access to the Site will be achieved.</p> <p>The construction traffic impacts of the Project have been assessed and are set out in ES Volume 2, Chapter 13: Transport & Access (Doc Ref. 5.2). This ES Chapter concludes that there are no predicted significant impacts on the local highway network.</p>
	<p>Proposed Change C – The County Council is satisfied with this proposal. Localised widening would safeguard the edge of the carriageway from damage and prevent mud being tracked onto the road if any vehicles overrun the verge. All highway verges will need to be returned to their original form once works are completed.</p> <p>The Applicant must ensure that mitigation continues to address the need for space for HGV vehicles to turn into field 20, without impacting pedestrians, especially those utilising PRow AE747.</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>The Outline Construction Traffic Management Plan ('CTMP') (Doc Ref. 7.9) includes measures that will reduce conflict between users during construction activity.</p>
	<p>The Applicant should engage with the County Council Streetworks Inspectors to negotiate for</p>	<p>N</p>	

Theme 3: Traffic and access

Consultee	Feedback	Change to the Project Design Y/N	How regard was given to the consultee's comment
	localised widening to be implemented for any recurring areas of overrun.		The Applicant will engage with the County Council Streetworks Inspectors in due course as set out in the Outline CTMP (Doc Ref. 7.9) .
	Proposed Change D - Accepts this change.	N	
	The principle of temporary traffic control to allow for construction vehicles to cross the highway from plot to plot has been agreed to prevent the need for huge swathes of hedgerow to be removed for visibility splays.	N	Noted.
Ashford Borough Council	Proposed Change B – Concerned about impacts to businesses at Bank Farm. Bank Road is narrow and the access drive to the Farm has a limited width. Any increased traffic onto Bank Road would be of concern in terms of highway safety and the potential to cause a blockage at a westerly entrance/exit into the village.	N	The Applicant has undertaken a review of the local highway network to identify suitable construction routes to the Site, informed by traffic accident data (summarised at ES Volume 4, Appendix 13.5: Accident Data and Plots (Doc Ref. 5.4)). Management of construction traffic is set out in the Outline CTMP (Doc Ref. 7.9) , including specifications of the appropriate routes to the Site. Detailed CTMP(s) for the Project's phases are secured by a DCO Requirement as set out in the Draft Development Consent Order ('DCO') (Doc Ref. 3.1) , which will ensure that construction traffic keeps to the identified construction routes, the agreed hours of construction are adhered to, and
	Proposed Change C – The necessity for the proposed changes is questioned. The Council expresses its concern that the proposal would impact on the PRoW AE 474.	N	

Theme 3: Traffic and access

Consultee	Feedback	Change to the Project Design Y/N	How regard was given to the consultee's comment
	The Council is concerned that the proposal could lead to damage to the highway verge.	N	interaction with PRow and highway users is managed safely and effectively.
	The safety of highway users including from the nearby school must be safeguarded.	N	The construction traffic impacts of the Project have been assessed and are set out in ES Volume 2, Chapter 13: Transport & Access (Doc Ref. 5.2) . This ES Chapter concludes that there are no predicted significant impacts on the local highway network.
	Proposed Change D – The Council expresses considerable reservations as to the necessity for this proposed inclusion. This principal entrance into the village cannot be closed or blocked. Closure or significant reduction in capacity would increase traffic. If the proposal is to ensure that the necessary visibility splays are capable of being provided for during the construction and decommissioning phases then KCC as the Highway Authority will need to consider whether what is proposed is necessary and appropriate.	N	It is noted the Kent County Council (as Highways Authority) support this proposed change. Suitable traffic regulations measures, including temporary traffic signals, warning signage and use of a banksman where required, are controlled by the Outline CTMP (Doc Ref. 7.9) and are shown on the Traffic Regulations Measures Plans (Doc Ref. 2.4) .

Theme 3: Traffic and access

Consultee	Feedback	Change to the Project Design Y/N	How regard was given to the consultee's comment
<p>Ashford Borough Council</p> <p>Aldington and Bonnington Parish Council</p>	<p>Additional residential development is proposed in this part of the village via allocated sites s51 and s52 allocations in the Ashford Local Plan 2030.</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>The Applicant is aware of the Ashford Local Plan 2023 allocations and the proposed changes do not impact the allocations.</p>
<p>Ashford Borough Council</p>	<p>Queries whether the gradient involved with access in this location is one that would work satisfactorily in terms of driver visibility when entering the public highway.</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>The access drawings at ES Volume 4, Appendix 13.7: Access Drawings (Doc Ref. 5.4) demonstrate how access to the Site will be achieved.</p> <p>The Draft DCO (Doc Ref. 3.1) seeks to provide the powers to undertake the works to the highway necessary for the implementation of the Project.</p>
<p>Aldington and Bonnington Parish Council</p>	<p>Proposed Change B: the Bank Farm driveway is a single track with one passing place and used by multiple businesses, including the home of the Bank Farm Egg Machine retail outlet. It has not been specified how the hard standing or the access tracks within Bank Farm will be utilised in order to demonstrate traffic impacts and risks to</p>	<p>N</p>	<p>Suitable traffic regulations measures, including temporary traffic signals, warning signage and use of a banksman where required, are controlled by the Outline CTMP (Doc Ref. 7.9) and are shown on the Traffic Regulations Measures Plans (Doc Ref. 2.4).</p>

Theme 3: Traffic and access

Consultee	Feedback	Change to the Project Design Y/N	How regard was given to the consultee's comment
	<p>other road users may be sufficiently assessed for safety. The mixing of construction traffic with visiting and farm traffic is undesirable.</p>		<p>The construction traffic impacts of the Project have been assessed and are set out in ES Volume 2, Chapter 13: Transport & Access (Doc Ref. 5.2). This ES Chapter concludes that there are no predicted significant impacts on the local highway network.</p>
	<p>Proposed Change C: the inclusion of this verge will not address the need for greater space for HGV vehicles to turn into Field 20. Its use is unsuitable for this purpose and would likely cause significant damage to Goldwell Lane. Construction traffic using this proposed access will impact pedestrians. Goldwell Lane is within the village confine and part of the local road network and should be removed from the proposals.</p>	N	
	<p>Proposed Change D: Assumption of powers to control the highway would be contrary to Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980 and should be opposed as the applicant will likely prioritise construction needs above that of other road users. There has been limited information on the proposed traffic crossing arrangements and this could result in disruption for road users.</p>	N	

Theme 3: Traffic and access

Consultee	Feedback	Change to the Project Design Y/N	How regard was given to the consultee's comment
	There are local concerns about the impact upon public right of way AE474 which connects the Grade 1 listed Aldington Church to the Village.	N	The effects to the PRowS are set out within ES Volume 2, Chapters 8: Landscape and Views, 12: Socio-Economics and 13: Transport and Access (Doc Ref. 5.2).

Theme 4: Vegetation removal

Consultee	Feedback	Change to the Project Design Y/N	How regard was given to the consultee's comment
Ashford Borough Council	The Council would be concerned if the changes include removal of any existing trees and hedgerows which contribute to existing biodiversity and visual character of Aldington.	N	The Project retains the vast majority of existing hedgerows and trees on-Site. Details of tree protection and removal are provided in ES Volume 4, Appendix 9.3: Arboricultural Impact Assessment (Doc Ref. 5.4). Any hedgerow removed will be offset by the substantial increase in new hedgerows created by the Project. Further information is shown on the Vegetation Removal Plan (Doc Ref. 2.8).

Theme 5: Biodiversity

Consultee	Feedback	Change to the Project Design Y/N	How regard was given to the consultee's comment
Environment Agency	The changes do not affect previous response to 2023 Statutory Consultation. Please note that if otters were not included, please follow Natural England's Standing Advice for Otters.	N	Noted.

Theme 6: Cultural Heritage

Consultee	Feedback	Change to the Project Design Y/N	How regard was given to the consultee's comment
Historic England	No comments in response to the proposed 7 minor changes to the Order limits regarding heritage impacts.	N	Noted.
	HE are pleased Aldington Knoll (NHLE 1012216) and the group of scheduled barrows located in the North Downs AONB will be scoped into the Heritage Statement. HE expects that the Barrow Cemetery to the South-West of Barrowhill (NHLE	N	Noted. Barrow Cemetery has been scoped into the Heritage Statement (ES Volume 4, Appendix 7.2: Heritage Statement (Doc Ref. 5.4)).

Theme 6: Cultural Heritage

Consultee	Feedback	Change to the Project Design Y/N	How regard was given to the consultee's comment
	1475132) will also now be scoped into the Heritage Statement.		
	HE would anticipate that holistic landscape assessment would look to understand and characterize the area of the proposed development as a historic place. This would result in a more narrative description of the significance of the historic environment and the resultant potential for impact from the proposed development.	N	The Applicant prepared an Archaeological Landscape Assessment which provides further baseline information regarding the character of the landscape (ES Volume 4, Appendix 7.1: Archaeological Desk-Based Assessment (Doc Ref. 5.4)).

Table 2: Summary of responses to the 2023 Targeted Consultation from consultees under s42(1)(d)

Theme 1: Changes to the Order limits

Consultee	Feedback	Change to the Project Design Y/N	How regard was given to the consultee's comment
Southern Water Planning	Feedback to 2023 Statutory Consultation remains unchanged and valid.	N	Noted.
NGET	No additional comments.	N	Noted.