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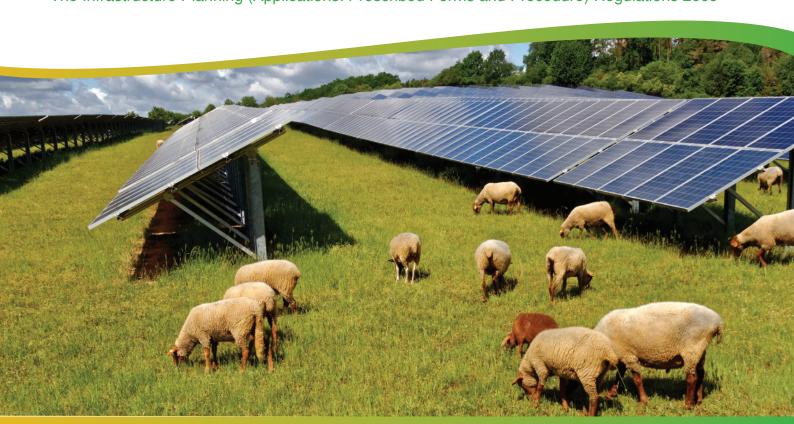
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This appendix sets out the assessment of visual effects of the Project with full commentary for the construction, operational (Year 1 and Year 15) and decommissioning phases of the Project. The assessment of visual effects has been carried out in accordance with ES Volume 4, Appendix 8.2: LVIA Methodology (Doc Ref. 5.2).
- 1.1.2 The assessment is based on the representative views for the Project, the locations of which are shown on ES Volume 3, Figure 8.8: Visual Appraisal Plan (Doc Ref. 5.3) and ES Volume 3, Figure 8.9: Visual Appraisal Plan Site Level (Doc Ref. 5.3), with the Zone of Theoretical Visibility ('ZTV') also shown.
- 1.1.3 Baseline summer and winter viewpoint photography is provided for all viewpoints in ES Volume 4, Appendix 8.5: Representative Views Winter (Doc Ref. 5.4) and ES Volume 4, Appendix 8.6: Representative Views Summer (Doc Ref. 5.4).
- 1.1.4 The assessment of visual effects is supported by a series of Accurate Visual Representations ('AVR's) which are presented for selected viewpoints in ES Volume 4, Appendix 8.10: LVIA Visualisations (Winter and Summer) (Doc Ref. 5.4).
- 1.1.5 The assessment is set out in Tables 8.9.1 to 8.9.45 for visual receptor groups as set out below:

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Table 8.9.1: Assessment of Sensitivity

SENSITIVITY					
RECEPTOR		VALUE		SUSCEPTIBILITY	SENSITIVITY
Users of PRoW within /adjacent proposed PV Arrays, comprising PRoW AE385, AE396, AE370, AE377, AE378, AE428, AE447, AE431, AE436, AE657, AE454, AE475 and AE455. Viewpoint ('VP') 1,	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People using a PRoW in open countryside where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium
2, 3, 12. Users of PRoW within/adjacent to the Site with open panoramic views towards the Kent Downs NL, including AE370 /AE377 and AE474. (VP 12, VP24, Heritage VP 1)	Low- Medium	The views are from a location that is not designated. However, distant views of the North Downs ridgeline within the Kent Downs NL are possible from elevated positions on the ridge. Views in and out of the NL are noted as valued characteristics within the NL Management Plan albeit the setting of the NL less valued in landscape terms than the NL itself. On this basis, the value of views in these locations is judged to be Low-Medium.	High	People using a PRoW in open countryside where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium-High
Users of PRoW within Fields 26-29 (VP20, VP21)	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People using a PRoW in open countryside where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium
People travelling on Laws Lane (VP 2)	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People using a PRoW where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium
Residents on Laws Lane (VP 2 – closest representative view)	Medium	View from a listed building and therefore a notable historical association.	High	People in their homes where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	High
Users of PRoW AE396 (VP 3)	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People using a PRoW in open countryside where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium



SENSITIVITY								
RECEPTOR		VALUE		SENSITIVITY				
Residents on Frith Road (SAP D)	Medium	View from a listed building and therefore a notable historical association.	High	People in their homes where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	High			
Users of PRoW AE442	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People using a PRoW in open countryside where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium			
(VP 4) Users of PRoW AE385 – Outside of the Site (VP 5)	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People using a PRoW in open countryside where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium			
People travelling on Frith Road (VP 6)	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	Medium	People travelling along a country lane where their visual setting is incidental to their enjoyment and attention is partly focused on the landscape.	Low			
People travelling along Bank Road (VP 7, 10 and 11)	Low	View from a location that is not designated but as a Roman road with occasional glimpsed views towards the Kent Downs NL has limited cultural associations.	Medium	People travelling along a country lane where their visual setting is incidental to their enjoyment and attention is partly focused on the landscape.	Medium			
Residents on Bank Road (Becketts Green, Bow Cottage & Spring Cottage)	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People in their homes where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium			
(VP 7, SAP B) Residents at Broadbanks (Bank Farm)	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People in their homes where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium			
People traveling along Bank Road / Coopers Lane	Low	View from a location that is not designated but as a Roman road, has limited historical associations.	Medium	People travelling along a country lane where their visual setting is incidental to their enjoyment and attention is partly focused on the landscape.	Medium			
(VP 8) Residents at the unction of Bank Road / Coopers ane	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People in their homes where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium			



SENSITIVITY					
RECEPTOR		VALUE		SUSCEPTIBILITY	SENSITIVITY
People traveling along Coopers Lane	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	Medium	People travelling along a country lane where their visual setting is incidental to their enjoyment and attention is partly focused on the landscape.	Low
(VP 9) Users of PRoW AE377 – outside of the Site (VP 12)	Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to views. Although there are views towards the north downs, these are largely glimpsed in gaps within hedgerows and therefore low value.	High	People using a PRoW in open countryside where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium
Residents at Handen Farm / Handen Farm Cottage	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People in their homes where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium
(n/a) People travelling on Calleywell Lane (VP 13)	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	Medium	People travelling along a country lane where their visual setting is incidental to their enjoyment and attention is partly focused on the landscape.	Low
Residents on Calleywell Lane	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People in their homes where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium
(VP 13) Users of PROW AE449 (VP 14)	Low- Medium	View from a location that is not designated but with open panoramic views towards the Kent Downs NL is judged to have Low-Medium value.	High	People using a PRoW in open countryside where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium - High
Residents in the north of Aldington (VP 14)	Low- Medium	View from a location that is not designated but with open panoramic views towards the Kent Downs NL is judged to have Low-Medium value.	High	People in their homes where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium - High
People travelling along Goldwell Lane/Station Road, within the Site	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	Medium	People travelling along a country lane where their visual setting is incidental to their enjoyment and attention is partly focused on the landscape.	Low
(VPs 15, 16, 17)					
Residents on Station Road (Evegate Mill House)	Medium	View from a listed building and therefore a notable historical association.	High	People in their homes where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely a focus of their attention.	High
Users of PRoW AE370 – Outside of the Site	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People using a PRoW in open countryside where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium



SENSITIVITY					
RECEPTOR		VALUE		SUSCEPTIBILITY	SENSITIVITY
(VP 18)					
People travelling on Station Road, north of the Site.	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	Medium	People travelling along a country lane where their visual setting is incidental to their enjoyment and attention is partly focused on the landscape.	Low
(VP 19)					
Anglers at the Aldington Flood Storage Area	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	Medium	People engaged in recreational activity where their primary focus is on their activity, and their attention is partly focused on the wider landscape.	Low
(VP 20 – closest representative view)					
People travelling on Harringe Lane	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	Medium	People travelling along a country lane where their visual setting is incidental to their enjoyment and attention is partly focused on	Low
(VP 22)				the landscape.	
Users of PRoW AE457 – Outside of the Site	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People using a PRoW in open countryside where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium
(VP 23)					
People travelling on Goldwell Lane	Low	View from a location that is not designated but includes long distance glimpsed views towards the North Downs and	Medium	People travelling along a country lane where their visual setting is incidental to their enjoyment and attention is partly focused on	Medium
(VP 24, Heritage View 1)		therefore of low value.		the landscape.	
Residents on Goldwell Lane	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People in their homes where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium
(VP 19, 24, 25,					
Users of PRoW AE475 - Outside of the Site	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People using a PRoW in open countryside where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium
(VP 25)					
Users of PRoW AE455 – Outside of the Site	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People using a PRoW in open countryside where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium
(VP 26)					
People travelling along Roman	Medium	View from a location that is within the Kent Downs NL but is not a recognised viewpoint or scenic route.	High	People using a PRoW where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	High



SENSITIVITY					
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RECEPTOR		VALUE		SUSCEPTIBILITY	SENSITIVITY
Road, and users of PRoW AE473					
(VP 27)					
Residents on Roman Road	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People in their homes where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium
(VP 24, VP27)					
Users of PRoW AE474	Medium	View from a location that is nearby, and therefore associated with a conservation area and several listed buildings, including St Johns Church and therefore has notable	High	People using a PRoW in open countryside where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely a focus of their attention.	High
(VP 28)		cultural/historical associations.		atternion.	
Users of PRoW AE401, Collier's Hill	Medium	View from a location that is not designated. However, views from Collier's Hill are noted in published character assessments and therefore of medium value.	High	People using a PRoW in open countryside where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	High
(VP 29)					
Users of PRoW AE428 – outside of the Site	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People using a PRoW where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium
(VP 30)					
Users of PRoW AE370 – near The Forstal	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People using a PRoW in open countryside where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium
(VP 31)					
Residents in The Forstal	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view (listed	High	People in their homes where their visual setting is important and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium
(VP 31)		buildings are set back from the eastern edge of the settlement and unlikely to have views).			
People Travelling on Bower Road	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	Medium	People travelling along a country lane where their visual setting is incidental to their enjoyment and attention is partly focused on	Low
(VP 32)				the landscape.	
Residents in Mersham	Very Low	There are no views towards the Site from the conservation area or from the listed buildings within the settlement, with	High	People in their homes where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium
(VP 32)		the only views experience from the south-eastern settlement edge. These views are not subjection to a designation, nor do they have notable cultural/historical associations.			
Users of PRoW HE307 (VP 33)	Very Low	View from a location that is not designated and with no notable cultural associations attached to the view.	High	People using a PRoW in open countryside where their visual setting is important, and the landscape is likely an important focus of their attention.	Medium



SENSITIVITY					
RECEPTOR		VALUE		SUSCEPTIBILITY	SENSITIVITY
People travelling on the North Downs Way in the Kent Downs NL	Very High	View from a location that is within the NL with notable cultural associations attached to the view.	Very High	People are attracted to these locations and are engaged in recreation where their visual setting is of utmost importance and the landscape is the main focus of their attention.	Very High
(VPs 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38)					



ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – USERS OF PROW WITHIN / ADJACENT TO PROPOSED SOLAR PV AREAS Site Appraisal Photographs ('SAPs') SAP I, SAP J, SAP M, SAP N, SAP O, VP 1, 2, 3, 12.

Medium Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Extensive	Short	Medium	Construction activities will be visible at close range in transient views and will vary in intensity as work progresses across the Site over a 12-month period or in closer proximity to construction compounds. The Project will result in a noticeable change to the composition in views throughout the Site, experienced for short durations from any individual location. The diversion of PRoW will inevitably alter the experience of the Site. However, this in itself is considered to be neither adverse nor beneficial in visual terms and does not contribute to the moderate adverse effect arising from construction activities.	Moderate (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Extensive	Short	Medium	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Moderate (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Extensive	Long	Large	At Year 1, the Project will be widely visible in close range transient views across the PRoW network, including PV panels, and more distant partial views of the Project Substation, Inverter Stations, Intermediate Substations, internal access tracks and water tanks. Buffers to PV panels will reduce the impact to an extent, including the visually permeable nature of security fencing. However, users of the PRoW network will experience a pronounced change in views experienced over a wide area, which will be visible for continuous periods for a 40-year duration.	Moderate (Adverse)
				Visual receptors travelling on the PRoW network in and around the Site to the east, south and west are likely to experience solar reflections transiently and briefly depending on the time of day and direction of view. When this is experienced, it is likely to make the Project more visually prominent, however as set out in ES Volume 4, Appendix 16.1: Glint and Glare Study (Doc Ref. 5.4) solar reflections are similar in intensity to reflections from water.	
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Ample	Long	Large	At Year 15, the establishment of proposed planting and enhanced management proposals secured through the Outline LEMP (Doc Ref. 7.10) will assist in integrating the Project to an extent, as well as providing beneficial visual components e.g. ponds/orchards/trees. Grassland field margins will also established, and with a height of up to 1m will provide some visual integration of the Project. As a result, the scale of visual change will reduce to a degree. Nonetheless, due to the impact of the Project across a wide area, the Project will continue to lead to a moderate adverse effect.	Moderate (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Ample - Extensive	Short	Small - Medium	The decommissioning phase is likely to have a similar effect on visual receptors on the PRoW network within the Site as the construction phase where open views are possible. However, the established landscape planting (notably new/enhanced hedgerows) will reduce wider visibility of these operations, reducing the scale to of impact to a degree.	Moderate-Minor (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Ample - Extensive	Short	Small - Medium	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Moderate-Minor (Adverse)



Table 8.9.3: Assessment of Effects – Users of PROW within/adjacent to the Site with Open Panoramic Views towards the Kent Downs NL

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – USERS OF PROW WITHIN/ADJACENT TO THE SITE WITH OPEN PANORAMIC VIEWS TOWARDS THE KENT DOWNS NL VP 12, VP24, Heritage VP 1

Medium-High Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Extensive	Short	Medium	Construction activities will be visible at close range in transient views and will vary in intensity as work progresses across the Site over a 12-month period or in closer proximity to construction compounds, resulting in a noticeable change to the composition in views throughout the Site, experienced for short durations from any individual location. The diversion of PRoWs will inevitably alter the experience of the Site. However, this in itself is considered to be neither adverse nor beneficial in visual terms and does not contribute to the moderate adverse effect arising from construction / decommissioning activities.	Moderate (Adverse)
Construction	Extensive	Short	Medium	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Moderate
Residual					(Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Ample	Long	Large	At Year 1 there will be close to medium range views of the Project in limited locations on this part of the PRoW network, however buffers around Handen Farm and the open field adjacent to Field 12 will provide some relief from the introduction of built form (including PV panels, and more distantly Inverter/BESS stations and Water Tanks) and allow distant views of the North Downs to be retained. The retention of the field to the west of Field 12 as open grassland, with PRoW AE370 rerouted through it will also allow opportunities for open views towards the North Downs to be retained. Nonetheless, the Project is likely to noticeably change the composition of views and will be continuously visible for a long-term temporary period. Receptors in this location are likely to experience solar reflections intermittently.	Major-Moderate (Adverse)
				The effect is considered to be of major-moderate significance and adverse due to the higher sensitivity of receptors in this location compared with other locations on the PRoW network.	
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Modest	Medium	Small	At Year 15, the established landscape framework will assist in screening and containing the Project, particularly in views from PRoW AE474, and the buffers of open space to the south of the AE370 and AE445. As such, the Project is likely to be glimpsed more intermittently, and will occupy a discrete extent of the view.	Minor-Moderate (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Modest	Short	Small	The landscape planting will have established for a period of 40 years and is likely to provide substantial containment to decommissioning works within the Site in views from this part of the PRoW network, albeit a perceptible change in the composition of views remains likely. Using professional judgement this effect is considered to be minor adverse owing to the establishment of proposed planting over a 40 year period and resultant containment of the Project.	Minor (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Modest	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor
Residual					(Adverse)



Table 8.9.4: Assessment of Effects – Users for PROW within Fields 26-29

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – USERS OF PROW WITHIN FIELDS 26-29 VP20

Medium Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest	Short	Small	Views of the construction of the Project Substation will be seen in the context of the HS1 / Network Rail railway line and at a range of approximately 300m as a minimum across the intervening open landscape, which will remain open, and will benefit from some elements of advanced planting. The change will be perceptible, but at the distance stated it will occupy a discrete extent of the view and will be temporarily visible for a continuous period.	Minor (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor
Operation (Year 1)	Modest - Compact	Long	Small - Medium	As demonstrated by the visualisation prepared for Viewpoint 20, the Project Substation will be seen at a distance of approximately 300m in the context of the HS1 / Network Rail railway line with the reinforced earth retaining system and establishing landscape mitigation in the foreground providing some filtering and integration of proposed built form, particularly where advanced planting has taken place in the intervening landscape. The foreground will also be altered with the establishment of grassland and wetland areas, albeit newly created. Nevertheless, the Project Substation will occupy a limited extent of the view at Year 1 but will perceptibly alter the composition of the view.	(Adverse) Minor - Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Long	Small	Following establishment of proposed planting, including substantial areas of woodland in front of the proposed Project Substation, and considering the HS1 / Network Rail railway line forms the backdrop to views, the Project will lead to a barely perceptible change in the composition of views as demonstrated by visualisations. The established enhanced landscape within the foreground will also contribute to beneficial change within the views which is considered in the balance of effect,	Minor (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	The decommissioning of the Project Substation is likely to be broadly similar in terms of the nature of change. However, the establishment of proposed planting, including woodland to the south-east of the Project Substation which will likely have reached a height of approximately 14m within a 40-year period, will lead to substantially increased levels of screening such that the operations will be barely perceptible.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.5: Assessment of Effects – People travelling on Laws Lane

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS - PEOPLE TRAVELLING ON LAWS LANE

VP 2

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	Construction activities will be glimpsed from the road in Field 1 through intermittent gaps in existing hedgerows where the construction of the Project (PV panels/water tanks) will only be perceived at close range for a very short period as work progresses. The majority of the road is strongly contained by hedgerows.	Negligible (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Modest	Medium	Small	The Project (PV panels and water tanks) will be perceptible in glimpsed views where gaps in vegetation allow from the lane for transient receptors. Roadside hedgerows providing strong containment for the majority of the length of the road. Receptors in this location are likely to experience solar reflections intermittently through gaps in hedgerow.	Minor (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Modest	Medium	Small	Although the hedgerows along Laws Lane will be reinforced as part of the Project, existing levels of containment are unlikely to be altered and the entrance to the Site will remain open, allowing glimpsed views into Field 2 where PV panels/water tanks would be visible. Therefore, the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	Decommissioning activities are likely to be similar in scale and duration of impact as the construction phase.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.6: Assessment of Effects – Residents on Laws Lane

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS - RESIDENTS ON LAWS LANE

VP 2 – Closest representative view

High Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest - Compact	Short	Small - Very Small	Houses on Laws Lane are likely to have filtered views across parts of Fields 1 and 2, with construction activities associated with PV panels, Inverter Stations, secondary construction compounds visible for a continuous but temporary duration typically from first floor windows, with considerable filtering by existing boundary vegetation or built form.	Moderate – Minor (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest - Compact	Short	Small - Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Moderate – Minor (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Modest - Compact	Long	Small - Medium	The western extent of the Project is likely to be visible, particularly from first floor windows, with a separation distance to proposed PV panels typically over 50m, and in the case of The Haven/Delta, at oblique angles with some intervening built form. Views are likely to be filtered by existing vegetation, including existing line of poplars, which will be reinforced as part of advanced planting proposals.	Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	At Year 15, the establishment of planting, including hedgerows around these properties, is likely to provide additional screening/filtering of closer range PV panels particularly at ground floor level, albeit more distant built form likely to remain visible, particularly from first floor windows. In general, the Project will be more integrated within the landscape resulting in reduced magnitude.	Minor (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Decommissioning activities will be broadly similar to the construction phase, however established landscape mitigation including reinforced/new hedgerows will improve existing levels of containment of the Site and using professional judgement is considered to result in a negligible effect.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.7: Assessment of Effects – Users of PROW AE396

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – USERS OF PROW AE396

VP 3

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Ample	Very Short	Very Small	Construction activities relating to PV panels in Fields 5, 6 and 7 will be glimpsed transiently from the southern section of the PRoW within the Site, where activities will only be glimpsed at close range for a very short period. The remainder of the PRoW is strongly contained by hedgerows, with the Project unlikely to be visible. Where it is visible, the change in the composition in views will be noticeable.	Negligible (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Ample	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Ample	Medium	Medium	There would be transient glimpsed close-range views of proposed solar PV panels in Fields 5, 6, and 7 where gaps in a hedgerow allow. The Project will occupy a sizeable extent of the view, experienced intermittently on a long-term temporary basis. Proposed hedgerow planting will begin to filter views of proposed PV panels. Receptors in this location are likely to experience solar reflections intermittently.	Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	At Year 15, the establishment of proposed hedgerows is likely to provide enhanced containment to the Project, such that it is only visible in strongly filtered views through/beyond hedgerows and will therefore be compact in scale.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	Decommissioning activities are likely to be similar in nature to the construction phase, however there will be enhance containment of the Site as a result of the established landscape proposals, resulting in a negligible effect.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.8: Assessment of Effects – Residents on Frith Road

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – RESIDENTS ON FRITH ROAD

SAP D

High Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	Views from a number of houses are likely to include views of construction activities associated with PV panels in the eastern part of Field 8, where such activities will only be perceived for a very short duration and occupying a discrete extent of the view. The intervening landscape area including woodland, scrub and hedgerow will be advanced planted, resulting in some initially filtering of construction operations.	Minor (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Modest	Long	Medium	There would be partial views of PV panels at a distance of over 80m, with the majority of the Project screened by landform. The substantial buffer with advanced landscape planting will provide some filtering of newly built forms, especially considering restricted height. Views of proposed landscape planting, including ponds and native planting, will lead to some beneficial changes at Year 1 which are considered in the balance of effects, which are nonetheless anticipated to be moderate adverse due to the sensitivity of the receptor.	Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Long	Small	Once fully established, proposed planting will provide substantially increased screening and filtering of views of solar PV panels and reduce the extent of views occupied by built form to a barely perceptible level, as well as creating visual focus of new landscape features in the foreground, as demonstrated by the Illustrative Landscape Sections provided in Book 2: Illustrative Project Drawings - Not for Approval (Doc Ref. 2.6). Using professional judgement, the change at Year 15 is considered to result in a minor effect. This balance of beneficial and adverse change is judged as resulting in an overall neutral effect.	Minor (Neutral)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Decommissioning activities are likely to be similar in nature to the construction phase, however there will be enhanced containment of the Site as a result of the established landscape strategy. Decommissioning activities will therefore be barely perceptible for a very short duration and using professional judgement this is considered to result in a negligible adverse effect.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.9: Assessment of Effects – Users of PROW AE442

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – USERS OF PROW AE442

VP 4

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	Views of construction activities in Field 7 will be visible and strongly filtered by existing hedgerows, with more open but longer-range intermittent views available further north on the PRoW. Advanced planting of the Site boundary in this location is likely to provide limited increased filtering. Activities will be visible for a very short duration during the construction period.	Negligible (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Compact	Medium	Small	At Year 1, the Project will be seen transiently and intermittently for an extended temporary period in strongly filtered or more distant glimpsed/framed views from the PRoW, with the landscape buffer in southern part of the Site reducing the impact to a considerable degree. As a worst case scenario using professional judgement, the magnitude of effect will be small.	Minor (Adverse)
				Receptors in this location are likely to experience filtered solar reflections intermittently.	
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	Following establishment of proposed planting, at Year 15, the containment provided by existing boundary vegetation will be more complete. The landscape proposals in the buffer to Quested Cottage will have also established, such that the Project is not likely to be perceived from the location of VP4. Further north, views will be strongly filtered leading to a negligible adverse effect.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Whilst decommissioning activities are likely to be similar to the construction phase, the visibility of operations on the Site will be substantially reduced by established mitigation planting, reducing the scale of the impact.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.10: Assessment of Effects – Users of PROW AE385 – Outside of the Site

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – USERS OF PROW AE385 – OUTSIDE OF THE SITE

VP 5

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	There would be heavily filtered/glimpsed medium distance views of construction activities are likely to be possible at a distance of 125m and only visible for a very short duration in winter views only.	Negligible (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	There would be distant views of the Project heavily filtered by existing vegetation. The advanced planting proposals, including reinforcement of Site boundary hedgerows will assist in filtering views of the Project, which will be barely perceptible at Year 1.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	At Year 15, established hedgerow reinforcement and management of existing landscape features is likely to further integrate the scheme into the existing landscape but the potential for strongly filtered views of the Project will remain.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Strongly filtered/glimpses of decommissioning activities will remain possible following establishment of mitigation planting albeit they are likely to be barely perceptible in winter views only.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.11: Assessment of Effects – People Travelling on Frith Road

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS - PEOPLE TRAVELLING ON FRITH ROAD

VP 6

Low Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	At a distance of 220m construction activities may potentially be visible, however they will be difficult to perceive. Elsewhere on the road, the Site is fully screened by intervening built form and vegetation. Advanced planting including reinforcement of existing hedgerows will assist with filtering views during the construction phase.	Negligible (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	As demonstrated by the visualisations prepared for Viewpoint 6 there will be distant, very partial intermittent glimpses of the Site at an oblique angle to the direction of travel, with the Project strongly filtered/screened by successive intervening hedgerows and unlikely to be readily apparent for receptors travelling along the road. Elsewhere on the route, the Project will not be visible.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	At Year 15, following establishment of reinforced boundary vegetation, the Project will benefit from increased containment however distant strongly filtered partial views of proposed PV arrays in Field 6 are likely to remain visible, albeit barely perceptible at a distance of over 500m as show by the visualisations.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Considering the proposed mitigation strategy will have been fully established over a 40-year period, it is unlikely that decommissioning activities in the southern extent of the Site will be perceptible. However, intermittent glimpses of decommissioning activities in Field 6, at a distance of over 500m are likely to be seen.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.12: Assessment of Effects – People Travelling along Bank Road

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – PEOPLE TRAVELLING ALONG BANK ROAD

VP 7, 10 and 11

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	There would be sequential intermittent glimpses of construction activities across Fields 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 with plant and vehicles also likely to be seen on the road itself. Robust existing hedgerows with advanced planting will screen and heavily filter views from the majority of the road. The changes will be temporary and intermittently glimpsed.	Negligible (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Ample	Medium	Medium	Sequential intermittent glimpses where the Project will be partially visible but will occupy a sizeable proportion of views. Proposed planting, including advanced planting will assist with filtering the Project, particularly where gapping up of hedgerows enhances containment. Glimpsed views to the Kent Downs (e.g., VP 11) will be interrupted to a degree, however the retention of the open field adjacent to Field 12 will provide continued opportunities for these views beyond existing hedgerows and the buffer adjacent to Becketts Green provides some relief from visual change, which will be in place for an extended temporary period and intermittently visible.	Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Ample	Medium	Medium	At Year 15, the reinforcement of established hedgerows, and increased height through enhanced management, as well as established new hedgerows will increase levels of containment, reducing the frequency of glimpsed views. However, where these glimpsed views remain, e.g., access points, the Project will occupy a sizeable extent of the view. The changes will be in place for an extended temporary period and are likely to be intermittently visible. On this basis, the effect will remain moderate adverse.	Moderate (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	Decommissioning activities are likely to be similar in nature to the construction phase, with intermittent glimpsed of operations on the Site for a temporary period.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.13: Assessment of Effects – Residents on Bank Road (Becketts Green, Bow Cottage & Spring Cottage)

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – RESIDENTS ON BANK ROAD (BECKETTS GREEN, BOW COTTAGE & SPRING COTTAGE)

VP 7, SAP B

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest	Short	Small	Construction activities will be perceived intermittently in Fields 5, 6 and the southern extent of Field 10 (Becketts Green) and the northern edge of Fields 2 and 3 (Bow Cottage and Spring Cottage), where windows allow views over intervening hedgerows. Activities will be temporary but seen continuously for the construction period where there are views of the Site. However, buffers to the south and west of the properties will assist by limiting the potential for close range views of the construction of the PV Arrays. Advanced planting of the landscape strategy will also assist in filtering views, albeit to a limited extent.	Minor (Adverse)
_	Modest	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor
Residual					(Adverse)
Operation (Year	Modest	odest Long	Medium	The Project is likely to be visible from 1st floor windows facing towards the Site, with existing reinforced	Moderate
1)				hedgerows providing strong filtering/screening of proposed solar PV arrays with screening likely to be more complete in ground floor views. The provision of buffers to the south and west of the properties assists in reducing visual impact, and proposed hedgerows bounding these buffers will begin to filter views of PV Arrays beyond. Views towards the Kent Downs are unlikely to be interrupted from Becketts Green due to the landform falling away. The Project is likely to occupy a discrete extent of views but will be visible for a continuous period.	(Adverse)
- 1	Modest - Compact	Long	Small – Medium	At Year 15, the establishment of proposed planting, including woodland, hedgerows and hedgerow trees around these properties is likely to diminish visibility of the Project, particularly in ground floor views. As such, the magnitude of impact will reduce to small-medium.	Minor – Moderate (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Strongly filtered/glimpsed views of decommissioning activities will remain possible following establishment of mitigation planting albeit they are likely to be glimpsed intermittently beyond the established framework of vegetation.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.14: Assessment of Effects – Residents at Broadbanks (Bank Farm)

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS - RESIDENTS AT BROADBANKS (BANK FARM)

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest	Short	Small	Construction activities are likely to be seen at close range within and around Bank Farm, with effects being intermittent. The majority of the Site, including PV panel areas are likely to be only partially visible due to intervening hedgerows, built form at Bank Farm and landform. Nonetheless, construction operations at close range are likely to cause a perceptible change in the composition of views, which for residents will be temporary but visible for continuous periods.	Minor (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Compact	Long	Small	Due to existing established hedgerows on the boundaries of fields containing PV panels, and intervening built form at Bank Farm, as well as the falling nature of landform, it is likely that the Project will be at most partially glimpsed. The Project is likely to be fully screened in views from the ground floor. The Project is considered likely to result in a barely perceptible change in the composition of views. Receptors in this location are likely to experience filtered solar reflections intermittently.	Minor (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Long	Small-Very Small	At Year 15, the establishment of proposed planting and enhanced management of existing hedgerows is likely to result in more robust containment, which using professional judgement is considered to result in a minor-negligible effect.	Minor – Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Modest	Short	Small	Decommissioning activities are likely to be similar in duration, scale and magnitude as the construction phase and as such the effects are the same as outlined above.	Minor (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Modest	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor (Adverse)



Table 8.9.15: Assessment of Effects – People Travelling along Bank Road / Coopers Lane

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – PEOPLE TRAVELING ALONG BANK ROAD / COOPERS LANE

VP 8

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Construction activities on the western extent of the Site will be strongly filtered by intervening hedgerows with occasional filtered glimpses over or through existing hedgerow, at a distance of over 200m.	Negligible (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	There will be strongly filtered partial intermittent glimpsed view of proposed PV panels in Field 1 and Field 5 at a distance of approximately 200m and 600m respectively where there is potential for views over or through intervening existing hedgerows.	Negligible (Adverse)
				Proposed advanced planting including hedgerows around Field 1 will assist in filtering the Project, which will occupy a very limited extent of the view.	
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	Following establishment of proposed planting, including hedgerows around Field 1, the Project will benefit from greater containment such that only distant very partial glimpsed views of the Project in Field 5 will remain.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Decommissioning activities are likely to be barely perceptible due to established planting, albeit distant very partial glimpses of activities in Field 5 may remain. Due to the very limited visual change and very short duration, this effect is judged to be neutral.	Negligible (Neutral)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Neutral)



ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – RESIDENTS AT THE JUNCTION OF BANK ROAD / COOPERS LANE

VP 8

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	There would be partial views of construction activities in Field 1 and Field 5, seen from first floor windows at a distance of over 200m and 600m respectively, and experienced intermittently on a temporary basis by residents while activities occur in the western part of the Site.	Negligible (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Modest	Medium	Small	There would be views towards the Site from first floor windows with the Project partially visible in Fields 1 and 5. Views are likely to be experienced intermittently for an extended period by residents as views from ground floor locations are likely to be screened. Proposed planting, including advanced planting of hedgerows around Field 1 will provide a limited degree of initial filtering of the north-western part of the Project.	Minor (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact - Modest	Medium	Small - Very Small	Following establishment of proposed planting, including hedgerows around field 1, the Project will benefit from greater containment albeit likely to still be discernible. The scale of visual impact will diminish to a degree.	Minor- Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Following 40 years of establishment of the proposed planting, it is likely that the Project will be strongly contained, and considering distances to the Site, there will be a barely perceptible change in the composition of views.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.17: Assessment of Effects – People Travelling along Coopers Lane

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – PEOPLE TRAVELING ALONG COOPERS LANE

VP 9

Low Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Construction activities in Field 1 may be seen in strongly filtered partial views at a distance of approximately 240m in winter views only. These views will be experienced transiently at an oblique angle to the direction of travel, and the Project will be barely perceptible.	Negligible (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	At Year 1, partial strongly filtered views of proposed PV Arrays in Field 1 may be possible in winter views only. The views will be experienced transiently at an oblique angle to the direction of travel. Proposed planting, including advanced planting around Field 1, will provide some initial filtering, with the Project leading to a barely perceptible change in the composition of views.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	None	None	None	At Year 15, the establishment of proposed planting, particularly that around Field 1, is likely to result in the Proposed Development not being perceptible in views along this part of the road.	Nil (N/A)
Decommissioning	None	None	None	Due to established planting proposals following 40 years of operation of the Project, it is unlikely that decommissioning activities will be perceptible from this location.	Nil (N/A)
Decommissioning Residual	None	None	None	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Nil (N/A)



Table 8.9.18: Assessment of Effects – Users of PRoW AE377 – Outside of the Site

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – USERS OF PRoW AE377 – OUTSIDE OF THE SITE

VP 12

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Ample	Very Short	Very Small	Construction activities in Fields 10-14 will be glimpsed where existing breaks in the hedgerow allow close range views which will be experienced intermittently and on a temporary basis. For the majority of the route, the Site will be strongly contained by existing hedgerows. Advanced planting of existing gaps and reinforcement of existing hedgerows is likely to provide some filtering, however the Project will occupy a sizeable extent of views from the PRoW.	Negligible (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Ample	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Ample	Medium	Medium	As demonstrated by the visualisations prepared for Viewpoint 12, the completed Project will be seen in open close-range views with the PV panels creating a pronounced change and interrupting views to the Kent Downs NL and occupying a large extent of the view. However, due to access restrictions, the Viewpoint is taken from within the Site boundary, and does not reflect the experience of PRoW users, who will have reinforced and gapped up hedgerow intervening in views. As such, the Project will be glimpsed intermittently and with the benefit of advanced planting will have some initial filtering at Year 1, albeit limited. For the majority of the route, receptors will not have views of the Project. On balance, the scale of effect is judged to be ample and will be seen intermittently for an extended period.	Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Modest	Medium	Small	Following the establishment of proposed planting, the existing hedgerow along PRoW AE377 will be enhanced with planting (i.e. fully 'gapped up'), with the Project strongly contained from the entirety of the route as a result. Nonetheless, there is potential for strongly filtered views through hedgerow due to the close-range nature. Glimpsed views to the North Downs will be enclosed however more open views will remain to the north-east. On this basis the scale of change will be modest.	Minor (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Decommissioning activities are likely to be strongly contained by established hedgerows, such that only intermittent filtered views in winter are experienced.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – RESIDENTS AT HANDEN FARM / HANDEN FARM COTTAGE

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest	Short	Small	Construction activities in Fields 12, 13 and 17 are likely to be visible for a temporary continuous period whilst operations occur in these parts of the Site. The inclusion of buffers to the south-west and north-west of the farmstead will assist in reducing the impact, as will advanced planting, including substantial blocks of proposed woodland to the north and north-east which given their depth and use of large-feathered stock will assist in limiting the scale of visual impact.	Minor (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Modest	Long	Medium	There will be partial views of the completed Project on Fields 12,13 and 17, with strong filtering as a result of advanced planting around the farmstead, most notably including woodland blocks to the north and a tree-belt to the east. The inclusion of a substantial buffer to the south of the farmstead will also reduce initial impact form the project, however the scale of change will be modest and visible for a continuous period by residents.	Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Long	Small	At Year 15, the establishment of proposed planting, including reinforced hedgerow and woodland blocks/belts on all sides of the farmstead is likely to substantially increase the containment of the Project as seen in views from the residential properties. There is potential for strongly filtered glimpsed views in winter remaining, resulting in a compact scale of change which is likely to be experienced intermittently.	Minor (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Due to the establishment of vegetation (over a period of 40 years). It is likely that the decommissioning phase of the Project will be barely perceptible and seen only intermittently.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.20: Assessment of Effects – People Travelling on Calleywell Lane

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS - PEOPLE TRAVELLING ON CALLEYWELL LANE

VP 13

Low Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Ample	Short	Small	Construction activities in the eastern extents of Fields 17 and 18 will be seen at a arrange of approximately 40m with the Project offset a considerable distance from the road. Advanced planting of woodland belts will provide some initial filtering of views. However, there will be views of earthworks associated with internal access roads and Inverter Station compounds. Views will be experienced from two sections of the road (200m and 135m in length) and will thus be experienced continuously albeit for a temporary period. When seen, the Project will occupy a sizeable extent of transient views.	Negligible (Adverse)
Construction	Ample	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible
Residual					(Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Modest	Long	Medium	Views of the Project in Fields 17 and 18 will be filtered by substantial widths of proposed tree belts, established for over 1 year, which will provide a considerable degree of containment due to inclusion of 2m feathered stock. As such the Project will be modest in scale and will be experienced in continuous views for approximately 330m of the road.	Minor (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	At Year 15, the establishment of woodland planting along the road is likely to result in the Project not being visible from the majority of the route. Nonetheless, there are gaps in proposed vegetation for access, where brief intermittent glimpsed views of the Project may remain. For receptors travelling the route, the Project will be barely perceptible, and only potential visible intermittently.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Decommissioning activities are likely to be barely perceptible and only intermittently glimpsed beyond woodland established for 40 years.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.21: Assessment of Effects – Residents on Calleywell Lane

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS - RESIDENTS ON CALLEYWELL LANE

VP 13

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest	Short	Small	Only a limited number of properties will be affected (e.g., The Old Cottage Lodge, Elmsvale and Tudor Cottage). Construction activities in the eastern extents of Fields 17 and 18 will be seen in at a range typically in excess of 30m with filtering as a result in intervening vegetation, which will be enhanced to a degree but the inclusion of advanced planting, which in views from ground floor locations within residential properties is likely to increase the filtering from the outset. On balance, the Project is likely to perceptibly change the composition of views but will be seen continuously for a temporary period.	Minor (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Modest	Long	Medium	A limited number of residential receptors will have partial views of the Project in Fields 17 and 18 at a distance typically over 30m, with considerable filtering as a result of intervening proposed and existing vegetation. Woodland belts (approximately 10m wide) are likely to result in strong filtering following 1 year of establishment, particular through the use of evergreen species (e.g. holly).	Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	At Year 15, the establishment of proposed planting is likely to result in the Project being either fully screened or, at worst, occasionally glimpsed in strongly filtered views through 10m wide belts of woodland, which will experienced intermittently. The Project is likely to be barely perceptible.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Due to established woodland belts, in place for 40 years, the decommissioning phase is likely to be barely perceptible and only perceived intermittently for a temporary period.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.22: Assessment of Effects – Users of PROW AE449

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – USERS OF PROW AE449

VP 14

Medium-High Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest	Short	Small	There will be partial, filtered views of construction activities in Fields 17,18,19 and 23, at a range of 260m to 1.2km. These operations will be seen lower in the valley, within the strong framework of existing vegetation and will not interrupt views towards the North Downs ridgeline. These views will be seen continuously for a section of the PRoW of approximately 100m, while work progresses within the visible part of the Site. There are also likely to be very strongly filtered views of construction activities associated with the sub-station, at a distance of approximately 1.3km.	Moderate - Minor (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Moderate - Minor (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Modest	Long	Medium	As demonstrated by the visualisations prepared for Viewpoint 14 there will be partial, filtered views of proposed PV arrays in Fields 17, 18, 19 and 23. The proposed Project Substation will be barely perceptible due to intervening vegetation, and where visible, the grass seeded reinforced earth retaining wall system will assist in limiting visual impact by blending the proposed earthworks in to the landscape. The Project will appear contained within the valley and will not interrupt views towards the North Downs ridge.	Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Long	Small	Following establishment of proposed planting at Year 15, most notably proposed woodland planting along Calleywell Lane, the Project will benefit from increased filtering and containments, particularly with closer range views of Field 17, which is likely to be entirely contained as demonstrated by the visualisations. The Project Substation will be barely perceptible, and the Project will occupy a limited extent of the view. On the basis of the above, and using professional judgement, the effect is considered to be minor.	Minor (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Following 40 years of establishment of proposed planting, decommissioning activities are likely to be barely perceptible and only intermittently glimpsed. On the basis of the above, and using professional judgement, the effect is considered to be negligible.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.23: Assessment of Effects – Residents in the North of Aldington

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – RESIDENTS IN THE NORTH OF ALDINGTON

VP 14

Medium-High Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest	Short	Small	There will be partial, filtered views of construction activities in Fields 17,18,19 and 23, at a range of 260m to 1.2km. These operations will be seen lower in the valley, within the strong framework of existing vegetation and will not interrupt views towards the North Downs ridgeline. These views will be seen continuously for a section of the PRoW of approximately 100m, while work progresses within the visible part of the Site. There are also likely to be very strongly filtered views of construction activities associated with the Project Substation, at a distance of approximately 1.3km.	Moderate - Minor (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Moderate - Minor (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Modest	Long	Medium	As demonstrated by the visualisation for Viewpoint 14 there will be partial, filtered views of proposed PV arrays in Fields 17, 18, 19 and 23. The proposed Project Substation will be barely perceptible due to intervening vegetation, and where visible, the grass seeded reinforced earth retaining wall system will assist in limiting visual impact by blending the proposed earthworks in to the landscape. The Project will appear contained within the valley and will not interrupt views towards the North Downs ridge.	Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Long	Small	Following establishment of proposed planting at Year 15, most notably proposed woodland planting along Calleywell Lane, the Project will benefit from increased filtering and containments, particularly with closer range views of Field 17, which is likely to be entirely contained as demonstrated by the visualisations. The Project Substation will be barely perceptible, and the Project will occupy a limited extent of the view. On the basis of the above, and using professional judgement, the effect is considered to be minor.	Minor (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Following 40 years of establishment of proposed planting, decommissioning activities are likely to be barely perceptible and only intermittently glimpsed. On this basis, and using professional judgement, the effect is considered to be negligible.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – PEOPLE TRAVELLING ALONG GOLDWELL LANE/STATION ROAD, WITHIN THE SITE

VPs 15, 16, 17

Low Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Ample / Extensive	Short	Small - Medium	There would be open, close rage views of construction activities in Fields 18, 19, 23 and to a lesser extent 24. These views will be experienced from a 200m section of road, and both sides of the viewer, and thus while temporary, will be for a continuous period. Construction internal access tracks will be seen in at a close range. However, due to the flat landscape, effects will dissipate as construction operations proceed away from the viewer.	Minor - Negligible (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Ample / Extensive	Short	Small - Medium	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor - Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Extensive	Long	Large	As demonstrated by the visualisations prepared for Viewpoint 16, proposed PV Arrays will be seen at a distance of approximately 15m in open views on both sides of the road. The Project will occupy a wide extent of the view experienced for approximately 200m of the road. Proposed planting, including advanced planting, will be in place and will provide some initial filtering. Views will be experienced transiently, but continuously for visual receptors travelling along the road due to the length of road from which views are possible.	Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Modest	Medium	Small	At Year 15, establishment of proposed hedgerows and hedgerow trees along the road will substantially increase containment, such that only intermittent glimpsed views where access points are located will remain. Elsewhere, as demonstrated by the visualisations prepared for Viewpoint 16 the Project is likely to be strongly filtered in winter and screened in summer. On account of occasional glimpsed views, the scale at Year 15 will be modest. Views will be glimpsed intermittently for an extended temporary period. On the basis of the above, and using professional judgement, the effect is considered to be minor.	Minor (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	Decommissioning activities are likely to be perceptible in filtered or occasional glimpsed views at access points, however establishment of proposed planting will substantially increase containment of views from the road.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.25: Assessment of Effects – Residents on Station Road (Evegate Mill House)

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS - RESIDENTS ON STATION ROAD (EVEGATE MILL HOUSE)

High Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest - Compact	Short	Small - Very Small	There will be strongly filtered views from ground floor windows/curtilage in a south-easterly direction towards Field 24, where construction operations will be partially screened/filtered by existing vegetation on the northern Site boundary at a distance of approximately 190m. More open views are likely from upper floor windows to the south-east, where the Project will be visible on the north flank of the Aldington at a range of over 750m. Ground floor views will be continuous, however more open views are likely to be glimpsed intermittently. Advance planting of woodland on the northern edge of the Site will assist with initial filtering however, the Project will result in a perceptible change in the composition of views over a limited extent experienced continuously but temporarily.	Minor - Moderate (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest - Compact	Short	Small - Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor - Moderate (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Modest - Compact	Long	Small - Medium	There will be strongly filtered views of the completed Project in Field 24, at a distance of approximately 190m with advanced planting of woodland providing considerable additional filtering at Year 1. Open views from upper storey windows will continue to be perceived intermittently, and the Project will occupy a limited extent of views, experienced for an extended period on a continuous basis.	Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	At Year 15, the establishment of substantial planting on the northern boundaries of Fields 24 and 19 is likely to almost entirely screen the Project in closer range ground floor views. Views from upper storey windows are likely to continue, however the growth of planting proposals in Fields 10-19 will assist in integrating the Project within the landscape. On balance, receptors in this location will have intermittent views of the Project and it will occupy a limited extent of views.	Minor (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Decommissioning activities are likely to be intermittently glimpsed beyond existing and established proposed planting and are therefore likely to be barely perceptible. In the context of the very limited duration and scale of change, and using professional judgement, the effect is considered to be negligible.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.26: Assessment of Effects – Users of PROW AE370 – Outside of the Site

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – USERS OF PROW AE370 – OUTSIDE OF THE SITE

VP 18

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Ample	Short	Small	Construction activities in Field 19 will be visible in minimally filtered views at a distance of 135m, with activities on the higher ground on the north face of the Aldington Ridge (Fields 10-18) also visible at greater distance. Advanced planting along the East Stour River will assist with filtering of closer-range built form, however the Project is likely to occupy a sizeable extent of views and it will be seen for a continuous albeit temporary period as receptors travel along the PRoW network.	Minor (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Ample	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Ample	Long	Large	The completed Project in Field 19 will be visible from the PRoW across the open intervening landscape of the East Stour River valley. The northern edge of the Project will be filtered to a degree by existing and proposed vegetation, including feathered advance planting stock. However, there will also be more open views towards the more distant elevated parts of the Project (Fields 10-19). On balance, the Project cause a noticeable change in the composition of views, and it will be seen continuously for an extended period.	Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Modest	Long	Medium	At Year 15, proposed tree planting along the East Stour River and in hedgerows to the west is likely to considerably increase filtering and containment of the Project. Proposed trees are predicted to reach a height of approximately 7m within this timeframe and as such, the planting is likely to begin to filter views of more elevated parts of the Site. Nonetheless, the Project will continue to be partially visible with a reduced scale of impact but perceived on a long-term continuous basis. In this context, and using professional judgement, the effect is considered to be moderate-minor.	Moderate – Minor (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Short	Very Small	Following 40 years of establishment, proposed tree planting along the East Stour River and within hedgerows is likely to have established to become a robust and well vegetated tree lined northern boundary, which will substantially diminish views of the Project from the lower lying parts of the valley. The decommissioning phase is likely to be seen intermittently for a temporary period and will result in a barely perceptible change in the in composition of views.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – PEOPLE TRAVELLING ON STATION ROAD, NORTH OF THE SITE

VP 19

Low Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Ample	Short	Small	There will be filtered views of construction activities at close range (Project Substation and Field 25), as well as more open but distant and partially filtered cross valley views to Fields 10-15. Advanced planting of the northern edge of Field 25 will assist with initial filtering of close-range views. For the majority of receptors, these views will be experienced briefly and transiently between the HS1 / Network Rail railway overbridge and the northern edge of Field 25 (approximately 90m), and both close range and longer-range views will diminish rapidly further south. The Project will noticeably alter the composition of views which will be experienced briefly and transiently.	Negligible (Adverse)
Construction	Ample	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible
Residual					(Adverse)
Operation (Year	Ample	le Medium	Medium	There will be close range filtered / glimpsed views of the completed Project in Field 25 with longer range	Minor
1)	·			partially filtered views of the Project in Fields 10-15. Advanced planting, establishing for 1 year at this stage, will assist with filtering close range views of Field 25, particularly with the use of larger feathered stock. On balance the scale of visual change will be ample, with the views experienced transiently and briefly for the majority of receptors.	(Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Modest - Compact	Medium	Small – Very Small	Following establishment of proposed planting, including 5-10m tree belt on the northern extent of Field 25, close range views of Field 25 are likely to be virtually screened, and at a height of approximately 7m, the woodland is likely to have begun filtering views towards the Project in Fields 10-15 although the Project will remain intermittently visible.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Following 40 years of establishment of proposed planting, including a 5-10m wide tree belt on the northern edge of Field 25, the decommissioning phase is likely to be strongly filtered with close range views well contained by the established framework of vegetation. It will be seen intermittently and will result in a barely perceptible alteration in the composition of views.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible
Residual					(Adverse)



Table 8.9.28: Assessment of Effects – Anglers at the Aldington Flood Storage Area

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – ANGLERS AT THE ALDINGTON FLOOD STORAGE AREA

VP 20

Low Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest	Short	Small	Visual receptors in this location will have views of construction activities relating to the Project Substation at a distance of at least 200m. Views experienced from around the AFSA will be similar to that shown in viewpoint 20, located approximately 300m east of the AFSA, however existing vegetation along the East Stour River will provide increased levels of filtering such that construction activities will be perceptible, but occupying a discrete extent of views for a temporary period.	Negligible (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Modest / Compact	Long	Medium / Small	There will be partial views of the Project Substation at a distance of at least 200m with existing and proposed intervening trees providing a considerable degree of filtering. The Project Substation will occupy a discrete extent of views, with the reinforced earth retaining system and establishing landscape mitigation softening the appearance of new built form and in the context of the HS1 / Network Rail railway line, will result in a barely perceptible change in the composition of a discrete extent of views, experienced for a long term duration.	Minor - Negligible (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	Following establishment of proposed planting, the Project Substation is likely to be barely perceptible from this location, with only intermittent glimpses of proposed built form in the context of existing infrastructure and with strong filtering/screening provided by established landscape proposals.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Following 40 years of establishment of proposed planting decommissioning activities relating to the Project Substation are likely to be barely perceptible.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.29 Assessment of Effects – People Travelling on Harringe Lane

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS - PEOPLE TRAVELLING ON HARRINGE LANE

VP 22

Low Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction					
Construction Residual					
Operation (Year 1)				The Project is unlikely to be visible from this location due to distance, intervening	Nil
Operation Residual (Year 15)	None	None	None	vegetation/infrastructure and the underground nature of the Grid Connection Route, as demonstrated by the visualisation prepared for Viewpoint 22.	(N/A)
Decommissioning					
Decommissioning Residual					

Table 8.9.30 Assessment of Effects – Users of PROW AE457 – Outside of the Site

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – USERS OF PROW AE457 – OUTSIDE OF THE SITE VP 23

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction Construction Residual					
Operation (Year 1)					Nil
Operation Residual (Year 15)	None	None	None	The Project is unlikely to be visible from this location due to intervening landform and vegetation	(N/A)
Decommissioning					
Decommissioning Residual					



Table 8.9.31: Assessment of Effects – People Travelling on Goldwell Lane

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS - PEOPLE TRAVELLING ON GOLDWELL LANE

VP 24, Heritage View 1

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	Views of construction operations on Field 20 are likely to be largely screened by the falling landform, however the internal haulage road to Field 10 is seen in the middle ground. Plant and vehicle movements here are likely to perceptibly detract the composition of views towards the North Downs. However, these views are experienced briefly for transient visual receptors travelling along the road, and the majority of the road is strongly contained by existing vegetation. On balance, the scale of change will be modest, and experienced for a very short duration.	Negligible (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	The majority of the Project within Fields 20-22 will be hidden from view by the falling landform as demonstrated by the visualisation prepared for Viewpoint 24. Only the uppermost extent of the southernmost PV panels will be visible at a distance of approximately 300m. The Project will result in a barely perceptible change in the composition of views, which will not interrupt existing long views of the North Downs ridge and will be perceived in the context of overhead power lines.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	At Year 15, the establishment of proposed planting, including tall hedgerows to the southern and western edge of Field 20 is likely to result in the Project being virtually imperceptible, albeit distant, strongly filtered views in winter may remain. As demonstrated by the visualisation prepared for Viewpoint 24, the effect at Year 15 will be negligible and neutral.	Negligible (Neutral)
Decommissioning	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	Decommissioning effects will be broadly similar to those identified for the construction phase.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.32: Assessment of Effects – Residents on Goldwell Lane

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS - RESIDENTS ON GOLDWELL LANE

(VP 19, 24, 25, Heritage View 1)

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest	Short	Small	The majority of residential receptors on the road will not have views of the Project due to intervening landform and vegetation, however a limited number (e.g., Springfield) will have filtered partial views of construction activities in Parcel E, seen in the context of overhead power lines. Further south, existing residents at Church View/Goldwell Houses, and future residents on Goldwell Lane are likely to have views of plant and vehicles accessing Parcel E, albeit the construction of PV Arrays is likely to be screened by landform. There are also likely to be views of construction works associated with the undergound cable connection on Goldwell Lane, albeit these will be for a shorter period of approximately 5 months, and are unlikely to be lead to substantial visual change on their own. On balance, the construction phase will cause a perceptible change in the composition of views, experienced continuously for a temporary period.	Minor (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Compact	Long	Small	There will be filtered views of the Project in the northern extent of Parcel E for a limited number of receptors on the road (e.g. Springfield). However, Site boundary vegetation, including advanced planting, will assist in containing the Project, particularly in ground level views. Further south on the road, receptors, including future residents are unlikely to have views of the Project. This is due to the falling landform, albeit the uppermost extent of the southernmost PV arrays/fencing may be visible in first floor windows. Nonetheless, advance planting on the southern boundary will assist in filtering these views, and the Project is likely to occupy a limited extent of the view.	Minor (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	Following establishment of proposed planting along the southern and western boundaries of Parcel E, the Project is likely to be strongly filtered in views from residential properties to the north and imperceptible for properties to the south, including future residents. The Project is likely to be barely perceptible in intermittent views.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact - Modest	Short	Small - Very Small	Due to decommissioning activities on the access route to Parcel E, which are likely to be visible for residents at the southern extent of Goldwell Lane, the decommissioning phase is likely to be similar to the construction phase. However, increased containment of Parcel E itself, and result stronger filtering views for receptors further north, reduces the scale of visual change.	Minor - Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact - Modest	Short	Small - Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor - Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.33: Assessment of Effects – Users of PROW AE475 – Outside of the Site

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – USERS OF PROW AE475 - OUTSIDE OF THE SITE

VP 25

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest / Compact	Short	Small - Very Small	There will be filtered, partial views of construction activities in Fields and 21, which will be temporary but seen continuously for a substantial length of the PRoW. The change will alter the composition of a relatively limited extent of the view, seen in the context of existing overhead power lines.	Minor / Negligible (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest / Compact	Short	Small - Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor / Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Modest / Compact	Long	Small - Medium	As demonstrated by the visualisation prepared for Viewpoint 25, there will be filtered partial views of the Project in the northern extent of Parcel E, with strong filtering as a result of existing vegetation. As demonstrated by the visualisations for this Viewpoint there is considerable difference between summer and winter views, however as a worst-case scenario, the Project will alter the composition of a relatively limited extent of the view, seen in the context of existing overhead power lines seen for a continuous period.	Minor / Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Long	Small	As demonstrated by the visualisation prepared for Viewpoint 25, the establishment of proposed hedgerow reinforcement planting is likely to be effective in visually enclosing Parcel E in these views, albeit the Project is likely to remain discernible in strongly filtered views above intervening hedgerows at Year 15.	Minor (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Decommissioning activities are likely to be similar to the construction phase, however the 40-year establishment of proposed planting is likely to result in enhanced containment of the Project such that there will be barely perceptible change to the composition of views.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.34: Assessment of Effects – Users of PROW AE455 – Outside of the Site

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – USERS OF PROW AE455 – OUTSIDE OF THE SITE

VP 26

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	There will be strongly filtered/screened views of activities in the northernmost extent of Parcel E, which will be glimpsed from a short section of the PRoW. Existing vegetation strongly contains the Site. The Project will be glimpsed briefly and occupy a very limited extent of the view.	Negligible (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	Due to robust existing hedgerows, the Project will be strongly contained, with only a very limited extent of PV panels potentially visible in the northern corner of Feld 21 in strongly filtered glimpsed views from a short section of the PRoW.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	Following establishment of proposed hedgerow reinforcement on the northern edge of Field 21, the Project is likely to be further contained, albeit glimpsed/filtered views in winter may potentially remain.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Decommissioning activities are likely to be similar to the construction phase, albeit benefitting from additional containment by established vegetation.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.35: Assessment of Effects – People Travelling along Roman Road, and users of PROW AE473

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – PEOPLE TRAVELLING ALONG ROMAN ROAD, AND USERS OF PROW AE473

VP 27

High Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Distant, partial views of construction activities in the north-eastern extent of Parcel E, in the context of prominent overhead power lines and at a distance of over 300m. Due to the limited extent of the Site visible, the effects are likely to be very short in duration and experienced briefly by receptors travelling in vehicles.	Minor (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	As demonstrated by the visualisations prepared for Viewpoint 27, a limited extent of the Project will be visible in distant (340m) partial views in the context of overhead power lines and residential built form in the foreground. The Project will not interrupt long views to the North Downs ridgeline and the change in the composition of views will be barely perceptible.	Minor (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	Following establishment of proposed planting, including tall hedgerow and woodland on the southern/eastern boundaries of Parcel E, the Project will be virtually imperceptible in the context of wider views. Nonetheless, as demonstrated by the visualisations prepared for Viewpoint 27, the Project will be less visible at Year 15 and using professional judgement is considered to result in a negligible effect.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Decommissioning activities will be similar to the construction phase, however increased containment of the Project as a result of established vegetation will result in minimal visual change, and using professional judgement is considered to result in a negligible effect.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.36: Assessment of Effects – Residents on Roman Road

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – RESIDENTS ON ROMAN ROAD

VP 24, VP 27

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Compact	Short	Very Small	There will be distant, partial views of construction activities in the north-eastern extent of Parcel E, in the context of prominent overhead power lines and at a distance of over 300m. Further west, there are likely to be views of plant and vehicle movements on the access to Parcel E. Views will be experienced continuously by residential receptors for a temporary period.	Negligible (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Compact	Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Compact	Long	Small	As demonstrated by the visualisations prepared for Viewpoint 27, a limited extent of the Project will be visible in distant (approximately 340m) partial views in the context of overhead power lines and residential built form in the foreground. The Project will not interrupt long views to the North Downs ridgeline and the change in the composition of views will be barely perceptible. For receptors further west, the Project is likely to be barely visible.	Minor (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	Following establishment of proposed planting, including tall hedgerow and woodland on the southern/eastern boundaries of Parcel E, the Project will be virtually imperceptible in the context of wider views from the east (Sylvanhurst) and not visible from receptors to the east. Nonetheless, on balance, the Project will remain barely perceptible and is likely to be glimpsed intermittently at Year 15 and is thus considered to result in a negligible effect.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Short	Very Small	Decommissioning activities will be similar to the construction phase, albeit proposed hedgerow will increase the containment of Parcel E. Plant and vehicle movements on the access to Parcel E will be visible.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.37: Assessment of Effects – Users of PROW AE474

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – USERS OF PROW AE474

VP 28

High Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	of Parcel E, will be screened by intervening landform. Only a small part of the Site will be visible – the	Negligible (Neutral)
Construction Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	filtered by intervening vegetation and virtually imperceptible in the context of wide panoramic views from an elevated position. On this basis, and using professional judgement, the Project is considered to result in a negligible neutral effect at all stages (construction, operation (Year 1 and Year 15), and decommissioning).	Negligible (Neutral)
Operation (Year 1)	Compact	Medium	Very Small		Negligible (Neutral)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small		Negligible (Neutral)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small		Negligible (Neutral)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small		Negligible (Neutral)



Table 8.9.38: Assessment of Effects – Users of PROW AE401, Collier's Hill

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS - USERS OF PROW AE401, COLLIER'S HILL

VP 29

High Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest	Short	Small	There will be views of construction activities in Parcels A and B from an elevated position at a distance of over 500m. Some filtering by intervening vegetation but there will be a perceptible change in the composition of view, experienced for a short duration as the change in views is likely to be visible for a temporary but continuous period for visual receptors on substantial lengths of PRoW, seen as work progresses across the western extent of the Site.	Moderate (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Moderate (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Modest	Long	Medium	As demonstrated by the visualisations prepared for Viewpoint 29, there will be partial views of the Project across Parcels A and B, seen at a distance of over 500m, with strong filtering as a result of intervening vegetation. The Project will be seen on the higher ground to the west of Bank Farm, but due to the limited height of proposed built form and the wide panoramic nature of the visual experience, will occupy a discrete extent of the view. As Viewpoint 29 lies to the west of the Project, there is likely to be glint when the sun is low in the sky in	Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Modest	Long	Medium	the east (i.e., early morning). This is likely to be brief in duration. As demonstrated by the visualisations for Viewpoint 29, whilst the establishment of planting at Year 15 will integrate the Project within the landscape to a degree, due to the elevated position of the viewer the Project will remain visible, and the overall effect is likely to remain as identified at Year 1.	Moderate (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Modest	Short	Small	Decommissioning activities are likely to lead to similar effects as those identified during the construction phase.	Moderate (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Modest	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Moderate (Adverse)



Table 8.9.39: Assessment of Effects – Users of PROW AE428 – Outside of the Site

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – USERS OF PROW AE428 – OUTSIDE OF THE SITE

VP 30

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Ample	Short	Small	Views of construction activities in Parcels B and C will be experienced from an elevated position at a distance of approximately 460m, with activities seen on a sizeable extent of the northern flank of the Aldington Ridge. Parcels A, D and E are largely screened by intervening landform and vegetation. Effects will be temporary but experienced continuously by receptors traveling along the PRoW network. Elevated views as shown are experienced in the immediate context of HS1 / Network Rail railway line.	Minor (Adverse)
Construction	Ample	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor
Residual					(Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Ample	Long	Large	As shown by the visualisations prepared for Viewpoint 30, there will be open expansive views across the East Stour valley, with solar PV arrays in Parcels B and C seen at a range of approximately 500m to 1.5km. The limited height of proposed built form limits the impact on the horizon and existing planting provides some filtering and breaks up the extent of the Project. Nonetheless, the Project occupies a sizeable extent of the view and views will be experienced continuously for receptors for an extended albeit temporary period.	Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Ample	Long	Large	At Year 15, the establishment of proposed tree planting along the East Stour River, together with reinforced and new hedgerow planting within the Project will assist in assimilating it within the landscape by providing additional filtering. This is likely to be more effective in views from further south within the valley, however in the elevated position of VP 30, the scale of visual change will remain ample equating to a noticeable change in the composition of the view, and the effects will remain as identified at Year 1.	Moderate (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Modest	Short	Small	Decommission activities are likely to be similar in scale and duration to the construction phase, resulting in effects of a similar nature.	Minor (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Modest	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor (Adverse)



Table 8.9.40: Assessment of Effects – Users of PROW AE370 – Near the Forstal

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS - USERS OF PROW AE370 - NEAR THE FORSTAL

VP 31

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Modest	Short	Small	At a distance of over 1km, construction activities in Parcels B and C will be visible in open views from a substantial length of the PRoW with same filtering provided by existing vegetation. The foreground and middle ground of retained open landscape forms the dominant component in the view. Nonetheless the Project will lead to a perceptible change in the composition of the view, albeit occupying a discrete extent of the overall view. Views will be experience continuously for a temporary period.	Minor (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Modest	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Modest	Long	Medium	As shown by the visualisations prepared for Viewpoint 31, there will be distant, partial views of the Project in Parcels B and C, seen on the northern flank of the Aldington ridgeline and partially against the skyline, but also partially filtered by intervening vegetation. The Project will occupy a discrete extent of the view and will be visible transiently for a continuous period for users of the PRoW network.	Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Modest / Compact	Long	Medium - Small	At Year 15, the visualisations prepared for Viewpoint 31 show that the establishment and growth of vegetation including hedgerows reinforcement and hedgerow trees, as well as wetland canopy trees along the Site's north-western edge will assist in integrating/assimilating the Project within the landscape framework. This landscape framework will reduce the scale of change of impact to a degree. The Project will however remain visible with increased filtering due to the elevated position of the viewer and the north facing aspect of the Project on Fields 10-24.	Minor / Moderate (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	The decommissioning phase of the Project is likely to be considerably less visible from this location due to the establishment (40 years) of the proposed planting scheme, including substantial tree planting on the northern and western Site boundaries, which at 40 years will substantially increase the level of filtering and result in the Project occupying a limited extent of the view.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.41: Assessment of Effects – Residents in the Forstal

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS - RESIDENTS IN THE FORSTAL

VP 31

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction	Compact - Modest	Short	Small - Very Small	At a distance of over 1km, construction activities in Parcels B and C will be visible but difficult to perceive, and heavily filtered by intervening vegetation. Views for residential receptors will be experienced from a location lower in elevation and with more intervening vegetation than that shown by VP 31. These views will be experienced continuously for a temporary period.	Minor - Negligible (Adverse)
Construction Residual	Compact - Modest	Short	Small - Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor - Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Compact - Modest	Long	Small - Medium	As demonstrated by the visualisations prepared for Viewpoint 31, there will be filtered partial, long-distance views of the Project in Parcels B and C. Only residents on the eastern edge of the settlement are likely to experience views at a distance of over 1km. The Project will be perceptible but will occupy a limited extent of the view, and it will be seen continuously for an extended temporary period.	Minor - Moderate (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Long	Small	As demonstrated by the visualisations prepared for Viewpoint 31, following establishment of planting at Year 15, the Project will benefit from enhanced integration within the landscape, particularly as a result of the growth of hedgerow trees on the north-western boundary	Minor (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Short	Very Small	The decommissioning phase of the Project will benefit from substantially increased containment as a result of established vegetation over a period of 40 years and will be barely perceptible for receptors in this location.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.42: Assessment of Effects – People Travelling on the Bower Road

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – PEOPLE TRAVELLING ON BOWER ROAD

VP 32

Low Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE		
Construction	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	At a distance of over 1.8km, construction activities on the uppermost extent of the Aldington ridge will be visible in glimpsed views from a short section of the road with some filtering provided by existing intervening vegetation. The Project will occupy a discrete extent of the overall view. Views will be intermittently and transiently by receptors for a temporary period and the views are at an oblique angle to the direction of travel.	Negligible (Adverse)
Construction	Modest	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible
Residual					(Adverse)
Operation (Year	Modest	Medium	Small	There will be distant, partial views of the Project in the elevated part of Parcel B seen on the northern	Negligible
				flank of the Aldington ridgeline and partially against the skyline, but also partially filtered by intervening vegetation. The Project will occupy a discrete extent of the view and will be visible transiently in glimpsed views for receptors travelling along the road.	(Adverse)
Operation	Modest /	Medium	Small - Very	At Year 15, the establishment and growth of vegetation including hedgerow reinforcement and hedgerow	Negligible
Residual (Year 15)	Compact		Small	trees along the Site's north-western edge, will assist in integrating/assimilating the Project within the landscape framework. This will reduce the scale of change to a degree. The Project will however remain visible with increased filtering.	(Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	The decommissioning phase of the Project is likely to be considerably less visible from this location due	Negligible
				to the establishment (40 years) of the proposed planting scheme, including substantial numbers of hedgerow trees on the north-western Site boundary, which will increase the level of filtering and result in the Project occupying a limited extent of the view.	(Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible
Residual					(Adverse)



Table 8.9.43: Assessment of Effects – Residents in Mersham

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – RESIDENTS IN MERSHAM VP 32

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE	
Construction	Modest	Short	Small	A limited number of receptors on the south-eastern edge of the settlement are likely to have partial cross valley views of the elevated part of Parcel B at a distance of approximately 1.8km. Construction activities will be perceptible despite some filtering by intervening vegetation. The majority of the Project will be screened by landform. Views will be experienced continuously by receptors for a temporary period.	Minor (Adverse)	
Construction Residual	Modest	Short	Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Minor (Adverse)	
Operation (Year 1)	Modest	Long	Medium	At Year 1, the completed Project (in a limited extent of Parcel B) will be visible at a distance of approximately 1.8km with the majority of it screened by landform. The Project will occupy a discrete extent of views with considerable filtering as a result of intervening vegetation. Views will be experienced continuously by receptors for an extended but temporary period.	Moderate (Adverse)	
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Modest / Compact	Long	Small - Medium	At Year 15, the establishment of proposed planting including hedgerows and hedgerow trees on the Aldington ridge and within hedgerows on the north-western boundary will assist in breaking up the extent of built form in Parcel B and increase filtering of cross valley views, which will diminish the scale of impact to a degree.	Moderate / Minor (Adverse)	
Decommissioning	Compact	Short	Very Small	The decommissioning phase of the Project will benefit from increased containment as a result of established vegetation over a period of 40 years, which will result in the Project occupying a limited extent of the view.	Negligible (Adverse)	
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)	



Table 8.9.44: Assessment of Effects – Users of PROW HE307

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – USERS OF PROW HE307

VP 33

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction Compact Very Short Very Small		Very Small	There will be distant framed views of the uppermost extent of Fields 10, 12 and 13, with the majority of the Site screened by intervening landform and vegetation. Construction activities will be visible at a distance of approximately 3.6km for a very short duration. Due to the partial visibility of the Site and the transient nature of the view, the impact will be temporary and intermittent, and the Project will occupy a very limited extent of the view.	Negligible (Adverse)	
Construction Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	As demonstrated by the visualisations prepared for Viewpoint 33, a very small part of the Project in a limited extent of Fields 10, 12 and 13 will be visible in framed views at a distance of approximately 3.7km. Views will be experienced in the context of existing pylons which are prominent in the middle ground. Views are only experienced briefly for a short section of the PRoW due to intervening vegetation which subsequently screens the Site. The Project will be barely perceptible and only viewed briefly from the PRoW.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	Planting establishment is unlikely to screen the Project in views from this location as demonstrated by the visualisations prepared for Viewpoint 33. Therefore, the Year 15 effect is the same as for Year 1.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	Decommissioning activities and resultant effects will be the same as those identified during the construction phase.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.45: Assessment of Effects – People Travelling on the North Downs Way in the Kent Downs NL

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS – PEOPLE TRAVELLING ON THE NORTH DOWNS WAY IN THE KENT DOWNS NL

VPs 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38

Very High Sensitivity

ASSESSMENT PHASE	SCALE	DURATION	MAGNITUDE	NOTES	SIGNIFICANCE
Construction Compact Very Short		Very Short	Very Small	Only the most elevated parts of the Site (i.e. the southern sections of Fields 10, 12, 13 and 20) are theoretically visible in views from the North Downs ridgeline. These parts of the Site are approximately 6.8km away from VP 35, over 8km from VPS 34 and 36, and over 9 km for VPs 37 and 38. The Site occupies a very limited extent of panoramic views across a landscape in which settlements including Ashford are notable features, as well as distant wind turbines and Dungeness Power Station on the Romney Marshes.	Negligible (Adverse)
				At a distance of approximately 6.8km the construction of the Project will be difficult to perceive even in excellent visibility. The change in the composition of views will be barely perceptible and considering the extent of the Site visible and long-distance nature, together with the temporary duration the changes are likely to be barely perceptible intermittently for receptors on the route. On the basis of the above, and using professional judgement the effect is considered to be negligible.	
Construction Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)
Operation (Year 1)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	As demonstrated by the visualisation prepared for Viewpoints 34, 35, 36 and 38, the Project is likely to be barely perceptible in the context of panoramic views of a varied landscape including substantial settlement in Ashford. At this distance, the Project will appear homogenously as fields of a slightly different colour in a tonally varied landscape and will occupy a very small component in the overall view. Views are likely to be intermittent due to varied visibility depending on weather conditions. On the basis of the above, and using professional judgement the effect is considered to be minor-negligible.	Minor - Negligible (Adverse)
Operation Residual (Year 15)	Compact	Medium	Very Small	Whilst the proposed landscape scheme will further integrate the Project within the landscape, this is unlikely to have an appreciable impact on views where the Project itself is barely perceptible at Year 1. Therefore, using professional judgement, the effect is considered to remain minor-negligible.	Minor - Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	The decommissioning phase is likely to lead to similar effects as those identified during construction. On the basis of the above, and using professional judgement the effect is considered to be negligible.	Negligible (Adverse)
Decommissioning Residual	Compact	Very Short	Very Small	No further mitigation is proposed, therefore the effects will remain as set out above.	Negligible (Adverse)



Table 8.9.46: Summary of Visual Effects

SUMMARY OF VISUAL EFFECTS									
RECEPTOR	SENSITIVITY	VISUAL EFFECTS							
		CONSTRUCTION	CONSTRUCTION RESIDUAL	OPERATION (YEAR 1)	OPERATIONAL RESIDUAL (YEAR 15)	DECOMMISSIONING	DECOMMISSIONING RESIDUAL		
Users of PRoW	Medium	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate - Minor	Moderate - Minor		
within /adjacent proposed solar PV areas		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)		
Users of PRoW	Medium-High	Moderate	Moderate	Major - Moderate	Minor / Moderate	Minor	Minor		
within/adjacent to the Site with open panoramic views towards the Kent Downs NL, including AE370 /AE377 and AE474.		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adve4rse)	(Adverse)		
Users of PRoW	Medium	Minor	Minor	Minor - Moderate	Minor	Negligible	Negligible		
within Fields 26-29		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)		
People travelling	Medium	Negligible	Negligible	Minor	Minor	Negligible	Negligible		
along Laws Lane		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)		
Residents on Laws	High	Moderate - Minor	Moderate - Minor	Moderate	Minor	Negligible	Negligible		
Lane		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)		
Users of PRoW	Medium	Negligible	Negligible	Moderate	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible		
AE396		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)		
Residents on Frith Road	High	Minor	Minor	Moderate	Minor	Negligible	Negligible		
Roau ————————————————————————————————————		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Neutral)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)		
Users of PRoW AE442	Medium	Negligible	Negligible	Minor	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible		
<u></u>		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)		
Users of PRoW	Medium	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible		
AE385 – Outside of the Site		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)		
People travelling on	Low	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible		
Frith Road		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)		
People travelling	Medium	Negligible	Negligible	Moderate	Moderate	Negligible	Negligible		
along Bank Road		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)		



SUMMARY OF VISU	JAL EFFECTS						
Residents on Bank Road (Becketts Green, Bow Cottage & Spring Cottage)	Medium	Minor (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Moderate (Adverse)	Minor - Moderate (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)
Residents at Broadbanks (Bank Farm)	Medium	Minor (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Minor - Negligible (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)
People traveling along Bank Road / Coopers Lane	Medium	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Neutral)	Negligible (Neutral)
Residents at the junction of Bank Road / Coopers Lane	Medium	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Minor – Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)
People traveling along Coopers Lane	Low	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Nil (N/A)	Nil (N/A)	Nil (N/A)
Users of PRoW AE377 – outside of the Site	Medium	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Moderate (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)
Residents at Handen Farm / Handen Farm Cottage	Medium	Minor (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Moderate (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)
People travelling on Calleywell Lane	Low	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)
Residents on Calleywell Lane	Medium	Minor (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Moderate (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)
Users of PROW AE449	Medium - High	Moderate - Minor (Adverse)	Moderate - Minor (Adverse)	Moderate (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)
Residents in the north of Aldington	Medium - High	Moderate - Minor (Adverse)	Moderate - Minor (Adverse)	Moderate (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)
People travelling along Goldwell Lane / Station Road, within the Site	Low	Minor / Negligible (Adverse)	Minor / Negligible (Adverse)	Moderate (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)



SUMMARY OF VISU	JAL EFFECTS						
Residents on Station Road (Evegate Mill House)	High	Minor - Moderate (Adverse)	Minor - Moderate (Adverse)	Moderate (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)
Users of PRoW AE370 – Outside of the Site	Medium	Minor (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Moderate (Adverse)	Moderate - Minor (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)
People travelling on Station Road, north of the Site	Low	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)
Anglers at the Aldington Flood Storage Area	Low	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Minor - Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)
People travelling on Harringe Lane	Low	Nil (N/A)	Nil (N/A)	Nil (N/A)	Nil (N/A)	Nil (N/A)	Nil (N/A)
Users of PRoW AE457 – Outside of the Site	Medium	Nil (N/A)	Nil (N/A)	Nil (N/A)	Nil (N/A)	Nil (N/A)	Nil (N/A)
People travelling on Goldwell Lane	Medium	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Neutral)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)
Residents on Goldwell Lane	Medium	Minor (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Minor - Negligible (Adverse)	Minor - Negligible (Adverse)
Users of PRoW AE475 - Outside of the Site	Medium	Minor / Negligible (Adverse)	Minor / Negligible (Adverse)	Minor / Moderate (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)
Users of PRoW AE455 – Outside of the Site	Medium	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)
People travelling along Roman Road, and users of PRoW AE473	High	Minor (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)
Residents on Roman Road	Medium	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Minor (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)	Negligible (Adverse)
Users of PRoW AE474	High	Negligible (Neutral)	Negligible (Neutral)	Negligible (Neutral)	Negligible (Neutral)	Negligible (Neutral)	Negligible (Neutral)
Users of PRoW AE401, Collier's Hill	High	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate



		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)
Users of PRoW	Medium	Minor	Minor	Moderate	Moderate	Minor	Minor
AE428 – outside of the Site		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)
Users of PRoW	Medium	Minor	Minor	Moderate	Minor / Moderate	Negligible	Negligible
AE370 – near The Forstal		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)
Residents in The	Medium	Minor - Negligible	Minor - Negligible	Minor - Moderate	Minor	Negligible	Negligible
Forstal		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)
People Travelling	Low	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
on Bower Road		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)
Residents in	Medium	Minor	Minor	Moderate	Moderate / Minor	Negligible	Negligible
Mersham		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)
Users of PRoW	Medium	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
HE307		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)
People travelling on the North Downs Way in the Kent Downs NL	Very High	Negligible	Negligible	Minor - Negligible	Minor - Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
		(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)	(Adverse)

Assessment Glossary of Terms (refer to ES Volume 4, Appendix 8.2: LVIA Methodology (Doc Ref. 5.4) for description of criteria).

Value of the receptor: Very Low, Low, Medium, High or Very High

Susceptibility of the receptor: Very Low, Low, Medium, High or Very High Sensitivity of the receptor: Very Low, Low, Medium, High or Very High

Scale of the effect: None, Compact, Modest, Ample or Extensive
Duration of the effect: None, Very Short, Short, Medium or Long
Magnitude of the effect: None, Very Small, Small, Medium or Large
Significance of the effect: Nil, Negligible, Minor, Moderate or Major

Balance of the effect: Adverse, Neutral or Beneficial

