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## Executive Summary

- ES1 This Environmental Statement (ES) appendix identifies the list of potential viewpoints that have been considered for assessment of the likely significant effects of the Scheme on visual amenity.
- ES2 Viewpoint locations have been agreed with North Yorkshire County Council, Selby District Council, East Riding of Yorkshire Council and the Canals and River Trust.
- ES3 Viewpoint locations included were visited in the winter when the vegetation was bare, and in the summer when vegetation was in leaf, to record the context of the view in a range of seasons.
- ES4 **Table 1** provides a short description of the baseline view, and notes whether the Scheme will be or not be visible from the viewpoint and will therefore not be taken forward for assessment within the ES.
- ES5 Of all the viewpoints included in **Table 1**, 29 are identified for inclusion in the ES for assessment.

## 1. Purpose of this Appendix

- 1.1.1 This Environmental Statement (ES) appendix identifies the initial list of potential viewpoints that were considered for assessment of the likely significant effects of East Yorkshire Solar Farm (the Scheme) on visual amenity. It should be read in conjunction with **Chapter 9: Landscape and Visual Amenity, ES Volume 1 [EN010143/APP/6.1]**.
- 1.1.2 Further details of the Scheme are provided in **Chapter 2: The Scheme, ES Volume 1 [EN010143/APP/6.1]**.

## 2. Potential and Representative Viewpoint Locations

- 2.1.1 The following **Table 1** identifies the potential viewpoint locations with reference to **Figure 10-7: Potential Viewpoint Locations** and **Figure 10-8: Representative Viewpoint Locations Plan, ES Volume 3 [EN010143/APP/6.3]**. It also provides a short description of the baseline view, and notes whether the Scheme will not be visible from the viewpoint and will therefore not be taken forward for assessment within **Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual Amenity, ES Volume 1 [EN010143/APP/6.1]**.
- 2.1.2 Viewpoint locations were agreed with North Yorkshire County Council, Selby District Council and East Riding of Yorkshire Council. From 1 April 2023 North Yorkshire County Council and Selby District Council became part of the newly formed North Yorkshire Council. They were also agreed with the Canals and River Trust.
- 2.1.3 Viewpoint locations included in the Preliminary Environment Impact (PEI) Report which had been visited during the winter time were also visited in the summer, when vegetation was in leaf, to record the context of the view in a range of seasons.
- 2.1.4 Two additional viewpoints have been added to the assessment since the PEI Report stage as a result of input during Statutory Consultation: viewpoint 28 which is located along the road south of Spaldington as requested by local residents, and viewpoint 29 which is located on the edge of the River Ouse with views south along the Grid Connection Corridor as requested by the Canals and River Trust. Viewpoint 12b (Manor Farm, Gribthorpe), has been removed from the assessment as a result of the changes to the Scheme since the PEI Report. At PEI Report stage this viewpoint looked towards solar PV infrastructure in Solar PV Area 1g, however it now overlooks Ecology Mitigation Area 1g and will not have any solar PV infrastructure in the field of view.

**Table 1. Potential and representative viewpoint locations**

Potential Viewpoint ID	Representative Viewpoint ID	Name and Location	Receptor Type	Elevation m (AOD)	Grid Reference	View
A	1	Rowlandhall Lane, PRow (WRESF07)	Residential, recreational	5.6	472527, 430941	Winter: Medium distance view across arable farmland with an area of new tree planting in the foreground and farm buildings in the middle ground. Hedgerows and hedgerow trees are visible in the middle ground, with trees visible in the background of the view. Views are direct from the rear of the residential property. To be included in the assessment.
B	2	Hull Road, Newsholme and PRow (WRESF06)	Residential, recreational	5.14	472154, 429720	Winter: Short distance view across farmland with willow crop visible across the foreground. The tips of wind turbines are visible on the horizon and overhead lines and pylons are visible in the wider view. Farm sheds are visible in the view. Woodland is visible on the horizon in the distance. Views are direct from the residential properties at Beech Tree Farm and within Newsholme village. To be included in the assessment.

Potential Viewpoint ID	Representative Viewpoint ID	Name and Location	Receptor Type	Elevation m (AOD)	Grid Reference	View
C	3	Brind Lane	Residential, road users	4.97	473994, 430850	Winter: Short distance view towards arable farmland bounded by a managed low cut, intact hedgerow with occasional hedgerow trees. Woodland and turbine visible to the west on the horizon. Pylons and overhead lines are visible within the wider view. Woodland present to the south which restricts longer distance views. Views from residential properties are well screened by vegetation to their boundaries. To be included in the assessment.
D	4	Featherbed Lane PRow (EASTB17)	Recreational	4.75	476437, 431593	Winter: Medium distance view across arable farmland towards Spaldington Road and residential properties. View is slightly filtered by a low managed hedgerow and hedgerow trees. Woodland restricts views further north-east with filtered views to the south, north-west and south-west as a result of the mature vegetation lining Featherbed Lane. Overhead lines visible at the field boundary. To be included in the assessment.

Potential Viewpoint ID	Representative Viewpoint ID	Name and Location	Receptor Type	Elevation m (AOD)	Grid Reference	View
E	5	Sandwood House, Spaldington Road	Residential, road users	5.2	476319, 432359	Winter: Short distance ground floor view from Spaldington Road towards the tall, partially managed boundary hedgerow. Heavily filtered views towards the arable farmland and woodland to the left of the view. Overhead line is visible across the view in the foreground. Views from upper storey windows are partially filtered by boundary vegetation. To be included in the assessment.
F	6	Willitoff Road Spaldington	Residential, road users	5.78	476109, 433255	Winter: Relatively open view across grassland and across the garden area of The Lodge with mature trees filtering parts of the view. Immature hedgerow is present along The Lodge garden boundary. Wind turbines are dominant in the view. Woodland visible on the horizon to the south and west. Tips of turbine blades are visible on the horizon to the south. Overhead lines are visible along the road to the south. To be included in the assessment.
G	-	PRoW (BUBWS11)	Recreational	Not recorded	471167, 433502	Winter: no views as a result of existing vegetation. Discount from the assessment.



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H	7	Crossroads Cottages, Willitoft Road	Residential, road users	6.02	474815, 434414	Winter: View from crossroads with varying degrees of visibility as a result of hedgerows and hedgerow trees bordering the adjacent fields. Where gaps are present in the hedgerows then views are long over arable farmland with woodland on the horizon in the middle distance, which foreshortens or prevents longer distance views. Pylons, overhead lines and wind turbines are visible within the wider view. To be included in the assessment.
I	8	Willitoft Road, Willitoft	Residential, road users	6.35	474260, 435282	Winter: Open view across arable farmland from the large gaps in hedgerow, with woodland and other vegetation on the horizon severely limiting longer distance views. Glimpsed views are available to the fields beyond to north and east. Pylons and overhead powerlines are visible in the wider view. To be included in the assessment.

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J	9	PRoW (BUBWB25) Howden 20	Recreational, residential	6.86	473208, 436426	Winter: Very intermittent view from PRoW across pasture and arable farmland where gaps in vegetation lining the path allow. Hedgerow, small blocks of woodland and hedgerow trees are visible along the horizon, limiting longer distance views. Pylons and overhead lines are visible across the panorama in the distance. The stacks and plumes associated with Drax Power Station and visible to the south. To be included in the assessment.
K	10a/ b	Tottering Lane junction, Gribthorpe	Recreational, road users	4.83	475287, 435231	Winter: Located at the junction to Gribthorpe, gaps in hedgerow allow extensive views across arable farmland. Boundary hedgerows are gappy and there are minimal hedgerow trees along the main road. The hedgerow to the south-east is maintained and intact. Wind turbines visible to the south and pylons and overhead lines visible to the north-west. Ditch in the foreground bounds the southern edge of the field to the north-west and along Tottering Lane. To be included in the assessment.

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L	11	PRoW (SPALF14 and SPALF01), Howden 20, Spaldington	Residential, Recreational	6.32	476338, 433785	Winter: Medium distance view across arable and pastoral farmland with woodland, low, intact hedgerows and hedgerow trees visible along the horizon preventing longer distance views. Newly planted trees are located along the farm access track. Wind turbines are visible to the north and west (beyond properties). Overhead power lines and pylons are visible in the distance. To be included in the assessment.
M-a	12a	Manor Farm, Gribthorpe	Residential	5.27	476125, 435648	Winter: Short distance, filtered view across farmland, partially obstructed by boundary hedgerows along farm track. Intermittent, low hedgerows with few hedgerow trees are present across the view, restricting more distance views. Farm buildings and silage storage are the main focus of the view. To be included in the assessment.
M-b	12b	Manor Farm, Gribthorpe	Residential	5.3	476147, 435601	Winter: Clear, open view across pasture with low, mostly intact hedgerow and hedgerow trees in the near distance restricting longer distance views. Farm building and silage storage are the main detractors in the view. To be included in the assessment.

Potential Viewpoint ID	Representative Viewpoint ID	Name and Location	Receptor Type	Elevation m (AOD)	Grid Reference	View
N	13	SPALF01 PRoW, Howden 20, Spaldington	Recreational	5.05	476710, 433237	Winter: Open view across arable and pastoral farmland to the north and west. To the east, views of farmland are foreshortened by woodland and hedgerow trees in the middle distance. Overhead lines, wind turbines anemometry mast, towers and plume at Drax Power Station. To be included in the assessment.
O	14	A614, PRoW (EASTF15 and EASTF13), Caville Hall Farm, Burland	Residential, recreational	6.18	477098, 430294	Winter: Wide, open view across arable farmland. Wind turbines, modern farm buildings are visible across the view. Views from the property are filtered as a result of mature garden vegetation. To be included in the assessment.
P	15	Fir Tree Farm, PRoW (SPALF04, SPALB05, SPALF06, SPALF09)	Residential, recreational	5.72	478171, 433369	Winter: Wide, long distance view across arable farmland. Woodland visible on horizon to the south and east. A number of detractors are visible in the wider view including the chimney, cooling towers and plume at Drax to the west; modern farm structures to the south-west; wind turbines to the east; modern farm shed to the north and tips of turbines to the south. To be included in the assessment.

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Q	16	Arglam Lane, Burse Lane Ends	Residential, road users	4.31	479358, 435510	Winter: Long distance view over arable farmland with intermittent, low gappy hedgerow and sporadic hedgerow trees. A number of detractors are visible within the view including Spaldington wind farm and Drax Power Station to the east and wind turbines to the north. There is a direct view from the single bungalow property. To be included in the assessment.
R	17	Welham Bridge	Residential, road users	4.17	479139, 434095	Winter: Medium distance view across pasture with gappy hedgerows and occasional hedgerow trees. Drax Power Station is visible on the horizon with overhead power lines and farm sheds visible in the wider view. To be included in the assessment.
S	25	Portington Road, Portington	Residential, road users	4.85	478701, 430990	Winter: Medium distance view across arable farmland with vehicles on the A614 and the Spaldington Wind Farm turbines visible on the horizon. Intervening vegetation screens views to the north-west. To be included in the assessment.

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T	18	Station Road, Howden	Residential, road users	4.5	475210, 430171	Winter: Long distance view across arable farmland with vegetation along field boundaries forming the horizon. Drax Power Station and wind turbines are visible on the horizon above the tree line. Overhead lines cross the view in the foreground to midground. An outgrown hedge boundary screens views to the south for residential properties. To be included in the assessment.
U	19	Wrestle Grange	Residential, recreational	7.05	470838, 431219	Winter: Wide, long distance views across arable farmland with medium woodland blocks in the middle ground. Arable farmland, hedgerow field boundaries, hedgerow trees and blocks of woodland are visible towards the horizon. Pylons, overhead lines and wind turbines are visible across the horizon. Farm buildings are visible across the wider view. High ground to the north visible in the far distance. To be included in the assessment.
V	-	Foggathorpe	Residential, recreational	Not recorded	475885, 436857	Winter: no views as a result of existing vegetation. Discount from assessment.

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W	20	Station Road, Wressle	Residential	7.05	470838, 431219	Winter: Long distance view across horse grazed fields bounded by post and rail fencing and properties on the edge of Wressle. Hedgerows and hedgerow trees form the horizon in the distance. Pylons and overhead lines are visible across the view in the middle ground and distance. To be included in the assessment.
X	21	Barmby on Marsh PRow (BOTMF06)	Recreational, River Derwent, residential	5.78	468470, 428742	Winter: Elevated view from flood defence berm across the River Ouse corridor and arable farmland. Hedgerows, hedgerow trees and small blocks of woodland are visible within the wider view. Wind turbines are visible to the east of the view. To be included in the assessment.
Y	22	PRow (Trans Pennine Trail)	Recreational	3.75	467772, 428771	Winter: View from base of flood defence berm across arable farmland to the north. Views to the south over the River Derwent are restricted by the berm. Intermittent hedgerows and hedgerow trees are visible scattered across the view. To be included in the assessment.
Z	23	PRow (35.47/8/1)	Recreational	3.96	467215, 427779	Winter: Medium distance view across arable farmland with Drax Power Station prominent in the background of the view to the south-west. Woodland is visible in the background of the view to the west. To be included in the assessment.

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Aa	-	Main Road Drax/Adamson Court, PRow 35.26/1/1	Residential, road users, recreational	Not recorded	466955, 426349	Winter: no views as a result of existing vegetation. Discount from the assessment.
Ab	24	Wren Hall Lane, ProW (35.26/5/1)	Residential, road users, recreational	3.8	467185, 427196	Winter: Medium distance view across arable farmland with Drax Power Station prominent in the background of the view. Hedgerows and hedgerow trees are visible across the view forming field boundaries. A tree belt is visible to the south of the view. Local view with low visitor numbers and a high number of detractors. To be included in the assessment.
-	26	All Saints Church, Holme on Spalding Moor PRow (HOSMF07)	Recreational	41.61	482033, 438921	Winter: Elevated, long distance view across arable farmland and building associated with the residential settlement of Holme on Spalding Moor in the middle ground, partially screened by woodland in the right of the view. The wind turbines at Spaldington and Drax Power Station are visible on the horizon. To be included in the assessment.



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-	27	Hardmoor Lane, South Cliffe PRow (HOTHB02)	Recreational	48.9	488524, 435262	Winter: Long distance, elevated view from the edge of the Wolds with arable farmland forming the fore and middle ground. The background comprises of woodland, settlement, wind turbines and Drax Power Station in the distance. To be included in the assessment.
-	28	Willitoft Road (south), Spaldington	Road users			Representative of long distance views across arable farmland from the south of Spaldington. Winter: Long distance view from the road to the south of Spaldington with arable farmland visible across the majority of the view. Woodland to the north and west is visible on the horizon of the view.
-	29	Barmby on the Marsh PRow (BOTMF06)	Recreational, River Derwent			Representative of view from flood defence berm adjacent to PRow. Winter: Elevated view from flood defence berm across the River Ouse corridor to the south and arable farmland beyond. Hedgerows, hedgerow trees and small blocks of woodland are visible within the wider view. Drax Power Station is visible in the background of the view.