

# Springwell Solar Farm

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### Appendix 10.4: Viewpoint Analysis

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## 1.1. Introduction

- 1.1.1. This appendix presents a descriptive analysis of the scale of landscape and visual change at a series of representative assessment viewpoint locations during the construction, operational (including maintenance) and decommissioning phases of the Proposed Development. The analysis informs the assessment of magnitude and significance of landscape and visual effects arising as a result of the Proposed Development.
- 1.1.2. A total of 40 assessment viewpoint locations were agreed with North Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council to represent the main landscape and visual receptors found in the study area.
- 1.1.3. The 40 assessment viewpoints are listed in **Table A10.4.1** and a plan illustrating the location of the assessment viewpoints is presented in **ES Volume 2, Figure 10.4: Viewpoint Locations [EN010149/APP/6.2]**. The assessment viewpoints are also illustrated on all subsequent ZTVs figures.
- 1.1.4. Annotated baseline photographs are presented for each assessment viewpoint in **ES Volume 4 [EN010149/APP/6.4]** to illustrate the existing view and the likely extent of the Proposed Development within the view.
- 1.1.5. A summary of the viewpoint analysis is provided in **Table 10.11** in **ES Volume 1, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN010149/APP/6.1]**.
- 1.1.6. This viewpoint analysis describes the baseline view at the viewpoint. It then considers the nature and scale of the predicted change in the view and the nature and scale of change in landscape character experienced at the viewpoint location. The scale of both landscape and visual change is described as Large, Medium, Small or Negligible as outlined in **ES Volume 3, Appendix 10.1: Landscape and Visual Methodology and Assessment Criteria [EN010149/APP/6.3]**.
- 1.1.7. The wider extent of the effect (beyond the individual viewpoint considered), and its duration, are not captured in the viewpoint analysis below (as a single fixed viewpoint cannot capture extent or duration). The scale, extent and duration are factors in the overall judgement on magnitude of change, therefore judgements on magnitude of change and overall level of effect and significance are provided in the main assessment in **ES Volume 1, Chapter 10: Landscape and Visual [EN010149/APP/6.1]**.
- 1.1.8. The analysis takes into account the screening effect of intervening landform, vegetation and built form. It assumes excellent clear weather conditions; although the influence of different seasons, weather, sunlight and visibility conditions have been considered, where relevant.

Table A10.4.1 Assessment Viewpoint Locations

Viewpoint No.	Viewpoint Name	Easting	Northing	Distance from nearest above ground infrastructure (rounded to nearest 10 m)
1	B1189 Moor Lane, Blankney	510040	360859	1300m
2	Junction of Bln/4/3, Bln/4/2 and Bln/738/1	508662	360144	230m
3	Junction of Scop/738/1 and Scop/8/1	509001	359249	10m
4	Scop/7/2 at junction with Scop/7/1	508583	358371	120m
5	Scop/7/1 at junction with B1191	508651	357963	500m
6	Junction of Scop/1135/4 and Acre Lane	508239	358901	20m
7	Permissive path between Scop/1134/1 and Bln/4/2	508016	359686	10m
8	Bln/4/2	507771	360245	20m
9	Scop/3/1 at junction with Main Street, Scopwick	507616	358049	510m
10	Spires and Steeples Trail junction with Trundle Lane - North of Scopwick	506972	358430	420m
11	B1188 junction with Bloxholm Lane	506649	358523	470m
12	Spires and Steeples Trail	506855	359445	120m
13	Blankney Stepping Out car park picnic area	507418	360577	150m
14	Blankney Walks Lane near Brickyard Cottage	508370	360628	240m

Viewpoint No.	Viewpoint Name	Easting	Northing	Distance from nearest above ground infrastructure (rounded to nearest 10 m)
15	B1191 western edge of Scopwick	506358	357964	610m
16	Footpath Rows/5/1 west of Sheffield House	506401	356655	80m
17	Footpath Rows/5/1 north of The Maltings	505581	356426	10m
18	Heath Road (B1191) near Digby Quarry	505316	357209	300m
19	Scopwick Heath Restricted Byway Scop/12/2	505372	357874	850m
20	Main Street, west of junction with B1188, Lincoln Road	507720	354830	2130m
21	Main Street, Ashby de la Launde	505269	355085	1250m
22	Junction of Heath Road (B1191) and Navenby Lane	504815	355349	800m
23	Heath Road at Slate House Farm	504123	354238	250m
24	Bloxholm Wood Nature Reserve layby	503758	353324	30m
25	Ash/11/1 in Long Plantation	504464	353376	220m
26	Church Lane, north of All Saints' Church, Brauncewell	504546	352463	610m
27	Junction of A15 and local road west of Dale Farm	503835	351616	900m
28	North of junction of A15 and Church Lane	503638	352581	30m

Viewpoint No.	Viewpoint Name	Easting	Northing	Distance from nearest above ground infrastructure (rounded to nearest 10 m)
29	A15 at junction with Warren Lane	502772	355279	30m
30	A15 on the line of Restricted Byway Temp/1/1	502168	357495	970m
31	Junction of Brau/10/1 and Long Lane	501514	351973	1380m
32	Temple Road east of Temple Bruer	501437	353626	480m
33	The Viking Way / High Dike south of Temple Road	499250	352993	2700m
34	Junction of New England Lane and Warren Lane	501021	354671	1030m
35	Warren Lane near Thompsons Bottom	502066	355112	20m
36	New England Lane	501271	355547	610m
37	Heath Lane east of Vine House	500231	357486	1810m
38	Wellingore playing fields	498807	357209	2960m
39	Green Man Road east of Navenby	500027	358430	2630m
40	The Heath adjacent to Four Winds Farm	500294	355717	1480m

## 1.2. Viewpoint Analysis

1.2.1. This section provides viewpoint analysis for the 40 assessment viewpoints identified in **Table A10.5.1** above.

Table A10.4.2 Viewpoint 1 - B1189 Moor Lane, Blankney

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from the verge of the B1199 (Moor Lane) and representative principally of transient vehicle users on this road.</p> <p>Views are across large scale, flat arable fields in both the east and west directions and the B1199 itself dominates the foreground view in a north and south direction. The open fields are occasionally dissected by field boundary hedgerows, tree belts and individual hedgerow trees. Large agricultural sheds are present in the mid distance throughout the landscape in various directions. Due to the flat surrounding landform, layers of hedgerows and</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be almost entirely screened from this viewpoint with extremely small, distant glimpses (in winter months only) of construction/decommissioning activity beyond a vegetation belt which runs along the eastern boundary of Springwell East. Any change in visual amenity would be almost indiscernible.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be almost entirely screened from this viewpoint with extremely small distant glimpses (in winter months only) of solar PV development beyond a vegetation belt which runs along the eastern boundary of Springwell East. Any change in visual amenity would be almost indiscernible.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be almost entirely screened from this viewpoint with potentially very small distant glimpses (in winter months only) of solar PV development beyond a vegetation belt which runs</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development and associated construction/decommissioning activity would be almost indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be almost indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be almost indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>

tree belts screen more distant views. Vegetation along the Metheringham to Sleaford railway line provides a particularly strong visual barrier to the west.

along the eastern boundary of Springwell East. Any change in visual amenity would be almost indiscernible.

Table A10.4.3 Viewpoint 2 – Junction of Bln/4/3, Bln/4/2 and Bln/738/1

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from the junction between three PRowS south of Brickyard Farm. Viewpoint is on the Blankney Circuit Stepping Out Route and is representative of recreational users of the PRow network between Blankney, Scopwick and Kirkby Green.</p> <p>The view is across a series of large, flat arable field parcels subdivided</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium</b> – Construction/ decommissioning of the Proposed Development in Field By28 would take place to the south of this viewpoint beyond a hedgerow through which there would be some view of activity in winter months. This activity would be partially visible and result in notable but not prominent change to the view at this location.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Medium</b> – Solar PV development would be partially visible (mostly in winter months) in Field By28 to the south. An existing hedgerow would filter views of the Proposed Development and views in all other directions would remain largely unchanged. The</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium</b> – Notable construction/ decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a medium scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Medium/Small</b> – The introduction of solar PV development a short distance to the south beyond an existing hedgerow would result in notable new manufactured features in the landscape which would have a notable influence on landscape character at this location. The sense of openness,</p>



by mature hedgerows and drainage ditches and served by wide, well made agricultural tracks. Views across the fields are terminated in all directions by mature tree belts or blocks of woodland. Mature vegetation along the Metheringham to Sleaford railway line restricts long distance views to the east. A series of agricultural buildings are evident in the landscape and low voltage, pole mounted electricity lines pass to the west of the viewpoint.

introduction of new energy infrastructure including solar PV development and boundary fencing would be notable but not prominent.

scale of the landscape, the underlying vegetative structure, landform and sense of detachedness from urban development would remain undiminished. The new infrastructure would essentially sit within a mature agricultural framework and the landscape character at this location would remain primarily.

**Operation (Year 10): Small/Negligible** – Once the existing hedgerow along the northern boundary of Field By28 has been strengthened it would screen the majority of the Solar PV development including the fencing although glimpses of the infrastructure would potentially remain in winter months. The proposed mitigation would therefore notably reduce the scale of change to visual amenity by Year 10.

**Operation (Year 10): Small/Negligible** – Once the existing hedgerow along the northern boundary of Field By28 has been strengthened, it would mostly screen the new solar PV development although winter glimpses of the infrastructure may remain. As such the new manufactured structures associated with the Proposed Development would have a much reduced impact on landscape character.

Table A10.4.4 Viewpoint 3 – Junction of Scop/738/1 and Scop/8/1

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
View from the junction between two PRowWs east of Scopwick Low Field Farm. Viewpoint is on the	<b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> – Construction/ decommissioning of the Proposed Development in Field Lf04 would take place immediate adjacent to this viewpoint and a	<b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> – Prominent construction/ decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a large scale

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>Blankney Circuit Stepping Out Route and is representative of recreational users of the PRow network between Blankney, Scopwick and Kirkby Green.</p> <p>The view is across a series of large, flat arable field parcels subdivided by mature hedgerows and drainage ditches and served by wide, well made agricultural tracks. Views across the fields are terminated in all directions by mature tree belts or blocks of woodland. Mature vegetation along the Metheringham to Sleaford railway line restricts long distance views to the east. A series of agricultural buildings are evident in the landscape and low</p>	<p>secondary construction compound is proposed immediately west of this location. This activity would be openly visible and result in highly prominent change to the view at this location.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large</b> – Solar PV development would be openly visible to the immediate east of the viewpoint but views in the opposite direction to the west would remain largely unchanged. The introduction of new energy infrastructure including solar PV development and boundary fencing would be highly prominent and restrict views across the immediately adjoining field to the east. It would however be set back by several meters from the footpath and would not be oppressive.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium/Small</b> – Once new mitigation hedgerows along the western boundary of Field Lf04 have established they would screen the majority of the Solar PV development including the fencing although glimpses of the infrastructure</p>	<p>of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large</b> – The introduction of solar PV development immediately adjacent to the viewpoint would result in highly prominent new manufactured features in the landscape which would have a strong influence on landscape character at this location. The sense of openness in the landscape would be somewhat reduced but the scale of the landscape, the underlying vegetative structure, landform and sense of detachedness from urban development would remain undiminished. The new infrastructure would essentially sit within a mature agricultural framework and the landscape character at this location would remain primarily rural combining agrarian characteristics with those of a solar farm.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium/Small</b> – Once new mitigation hedgerows have established along the western boundary of Field Lf04, they would mostly screen the new solar PV development although glimpses of the infrastructure would remain through an</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>voltage, pole mounted electricity lines pass to the immediate west of the viewpoint.</p>	<p>would remain through an access gate. The new hedgerow would restrict views across the immediately adjoining field to the east but be in character with the surrounding hedges and be set back by several meters from the footpath such that it would not be oppressive. The proposed mitigation would therefore notably reduce the scale of change to visual amenity by Year 10.</p>	<p>access gate. As such the new manufactured structures associated with the Proposed Development would have a much reduced impact on landscape character. The sense of openness in the landscape would remain somewhat reduced compared to the baseline but the new hedge lined tracks visible at this location would be comparable to the character experienced along Trundle Lane for example.</p>

Table A10.4.5 Viewpoint 4 – Scop/7/2 at Junction with Scop/7/1

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from the junction between two PRowS north of Kirkby Green. Viewpoint is on the Around Kirkby Green Stepping Out Route and is representative of recreational users of the PRow network between Blankney, Scopwick and Kirkby Green.</p> <p>The view is across a series of large, flat arable field parcels subdivided by mature hedgerows woodland belts. A series of agricultural buildings are evident in the surrounding landscape.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium</b> – Construction/ decommissioning of the Proposed Development in Field Lf08 would take place to the north west of this viewpoint beyond a hedgerow through which there would be some view of activity in winter months. This activity would be partially visible and result in notable but not prominent change to the view at this location.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Medium</b> – Solar PV development would be partially visible (mostly in winter months) in Field Lf08 to the north west. An existing hedgerow would filter views of the Proposed Development and views in all other directions would remain largely unchanged. The introduction of new energy infrastructure including solar PV development and boundary fencing would be notable but not highly prominent.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium</b> – Notable construction/ decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a medium scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Medium/Small</b> – The introduction of solar PV development a short distance to the north west beyond an existing hedgerow would result in notable new manufactured features in the landscape which would have a notable influence on landscape character at this location. The sense of openness, scale of the landscape, the underlying vegetative structure, landform and sense of detachedness from urban development would remain undiminished. The new infrastructure would essentially sit within a mature agricultural framework and the landscape character at this location would remain primarily rural.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small/Negligible</b> – Once the existing hedgerow along the boundaries of Field Lf08 have been strengthened they would screen the majority of the Solar PV development including the fencing although glimpses of the infrastructure would potentially remain in winter months. The proposed mitigation would therefore notably reduce the scale of change to visual amenity by Year 10.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small/Negligible</b> – Once the existing hedgerow along the boundaries of Field Lf08 have been strengthened, they would mostly screen the new solar PV development although winter glimpses of the infrastructure may remain. As such the new manufactured structures associated with the Proposed Development would have a much reduced impact on landscape character.</p>

Table A10.4.6 Viewpoint 5 – Scop/7/1 at Junction with B1191

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from a footpath immediately adjacent to the main street running through Kirkby Green. Representative of views from the village of Kirkby Green including residents and recreational users of the</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Small/Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be almost entirely screened from this viewpoint as would construction/decommissioning activity. There may be some barely discernible distant glimpses of the very top of new infrastructure being erected/removed. The change in visual amenity would be extremely small.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development and associated construction/decommissioning activity would be largely indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>footpaths nearest the village and the main road between Kirkby Green and Timberland.</p> <p>Views northwards are across a medium sized arable field on the edge of the village which is bound by mature hedgerows. Further east and west, agricultural and residential buildings are visible. Due to the flat surrounding landform, layers of hedgerows and tree belts screen more distant views in a northerly direction.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small/Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be almost entirely screened from this viewpoint. There may be some barely discernible distant glimpses of the very top of new infrastructure. The change in visual amenity would be extremely small.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> – Once existing hedgerows have been enhanced, the Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be largely indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>

Table A10.4.7 Viewpoint 6 – Junction of Scop/1135/4 and Acre Lane

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from a junction of footpaths near Scopwick Low Field Farm. Viewpoint is on both the Blankney Circuit and the Scopwick Loop Stepping Out Route and is representative of recreational users of the PRow network between Blankney, Scopwick and Kirkby Green.</p> <p>The view is across a series of large, mostly flat arable field parcels subdivided by mature hedgerows, tree belts and served by wide, well made agricultural tracks. This location is slightly elevated above the surrounding fields</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> – Construction/ decommissioning of the Proposed Development in Fields Lf07 and Lf08 would take place immediate adjacent to this viewpoint and activity would also be visible in Fields Lf05, By23 and By24. This activity would be openly visible and result in highly prominent change to the view at this location.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large</b> – Solar PV development would be visible in all directions from the viewpoint although the foreground field of Lf02 would not contain development and provide a notable set back from development in fields By23 and By24 to the north and west. The introduction of new energy infrastructure including solar PV development and boundary fencing would be highly prominent and partially restrict views across some of the immediately adjoining fields but woodland blocks would continue to set the backdrop for the development. The solar PV development would be set back by several meters from the footpath and would not be oppressive.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> – Prominent construction/ decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a large scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large</b> – The introduction of solar PV development immediately adjacent to the viewpoint would result in highly prominent new manufactured features in the landscape which would have a strong influence on landscape character at this location. The sense of openness in the landscape would be somewhat reduced but the scale of the landscape, the underlying vegetative structure, landform and sense of detachedness from urban development would remain unchanged. The new infrastructure would essentially sit within a mature agricultural framework and the landscape character at this location would remain primarily rural combining agrarian characteristics with those of a solar farm.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>providing a more open view of the fields than experienced elsewhere along Acre Lane. From here, views across the fields are terminated in all directions by mature tree belts or blocks of woodland. Scopwick Low Field Farm and some pole mounted overhead cables are visible in the surrounding context.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium</b> – Once new mitigation hedgerows around the solar PV development have established and existing hedgerows are maintained at 3.5 m, in combination, they would screen much of the solar PV development closest to the viewpoint including the fencing although glimpses of the infrastructure would remain through access gates. It is likely that there would also be restricted and filtered views of the solar PV development in fields By23 and By24 to the north and west (mostly in winter months). The new hedgerows would restrict views across the immediately adjoining fields but the new hedge lined tracks would be in character with the surrounding hedges and be set back by several meters from the footpath such that they would not be oppressive. The proposed mitigation would therefore reduce the scale of change to visual amenity by Year 10.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium</b> – Once new mitigation hedgerows have established along the boundaries solar PV development, they would screen much of the new solar PV development although glimpses of the infrastructure would remain through access gates. As such the new manufactured structures associated with the Proposed Development would have a reduced impact on landscape character. The sense of openness in the landscape would remain reduced compared to the baseline but the new hedge lined tracks visible at this location would be comparable to the character experienced along Trundle Lane for example.</p>



Table A10.4. 8 Viewpoint 7 – Permissive Path between Scop/1134/1 and Bln/4/2

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from a permissive right of way south of Blankney. Viewpoint is representative of recreational users of the PRow network between Blankney, Scopwick and Kirkby Green.</p> <p>The view is across a series of large, flat arable field parcels subdivided by mature hedgerows and drainage ditches and served by wide, well made agricultural tracks. Views across the fields are terminated in all directions by mature tree belts or blocks of woodland. A series of agricultural</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> – Construction/ decommissioning of the Proposed Development in Fields By24, By11 and By10 would take place immediate adjacent to this viewpoint. This activity would be openly visible and result in highly prominent change to the view at this location.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large</b> – Solar PV development would be openly visible in all directions from the viewpoint. The introduction of new energy infrastructure including solar PV development and boundary fencing would be highly prominent and restrict views across the immediately adjoining fields. It would however be set back by several meters from the footpath and would not be oppressive.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> – Prominent construction/ decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a large scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large</b> – The introduction of solar PV development immediately adjacent to the viewpoint would result in highly prominent new manufactured features in the landscape which would have a strong influence on landscape character at this location. The sense of openness in the landscape would be somewhat reduced but the scale of the landscape, the underlying vegetative structure, landform and sense of detachedness from urban development would remain unchanged. The new infrastructure would essentially sit within a mature agricultural framework and the landscape character at this location would remain primarily rural combining agrarian characteristics with those of a solar farm.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>buildings are evident in the landscape and low voltage, pole mounted electricity lines pass across the fields to the south.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium</b> – Once new mitigation hedgerows along the permissive footpath have established they would screen the majority of the Solar PV development including the fencing although glimpses of the infrastructure would remain through access gates. The new hedgerows would restrict views across the immediately adjoining fields but the new hedge lined track would be in character with the surrounding hedges and be set back by several meters from the footpath such that it would not be oppressive. The proposed mitigation would therefore notably reduce the scale of change to visual amenity by Year 10.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium</b>– Once new mitigation hedgerows have established along the boundaries of the permissive footpath, they would mostly screen the new solar PV development although glimpses of the infrastructure would remain through access gates. As such the new manufactured structures associated with the Proposed Development would have a reduced impact on landscape character. The sense of openness in the landscape would remain reduced compared to the baseline but the new hedge lined tracks visible at this location would be comparable to the character experienced along Trundle Lane for example.</p>

Table A10.4.9 Viewpoint 8 – Bln/4/2

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from a PRow south of Blankney. Viewpoint is on the Blankney Circuit Stepping Out Route and is representative of recreational users of the PRow network between Blankney, Scopwick and Kirkby Green.</p> <p>The view is across a series of large, flat arable field parcels subdivided by mature hedgerows, tree belts and served by wide, well made agricultural tracks. Views across the fields are terminated in all directions by mature tree belts or blocks of woodland.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> – Construction/ decommissioning of the Proposed Development in Fields By03, By04, By11 and By10 would take place immediate adjacent to this viewpoint. This activity would be openly visible and result in highly prominent change to the view at this location.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large</b> – Solar PV development would be visible in all directions from the viewpoint although development in Fields By04 and By03 would be heavily filtered by existing tree belts. The introduction of new energy infrastructure including solar PV development and boundary fencing would be highly prominent and restrict views across the immediately adjoining fields. It would however be set back by several meters from the footpath and would not be oppressive.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> – Prominent construction/ decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a large scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large</b> – The introduction of solar PV development immediately adjacent to the viewpoint would result in highly prominent new manufactured features in the landscape which would have a strong influence on landscape character at this location. The sense of openness in the landscape would be somewhat reduced but the scale of the landscape, the underlying vegetative structure, landform and sense of detachedness from urban development would remain unchanged. The new infrastructure would essentially sit within a mature agricultural framework and the landscape character at this location would remain primarily rural combining agrarian characteristics with those of a solar farm.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium</b> – Once new mitigation hedgerows along the footpath have established they would screen the majority of the Solar PV development including the fencing although glimpses of the infrastructure would remain through access gates. The new hedgerows would restrict views across the immediately adjoining fields but the new hedge lined track would be in character with the surrounding hedges and be set back by several meters from the footpath such that it would not be oppressive. The proposed mitigation would therefore notably reduce the scale of change to visual amenity by Year 10.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium</b> – Once new mitigation hedgerows have established along the boundaries of the footpath, they would mostly screen the new solar PV development although glimpses of the infrastructure would remain through access gates. As such the new manufactured structures associated with the Proposed Development would have a reduced impact on landscape character. The sense of openness in the landscape would remain reduced compared to the baseline but the new hedge lined tracks visible at this location would be comparable to the character experienced along Trundle Lane for example.</p>

Table A10.4.10 Viewpoint 9 – Scop/3/1 at Junction with Main Street, Scopwick

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from a footpath immediately adjacent to the main street running through Scopwick. Representative of views from the village of Scopwick including residents and recreational users of the footpaths nearest the village and the main road between Scopwick and Kirkby Green.</p> <p>Views are across small pasture fields on the edge of the village and which are bound by mature hedgerows. Due to the flat surrounding landform, layers of hedgerows and tree belts screen more distant views. Vegetation along the Trundle Lane provides a particularly strong visual barrier to the north.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint as would construction/decommissioning activity. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development and associated construction/decommissioning activity would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>

Table A10.4.11 Viewpoint 10 – Spires and Steeples Trail Junction with Trundle Lane – North of Scopwick

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from a junction of footpaths north of Scopwick. Viewpoint is on both the Spires and Steeples Trail and the Scopwick Loop Stepping Out Route and is representative of recreational users of the PRow network between Blankney and Scopwick.</p> <p>The view north east is across a series of large, mostly flat arable field parcels subdivided by mature hedgerows and served by wide, well made agricultural tracks. Tree belts restrict views to the south and west.</p> <p>From here, views across the fields are terminated</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large/Medium</b> – Construction/ decommissioning activity would be visible in Fields C9 and C8 approximately 400m to the north and a primary construction compound would also be located over 600m to the north. Grid connection cables would be laid through the foreground field (Field Md02). This activity would be clearly visible although the construction compound would be set back beyond two hedgerows and set against the backdrop of Ash Holt.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small</b> – The top of solar PV development in Field C9 would be just visible between gaps in and over the top of existing hedgerows on its southern boundary (principally during winter months). Any view of this infrastructure would be seen beyond a far more prominent pylon in the foreground. Solar PV development to the east would not be visible. The change in visual amenity experienced at this location would be relatively small.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large/Medium</b> – Visible construction/ decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a large/medium scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small</b> – The introduction of solar PV development over 400m to the north beyond an existing hedgerow would result in new manufactured features in the landscape which would have a small influence on landscape character at this location. The sense of openness, scale of the landscape, the underlying vegetative structure, landform and sense of detachedness from urban development would remain undiminished. The new infrastructure would essentially sit within a mature agricultural framework and the landscape character at this location would remain primarily rural.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>to the north by mature tree belts or blocks of woodland. Overhead pylons pass through the foreground field to the north east.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> – Once new mitigation hedgerows and existing hedgerows along the southern boundary of Field C9 have established to 3.5 m, there would be almost no view at all of the Proposed Development. There may remain just an occasional heavily filtered glimpse of the solar PV development in Field C9 in winter months but this would be barely discernible. The proposed mitigation would therefore reduce the scale of change to visual amenity by Year 10.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> – Once the existing hedgerow along the boundaries of Field C9 have been strengthened, they would almost entirely screen the new solar PV development although winter glimpses of the infrastructure may remain. As such the new manufactured structures associated with the Proposed Development would be barely discernible and have a reduced impact on landscape character.</p>

Table A10.4.12 Viewpoint 11 – B1188 Junction with Bloxholm Lane

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from a junction of roads and footpaths north of Scopwick House. Viewpoint is representative vehicular users of the roads and recreational users of the PRow network between Blankney and Scopwick.</p> <p>The view east and north east is across a series of flat arable field parcels subdivided by mature hedgerows and served by wide, well made agricultural tracks. A series of woodland blocks and tree belts are prominent and terminate long distance views to the east.</p> <p>A line of pylons pass across the foreground</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium</b> – Construction/ decommissioning activity would just be visible in Field C9 approximately 450m to the north east and a primary construction compound would also be located over 700m to the north east in Field C8. Grid connection cables would be laid through the foreground field (Field Md05). To the north at a distance of approximately 500m construction traffic may also be visible entering and exiting the site beyond intervening hedgerows. This activity would be visible although the construction compound would be set back beyond two hedgerows and set against the backdrop of Ash Holt.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small/Negligible</b> – The very top of solar PV development in Fields C9 and Md01 may just be visible between gaps in and over the top of existing hedgerows (principally during winter months). Any view of this infrastructure would be seen beyond far more prominent pylons in the foreground. The change in visual amenity experienced at this location would be barely very small.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium</b> – Visible construction/ decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a medium scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small/Negligible</b> – The introduction of solar PV development over 450m to the north east beyond an existing hedgerow would result in glimpses of new manufactured features in the landscape which would have a very small influence on landscape character at this location. The sense of openness, scale of the landscape, the underlying vegetative structure, landform and sense of detachedness from urban development would remain</p>



Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>field to the east and traffic on the B1188 is a strong foreground visual influence.</p>		<p>undiminished. The new infrastructure would essentially sit within a mature agricultural framework and the landscape character at this location would remain primarily rural.</p>

**Operation (Year 10): Negligible** – Once new mitigation hedgerows and existing hedgerows have established to 3.5 m, there would be almost no view at all of the Proposed Development. There may remain just an occasional heavily filtered glimpse of the solar PV development in Field C9 in winter months but this would be barely discernible. The proposed mitigation would therefore reduce the scale of change to visual amenity by Year 10.

**Operation (Year 10): Negligible** – Once the existing hedgerows have been strengthened, they would almost entirely screen the new solar PV development although winter glimpses of the infrastructure may remain. As such the new manufactured structures associated with the Proposed Development would be barely discernible.

Table A10.4.13 Viewpoint 12 – Spires and Steeples Trail

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from the Spires and Steeples Trail south of Blankney which is representative of recreational users of the PRow network between Blankney and Scopwick.</p> <p>The view from this location is across surrounding arable fields which are mostly flat and subdivided by mature hedgerows and woodland blocks and which are served by wide, well made agricultural tracks.</p> <p>A series of farms buildings are visible in the surrounding landscape and the church tower in Blankney is visible to the north. Overhead pylons</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> – Construction/ decommissioning activity would be visible in Field C6 immediately adjacent to the viewpoint and a primary construction compound would also be located over 400m to the south east. To the south at a distance of approximately 400m construction traffic would also be visible entering and exiting the site. This activity would be clearly visible although the construction compound would be set back beyond a hedgerow and set against the backdrop of Ash Holt.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large/Medium</b> – Solar PV development in Field C6 would be clearly visible in the adjoining field but the view in all other directions would remain unchanged and there would be no impact on views towards the church tower in Blankney. The introduction of new energy infrastructure including solar PV development and boundary fencing would be highly prominent in a small arc of the overall view. It would however be set back by several meters from the footpath and would not be oppressive.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> – Visible construction/ decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a large scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large/Medium</b> – The introduction of solar PV development immediately adjacent to the viewpoint would result in highly prominent new manufactured features in the landscape which would have a strong influence on landscape character at this location. However the Proposed Development would only occupy a small arc of the overall landscape as experienced at this location and the scale of the landscape, the underlying vegetative structure, landform and sense of detachedness from urban development would remain unchanged. The new infrastructure would essentially sit within a mature</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>pass through the field to the west and traffic on the B1188 is also visible to the west.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small/Negligible</b> – Once new mitigation hedgerows and existing hedgerows have established to 3.5 m, there would be almost no view at all of the Proposed Development. There may remain just an occasional heavily filtered glimpse of the solar PV development in Field C6 in winter months but this would be barely discernible. The proposed mitigation would therefore reduce the scale of change to visual amenity by Year 10.</p>	<p>agricultural framework and the landscape character at this location would remain primarily rural combining agrarian characteristics with those of a solar farm.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small/Negligible</b> – Once new mitigation hedgerows and existing hedgerows have established to 3.5 m, they would almost entirely screen the new solar PV development although winter glimpses of the infrastructure may remain. As such the new manufactured structures associated with the Proposed Development would be barely discernible and have a reduced impact on landscape character.</p>

Table A10.4.14 Viewpoint 13 – Blankney Stepping Out Car Park and Picnic Area

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from a footpath near a picnic area east of Blankney. Viewpoint is on the Blankney Circuit Stepping Out Route and is representative of recreational users of the PRow network between Blankney, Scopwick and Kirkby Green.</p> <p>The view south east is across a series of mostly flat pasture and arable field parcels subdivided by mature hedgerows and interspersed with woodland blocks.</p> <p>Some agricultural buildings are just visible to the south and pole mounted overhead lines pass through the fields to the south. Woodland</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large/Medium</b> – Construction/decommissioning activity would be visible in Field By03 approximately 150m to the south. This activity would be clearly visible but filtered by a broken tree belt along the field’s northern boundary.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large/Medium</b> – Solar PV development in Field C6 would be visible (particularly in winter months) between gaps in the broken tree belt along the field’s northern boundary. Any view of this infrastructure would be seen beyond a foreground pasture field which would remain unchanged.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small/Negligible</b> – Once new mitigation hedgerows and existing hedgerows along</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large/Medium</b> – Visible construction/decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a large/medium scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large/Medium</b> – The introduction of solar PV development to the south of the viewpoint would result in relatively prominent new manmade features in the landscape which would have a strong influence on landscape character at this location. However the scale of the landscape, the underlying vegetative structure, landform and sense of detachedness from urban development would remain unchanged. The new infrastructure would essentially sit within a mature agricultural framework and the landscape character at this location would remain primarily rural combining agrarian characteristics with those of a solar farm.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small/Negligible</b> – Once new mitigation hedgerows and existing hedgerows along</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>wraps around the viewpoint to the north and east restricting views towards Blankney village.</p>	<p>the northern boundary of Field C6 have established to 3.5 m, there would be almost no view at all of the Proposed Development. There may remain just an occasional heavily filtered glimpse of the solar PV development in Field C6 in winter months but this would be barely discernible. The proposed mitigation would therefore reduce the scale of change to visual amenity by Year 10.</p>	<p>the northern boundary of Field C6 have established to 3.5 m, they would almost entirely screen the new solar PV development although winter glimpses of the infrastructure may remain. As such the new manufactured structures associated with the Proposed Development would be barely discernible and have a reduced impact on landscape character.</p>

Table A10.4.15 Viewpoint 14 – Blankney Walks Lane near Brickyard Cottage

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from a minor road running between Blankney and the Metheringham to Sleaford Railway bridleway crossing. Representative of views experienced by residents accessing isolated properties and recreational users of the lane.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Small/Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be almost entirely screened from this viewpoint as would construction/decommissioning activity. There may be some barely discernible distant glimpses of the very top of new infrastructure being erected/removed. The change in visual amenity would be extremely small.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small/Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be almost entirely</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development and associated construction/decommissioning activity would be largely indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be largely indiscernible at this</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>Views are across adjoining arable fields which are intersected by hedgerows and woodland blocks. To the north there are glimpses of Metheringham and to the south there are glimpses of farmsteads and overhead pole mounted electricity lines.</p>	<p>screened from this viewpoint. There may be some barely discernible distant glimpses of the very top of new infrastructure. The change in visual amenity would be extremely small.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> – Once existing hedgerows have been enhanced, the Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p>	<p>location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>

Table A10.4.16 Viewpoint 15 – B1191 Western Edge of Scopwick

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from the B1191 (Heath Road) on the western edge of Scopwick. Representative of views experienced by transient users of the road and also a small number of residential properties on the edge of Scopwick village.</p> <p>Views are across the road towards arable fields on the far side which gently rise southwards to a low ridge. The fields are subdivided by hedgerows. A number of properties are visible along the road including Scopwick Mill. Traffic on the road itself has a strong influence on visual amenity.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium</b> - The Proposed Development would be largely screened from this viewpoint by rising landform as would the associated construction/decommissioning activity. There may be some views of construction/decommissioning traffic entering and leaving the site approximately 1km to the south west and export cable routes would be laid in fields just west of the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small</b> - The Proposed Development would be largely screened from this viewpoint by rising landform. The very top of solar PV development in Fields Bk04, Bk06, Bk15, Bk08, Bk09 and Bk11 would just be glimpsed over the ridge and intervening hedgerows. The change in visual amenity would be relatively small in the context of the foreground fields and traffic on the B1188.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium</b> - Visible construction/ decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a medium scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small</b> – As the solar PV development would not be prominent at this location and the road would continue to be the prominent feature in the foreground, there would be only a small change in landscape character.</p>
	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small</b> – The Proposed Development would be largely screened from this</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small</b> - As the solar PV development would not be prominent at this location</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
	<p>viewpoint by rising landform. The very top of solar PV development in Fields Bk04, Bk06 and Bk15 would just be glimpsed over the ridge although intervening hedgerows maintained at a height of 3.5 m would soften this view. The change in visual amenity would be relatively small in the context of the foreground fields and traffic on the B1188.</p>	<p>and the road would continue to be the prominent feature in the foreground, there would be only a small change in landscape character.</p>

Table A10.4.17 Viewpoint 16 – Footpath Rows/5/1 west of Sheffield House

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from a PRow west of Sheffield House. Viewpoint is representative of recreational users of the PRow network between RAF Digby and the B1188 (Lincoln Road).</p> <p>The view is across a series of medium and</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium/Small</b> – Construction/ decommissioning of the Proposed Development in Fields Bk05 and Bk10, would take place close to this viewpoint but beyond a relatively mature hedgerow which would heavily filter views resulting in a relatively small scale of change in visual amenity.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Medium/Small</b> – Solar PV development would be located in Fields Bk05 and Bk10 but would be heavily filtered by existing</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium/Small</b> - Visible construction/ decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a medium/small scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small</b> – As the solar PV development would not be prominent at this location and the road would continue to be the prominent</p>



Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>large scale, flat and relatively elevated arable fields which are subdivided by hedgerows. Views to the south are relatively open whilst views to the north are more restricted by hedgerows.</p>	<p>hedgerows such that only glimpses of the Proposed Development would be possible (particularly in winter months). Views in the opposite direction to the south would remain largely unchanged. The introduction of new energy infrastructure including solar PV development and boundary fencing would not be highly prominent and have a relatively small influence on visual amenity.</p>	<p>feature in the foreground, there would be only a small change in landscape character.</p>
	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small/Negligible</b> – Once existing hedgerows have been enhanced, they would largely screen the Solar PV development including the fencing although some very heavily filtered glimpses may remain in winter months. The proposed mitigation would therefore reduce the scale of change to visual amenity by Year 10.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small</b> - As the solar PV development would not be prominent at this location and the road would continue to be the prominent feature in the foreground, there would be only a small change in landscape character.</p>

Table A10.4.18 Viewpoint 17 – Footpath Rows/5/1 north of the Maltings

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from a PRow north of several properties at Rowston Top including The Maltings. Viewpoint is representative of recreational users of the PRow network between RAF Digby and the B1188 (Lincoln Road).</p> <p>The view is across a series of large, flat and relatively elevated arable fields to the north and east but to the south the view is across paddocks and Rowston Top and views to the west are terminated by a block of woodland.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> – Construction/ decommissioning of the Proposed Development in Fields Rw01, Rw02, Bk02 and Bk04, would take place immediate adjacent to this viewpoint and a secondary construction compound is proposed in Field Bk04. This activity would be openly visible and result in highly prominent change to the view at this location.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large</b> – Solar PV development would be openly visible to the immediate north of the viewpoint but views in the opposite direction to the south would remain largely unchanged. The introduction of new energy infrastructure including solar PV development and boundary fencing would be highly prominent and restrict views across the immediately adjoining field to the north. It would however be set back by several meters from the footpath and would not be oppressive.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> – Prominent construction/ decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a large scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large</b> – The introduction of solar PV development immediately adjacent to the viewpoint would result in highly prominent new manufactured features in the landscape which would have a strong influence on landscape character at this location. The sense of openness in the landscape would be somewhat reduced but the scale of the landscape, the underlying vegetative structure, landform and sense of detachedness from urban development would remain undiminished. The new infrastructure would essentially sit within a mature agricultural framework and the landscape character at this location would remain primarily rural combining agrarian characteristics with those of a solar farm.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
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**Operation (Year 10): Small** – Once new mitigation hedgerows along the southern boundary of Field Rw01 and Rw02 have established they would screen the majority of the Solar PV development including the fencing. The new hedgerow would restrict views across the immediately adjoining field to the north but be in character with the surrounding hedges and be set back by several meters from the footpath such that it would not be oppressive.

**Operation (Year 10): Small** – Once new mitigation hedgerows have established along the southern boundary of Field Rw01 and Rw02, they would mostly screen the new solar PV development. As such the new manufactured structures associated with the Proposed Development would have a much reduced impact on landscape character. The sense of openness in the landscape would remain somewhat reduced compared to the baseline but the new hedge lined tracks visible at this location would retain a rural character.

Table A10.4.19 Viewpoint 18 – Heath Road (B1191) near Digby Quarry

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from the B1191 (Heath Road) east of RAF Digby. Representative of views experienced by transient users of the road between RAF Digby and Scopwick.</p> <p>Views are across the road towards arable fields on the far side which gently rise southwards to a low ridge. The fields are subdivided by hedgerows. A number of properties are visible along the road including Scopwick Mill. Traffic on the road itself has a strong influence on visual amenity.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> - The Proposed Development would be largely screened from this viewpoint by rising landform as would the associated construction/decommissioning activity. There would however be some views of construction/decommissioning traffic entering and leaving the site approximately 200 m to the north east.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small</b> - The Proposed Development would be largely screened from this viewpoint by rising landform. The very top of solar PV development in Fields Bk04, Bk06 and Bk15 would just be glimpsed over the ridge and intervening hedgerows. The change in visual amenity would be relatively small in the context of the foreground fields and traffic on the B1188.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> - Visible construction/ decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a large scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small</b> – As the solar PV development would not be prominent at this location and the road would continue to be the prominent feature in the foreground, there would be only a small change in landscape character.</p>
	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small</b> – The Proposed Development would be largely screened from this viewpoint by rising landform. The very top of solar PV development in Fields Bk04, Bk06 and Bk15</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small</b> - As the solar PV development would not be prominent at this location and the road would continue to be the prominent</p>

would just be glimpsed over the ridge although intervening hedgerows maintained at a height of 3.5 m would soften this view. The change in visual amenity would be relatively small in the context of the foreground fields and traffic on the B1188.

feature in the foreground, there would be only a small change in landscape character.

Table A10.4.20 Viewpoint 19 – Scopwick Heath Restricted Byway Scop/12/2

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from a restrictive byway north of the B1188. Representative of views experienced recreational users of the route across Scopwick Heath</p> <p>Views are across vast open arable fields with the B1188 in the mid distance and beyond which arable fields on the far side gently rise southwards to a low ridge. The fields on the far side of the B1188 are subdivided by hedgerows. A number of</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium</b> - The Proposed Development would be largely screened from this viewpoint by rising landform as would the associated construction/decommissioning activity. There would however be some views of construction/decommissioning traffic entering and leaving the site approximately 200 m to the north east and there would be some view of the secondary construction compound in Field Bk04.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small</b> - The Proposed Development would be largely screened from this viewpoint by rising landform. The very top of solar PV development in Fields Bk04, Bk06, Bk15, Bk08, Bk09 and Bk11 would just be glimpsed</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium</b> - Visible construction/ decommissioning activity on the distant ridge would result in a medium scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small</b> – As the solar PV development would not be prominent at this location and the foreground fields would continue to be the prominent feature in the foreground, there would be only a small change in landscape character.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>properties are visible along the road including Scopwick Mill. Traffic on the road itself has a strong influence on visual amenity.</p>	<p>over the ridge and intervening hedgerows. The change in visual amenity would be relatively small in the context of the vast foreground fields and traffic on the B1188.</p>	
	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small</b> – The Proposed Development would be largely screened from this viewpoint by rising landform. The very top of solar PV development in Fields Bk04, Bk06, Bk15, Bk08, Bk09 and Bk11 would just be glimpsed over the ridge and intervening hedgerows. The change in visual amenity would be relatively small in the context of the vast foreground fields and traffic on the B1188.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small</b> – As the solar PV development would not be prominent at this location and the foreground fields would continue to be the prominent feature in the foreground, there would be only a small change in landscape character.</p>

Table A10.4.21 Viewpoint 20 – Main Street, west of Junction with B1188, Lincoln Road

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from the verge of Main Street and the B1188 (Lincoln Road) and representative principally of</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint as would construction/decommissioning activity. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development and associated construction/decommissioning activity would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>transient vehicle users on these roads.</p> <p>Views are across large scale, mostly flat arable fields in all directions and the B1188 itself dominates the foreground view in a north and south direction. The open fields are occasionally dissected by field boundary hedgerows, tree belts and individual hedgerow trees. A row of pylons is visible in the mid distance to the west. Due to the flat surrounding landform, layers of hedgerows and tree belts screen more distant views.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>

Table A10.4.22 Viewpoint 21 – Main Street, Ashby de la Launde

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from the verge of Main Street on the southern edge of Ashby de la Launde and representative principally of transient vehicle users on this road but also some recreational users of the road as well. The residential properties in the village are screened by a woodland block.</p> <p>Views are across large scale, flat or gently sloping arable fields in both the south and east directions although the view of transient vehicular users is channelled primarily along the road.</p> <p>From this slightly elevated position, there are long distance views and various woodland blocks and tree</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Small</b> - The Proposed Development would be mostly screened from this viewpoint but there would be glimpses of construction/decommissioning associated with solar PV development in Fields Bcd123, Bcd129 and Bcd 128 at a minimum distance of 1.6 km. Any change in visual amenity would be very small and the majority of the panorama would remain unaffected.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small</b> - The Proposed Development would be mostly screened from this viewpoint but there would be glimpses of solar PV development in Fields Bcd123, Bcd129 and Bcd 128 at a minimum distance of 1.6 km. This would be viewed in the same direction as existing pylons and distant glimpses of the A15. Any change in visual amenity would be very small and the majority of the panorama would remain unaffected.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small/Negligible</b> – Once a new structural tree belt has established alongside Heath Road, this would almost entirely screen the</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Small</b> - Any construction/decommissioning activity visible at this location would result in a relatively small change in landscape character which would continue to be heavily dominated by the large scale arable fields closer to the viewpoint</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small</b> - Any views of the Proposed Development at this location would result in very little change in landscape character which would continue to be heavily dominated by the large scale arable fields closer to the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - Once a new structural tree belt has established alongside Heath Road, this would almost entirely screen the Proposed</p>



Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>belts can be seen across the landscape. In the middle distance buildings at Mount Farm and Slate House can be seen and in the far distance to the south east, pylons can be seen across the horizon and vehicles on the A15 are just discernible.</p>	<p>Proposed Development but there would remain some very distant glimpses of solar PV development in Field Bcd 128. This would be viewed in the same direction as existing pylons and distant glimpses of the A15. Any change in visual amenity would be extremely small and the majority of the panorama would remain unaffected.</p>	<p>Development and changes to landscape character would be almost indiscernible.</p>

Table A10.4.23 Viewpoint 22 – Junction of Heath Road (B1191) and Navenby Lane

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from the junction of Heath Road and Navenby Lane south of Ashby de la Launde and representative principally of transient vehicle users on this road but also some recreational users of the roads as well.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium</b> - Construction/decommissioning associated with solar PV development in Fields Bcd097, Bcd096 and Bcd093 would be visible at a minimum distance of 800 m beyond a large arable field. There would also be a distant view of a secondary construction compound over 1.2km to the west along Navenby Lane. Due to the distance and flat</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium</b> - Any construction/decommissioning activity visible at this location would result in a medium change in landscape character which would continue to be heavily dominated by the large scale arable fields closer to the viewpoint</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>A small number of residential properties also share a similar view near this viewpoint.</p> <p>Views are across vast, flat arable fields in all directions. To the north, there are views of RAF Digby and a number of coverts intersect the otherwise open landscape. Hedgerows are relatively infrequent.</p> <p>Due to the flat open nature of the landscape, there are relatively long distance views to the east and pylons are visible in the distance. Traffic on Heath Road is a strong visual influence at this location.</p>	<p>nature of the surrounding landform, which the activity would be visible it would not be highly prominent at this distance.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small</b> - Solar PV development in Fields Bcd097, Bcd096 and Bcd093 would be visible at a minimum distance of 800 m beyond large arable fields. However, due to the distance and flat landform of the landscape, the Proposed Development would be a small feature in the wide panorama and have a relatively small influence on visual amenity.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small</b> – Solar PV development in Fields Bcd097, Bcd096 and Bcd093 would be visible at a minimum distance of 800 m beyond large arable fields. However, due to the distance and flat landform of the landscape, the Proposed Development would be a small feature in the wide panorama and have a relatively small influence on visual amenity.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small</b> - Any views of the Proposed Development at this location would result in relatively little change in landscape character which would continue to be heavily dominated by the large scale arable fields closer to the viewpoint and sense of openness.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small</b> - Any views of the Proposed Development at this location would result in relatively little change in landscape character which would continue to be heavily dominated by the large scale arable fields closer to the viewpoint.</p>

Table A10.4.24 Viewpoint 23 – Heath Road at Slate House Farm

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from Heath Road at the entrance to Slate House Farm south east of Ashby de la Launde and representative principally of transient vehicle users on this road but also some recreational users of the roads as well. A small number of residential properties also share a similar view near this viewpoint.</p> <p>Views are across large, flat arable fields in all directions but to the north west vegetation around Slate House Farm foreshortens the view.</p> <p>Due to the flat open nature of the landscape, there are relatively long distance views to the east and</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium</b> - Construction/decommissioning associated with solar PV development in Fields Bcd123 and Bcd129 would be visible beyond the foreground field and a low hedgerow (which will grow taller before commencement of construction). This would be relatively clear in the view but seen in the context of traffic on Heath Road.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Medium</b> - Solar PV development in Fields Bcd123 and Bcd129 would be visible beyond a foreground field and a low hedgerow (which will grow taller before operation). This would be relatively clear in the view but seen in the context of traffic on Heath Road.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small</b> – Once established, new structure planting along the southern edge of Field 118 would largely screen views of the solar PV development in Fields Bcd123, Bcd115 and Bcd129 although some glimpses of infrastructure may be possible over the top and through this vegetation (in winter months only). The Proposed</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium</b> - Any construction/decommissioning activity visible at this location would result in a medium change in landscape character, introducing energy infrastructure into an agrarian context which would continue to be defined mostly by the adjacent fields closer to the viewpoint and Heath Road.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Medium</b> - Any view of the solar PV development at this location would result in a medium change in landscape character, introducing energy infrastructure into an agrarian context which would continue to be defined mostly by the adjacent fields closer to the viewpoint and Heath Road.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small</b> - Any views of the Proposed Development at this location would result in relatively little change in landscape character which would continue to be defined by the adjacent fields closer to the viewpoint and Heath Road.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>pylons are visible in the distance. Traffic on Heath Road is a strong visual influence at this location.</p>	<p>Development would be a small feature in the wide panorama and have a relatively small influence on visual amenity.</p>	

Table A10.4.25 Viewpoint 24 – Bloxholm Wood Nature Reserve Layby

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from Heath Road at the Bloxholm Wood Nature Reserve Layby, south of Peacock Lodge Cottages.</p> <p>Viewpoint is representative of transient vehicle users on this road but also some recreational users of the local nature reserve who frequently park in this layby.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> - Construction/decommissioning associated with solar PV development in Fields Bcd139, Bcd138 and Bcd128 would be visible immediately adjacent to this viewpoint and a secondary construction compound would also be located adjacent to this location. This would have a large influence on the existing view.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large</b> - Solar PV development in Fields Bcd139 and Bcd138 would be openly visible immediately adjacent to this viewpoint whilst the top of solar PV development would also</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> - Prominent construction/ decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a large scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large</b> – The introduction of solar PV development immediately adjacent to the viewpoint would result in highly prominent new manufactured features in the landscape which would</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>Views are heavily influenced by Heath Road in the foreground and its fast moving traffic but adjacent fields to the south are openly visible. Bloxholm Wood itself acts as a visual barrier to the east and roadside hedgerows limit views in a westerly direction.</p> <p>Large overhead pylons are a key feature in this relatively flat arable landscape and are highly prominent in the local context.</p>	<p>just be glimpsed over the hedgerow in Field Bcd128. The Proposed Development would be highly prominent but seen in the context of existing prominent pylons and traffic on Heath Road.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium</b> – Once new structural mitigation planting and hedgerows have established around solar PV development in Fields Bcd139 and Bcd138 the Proposed Development would be largely screened with only heavily filtered glimpses of development behind it in winter months. The planting would however also screen the longer distance views across the currently open arable field resulting in a medium scale of change to the baseline view.</p>	<p>have a strong influence on landscape character at this location but which would be experienced in the context of existing prominent pylons and traffic on Heath Road. The sense of openness to the south in the landscape would be somewhat reduced. The new infrastructure would essentially sit within a mature vegetation framework and the landscape character at this location would remain primarily rural combining agrarian characteristics with those of a solar farm.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium</b> – Once new mitigation measures have established around solar PV development in Fields Bcd139 and Bcd138, it would mostly screen the new solar PV development. As such the new manufactured structures associated with the Proposed Development would have a much reduced impact on landscape character. The sense of openness in the landscape would remain somewhat reduced compared to the baseline but the new structural planting would complement the existing woodland in Bloxholm Wood.</p>

Table A10.4.26 Viewpoint 25 – Ashl/11/1 in Long Plantation

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from public footpath as it passes through Bloxholm Wood.</p> <p>Viewpoint is representative of recreational users of the local nature reserve and others who use the local footpath network.</p> <p>Bloxholm Wood itself acts as a visual barrier to the north but to the south there are views across arable and pasture fields defined by well maintained hedgerows.</p> <p>Large overhead pylons are a key feature in the wider context of this relatively flat arable landscape and are highly prominent in the local context.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Small</b> – Construction/ decommissioning of solar PV development in Field Bcd139 would just be visible through adjacent trees and across an intervening hedgerow however this would not be prominent.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small/Negligible</b> - solar PV development in Field Bcd139 would just be visible through adjacent trees and across an intervening hedgerow however this would be barely discernible.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> – Once existing hedgerows have established to 3.5 m in height, there would be no view of the solar PV development.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Small</b> - As the construction/decommissioning activity would not be prominent at this location, there would be a small change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small/Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be barely indiscernible at this location, there would be a small/negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>

Table A10.4.27 Viewpoint 26 – Church Lane north of All Saint’s Church, Brauncewell

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from a minor tree lined road close to All Saints Church in Brauncewell.</p> <p>Viewpoint is representative of visitors to the church and some recreational users of the local road and PROW network south east of the Site.</p> <p>The viewpoint is located in a slight dip in the landscape and fields surrounding the viewpoint rise gently in a bowl around it. The surrounding fields are broken up by several woodland blocks.</p> <p>Large overhead pylons are a key feature and are highly prominent in the local context. The church and a</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Small</b> - Construction/ decommissioning of solar PV development in Field E1 would just be visible through adjacent trees and across an intervening hedgerow however this would not be prominent and would be seen in the context of a highly prominent pylon.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small</b> - Solar PV development in Field E1 would just be visible through adjacent trees and across an intervening hedgerow however this would be barely discernible and glimpses would be seen in the context of a highly prominent pylon.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small</b> – Solar PV development in Field E1 would just be visible through adjacent trees and across an intervening hedgerow however this would be barely discernible and glimpses would be seen in the context of a highly prominent pylon.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Small</b> - As the construction/decommissioning activity would not be prominent at this location, there would be a small change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small/Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be barely indiscernible at this location, there would be a small/negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small/Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be barely indiscernible at this location, there would be a small/negligible change in landscape character.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>cluster of other farm buildings are also locally visible.</p>		

Table A10.4.28 Viewpoint 27 – Junction of A15 and Local Road west of Dale Farm

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from the verge of the A15 at a high point on the road near the junction with a minor road to Dale Farm.</p> <p>Viewpoint is representative primarily of transient vehicle users on the A15.</p> <p>From this elevated location on the A15 there are long distance views to the north across a large scale arable landscape intersected by</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium</b> – Construction/ decommissioning activity would be visible in the far distance across various fields in Springwell West to the north. The foreground fields would remain unchanged and blocks of woodland in the mid distance such as that around Brauncewell Quarry would break up the development. Views of the activity would be seen in the context of heavy traffic on the A15 and a row of pylons across the view.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Medium</b> – Solar PV development would be visible in the far distance across various fields in Springwell West to the</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium/Small</b> – Visible construction/decommissioning activity in the far distance would be visible but the character of the landscape at this viewpoint would continue to be dominated primarily by the large scale fields immediately adjacent to the viewpoint, the wide expansive openness of the location and heavy traffic movement on the A15.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Medium/Small</b> - Visible construction/decommissioning activity in the far distance would be visible but the character of the</p>



Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>blocks of woodland and occasional hedgerows. Vegetation around Brauncewell Quarry nearby is prominent as is the line of large pylons which cross the landscape.</p>	<p>north. The foreground fields would remain unchanged and blocks of woodland in the mid distance such as that around Brauncewell Quarry would break up the development. Views of the activity would be seen in the context of heavy traffic on the A15 and a row of pylons across the view.</p>	<p>landscape at this viewpoint would continue to be dominated primarily by the large scale fields immediately adjacent to the viewpoint, the wide expansive openness of the location and heavy traffic movement on the A15.</p>
<p>The A15 and fast moving traffic on it is a strong visual influence at this location.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium</b> - Solar PV development would be visible in the far distance across various fields in Springwell West to the north. The foreground fields would remain unchanged and blocks of woodland in the mid distance such as that around Brauncewell Quarry would break up the development. Views of the activity would be seen in the context of heavy traffic on the A15 and a row of pylons across the view.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium/Small</b> - Visible construction/decommissioning activity in the far distance would be visible but the character of the landscape at this viewpoint would continue to be dominated primarily by the large scale fields immediately adjacent to the viewpoint, the wide expansive openness of the location and heavy traffic movement on the A15.</p>

Table A10.4.29 Viewpoint 28 – North of Junction of A15 and Church Lane

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from the verge of the A15 at a dip in the road near the junction with Church Lane at Brauncewell.</p> <p>Viewpoint is representative primarily of transient vehicle users on the A15.</p> <p>From this location on the A15 there are mid distance views of the surrounding large arable fields but long distance views are restricted by landform and blocks of woodland in the surrounding landscape.</p> <p>Vegetation around Brauncewell Quarry nearby is prominent as is the line of large pylons which cross the landscape.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> - Construction/ decommissioning activity would be highly visible in the fields immediately adjoining the road. Views of the activity would be seen in the context of heavy traffic on the A15 and a row of pylons across the view. This activity would be openly visible and result in highly prominent change to the view at this location.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large</b> – Solar PV development would be highly visible in the fields immediately adjoining the road. Views of the Proposed Development would be seen in the context of heavy traffic on the A15 and a row of pylons across the view. Despite some gappy hedgerows alongside the road, the development would initially be openly visible and result in highly prominent change to the view at this location.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium/Small</b> – Once hedgerows have established along the roadside edges of Fields E1 and W1 the Proposed Development would be largely screened with</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large/Medium</b> – Visible construction/ decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a large/medium scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint but the road itself would continue to dominate the character at this location.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large/Medium</b> – The Proposed Development in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a large/medium scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint but the road itself would continue to dominate the character at this location.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small</b> – Once roadside hedgerows have established the new infrastructure would have little discernible influence on the character of the landscape but the denser hedgerows alongside</p>

The A15 and fast moving traffic on it is a strong visual influence at this location.

potentially very heavily filtered glimpses in winter months only. The mitigation hedgerows would restrict views across the fields but repair previous gappy hedgerows and traffic on the A15 itself would dominate the view.

the road would in themselves screen views of the adjoining fields and result in a small change to the view but traffic on the A15 would continue to dominate the character at this location.

Table A10.4.30 Viewpoint 29 – A15 at Junction with Warren Lane

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from the verge of the A15 near the junction with Warren Lane and just west of Ashby Lodge Cottages.</p> <p>Viewpoint is representative primarily of transient vehicle users on the A15.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> - Construction/ decommissioning activity would be highly visible in the fields immediately adjoining the road. Views of the activity would be seen in the context of heavy traffic on the A15 and a row of pylons across the view. This activity would be openly visible and result in highly prominent change to the view at this location.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> – Visible construction/ decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a large scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint but the road itself would continue to dominate the character at this location.</p>
<p>From this location on the A15 there are relatively long distance views of the surrounding flat, large and arable fields but views to the east are restricted by roadside trees.</p> <p>Large pylons which cross the landscape are prominent and agricultural buildings are evident within the wider landscape.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large</b> – Solar PV development would be highly visible in the fields immediately adjoining the road. Views of the Proposed Development would be seen in the context of heavy traffic on the A15 and a row of pylons across the view. Despite some gappy hedgerows alongside the road, the development would initially be openly visible and result in highly prominent change to the view at this location.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large</b> – The Proposed Development in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a large scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint but the road itself would continue to dominate the character at this location.</p>
	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium</b> – Once new roadside hedgerows have established along the A15 and Warren Lane much of the solar PV development would be screened although there</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium</b> – Glimpses of the solar PV development over the tops of the hedgerows and the foreshortening of long distance views across the open arable fields would result in a medium scale of</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>The A15 and fast moving traffic on it is a strong visual influence at this location.</p>	<p>would remain some views of the development over the tops of these hedgerows and heavily filtered glimpses through them in winter months only. The hedgerows would themselves however also screen views across the open arable fields either side of the road.</p>	<p>change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint but the road itself would continue to dominate the character at this location.</p>

Table A10.4.31 Viewpoint 30 – A15 on the line of Restricted Byway Temp1/1

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from the verge of the A15 near Temple High Grange Farm and representative of views experienced by transient vehicle users of the A15 as they approach the Proposed Development from the north.</p> <p>Views are open across vast, mostly flat to gently</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium/Small -</b>                      The solar PV development and its construction/decommissioning would be barely visible from this viewpoint due to a combination of distance, gently rolling landform and vegetation screening. Construction/decommissioning activity at the Springwell Substation site would be visible in the distance but partly screened by intervening vegetation. Some works associated with the grid connection cable route would be evident on the</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium/Small –</b> Any construction/decommissioning activity visible at this location would result in a relatively small change in landscape character which would continue to be heavily dominated by the large scale arable fields closer to the viewpoint as well as heavy traffic movement on the A15 in the foreground.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>undulating arable fields on both sides of the A15 but foreground views are channelled along the A15 trunk road and heavy traffic movement dominates the experience at this location.</p> <p>The adjacent fields have a backdrop of woodland blocks to the west and also in the far distance to the east. Fields are also occasionally intersected by a series of woodland blocks and occasional hedgerows. A prominent row of pylons runs parallel to the A15 some distance to the east.</p>	<p>far side of the A15. Any activity would be seen in the foreground context of traffic on the A15.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small</b> - The solar PV development would be barely visible from this viewpoint due to a combination of distance, gently rolling landform and screening from woodland blocks and hedgerows. The top of the Springwell Substation would be visible beyond intervening hedgerows but be far less prominent than the pylons which run parallel to the A15. The view would continue to be dominated by the vast openness of the surrounding arable fields in closer proximity to the viewpoint and any view of the Springwell Substation would be seen in the foreground context of traffic on the A15.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small</b> - The solar PV development would be barely visible from this viewpoint due to a combination of distance, gently rolling landform and screening from woodland blocks and hedgerows. The top of the Springwell Substation would be visible beyond intervening hedgerows but be far less prominent than the pylons which run parallel to the A15. The</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small/Negligible</b> - Any views of the Proposed Development at this location would result in very little change in landscape character which would continue to be heavily dominated by the large scale arable fields closer to the viewpoint as well as heavy traffic movement on the A15 in the foreground.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small/Negligible</b> - Any views of the Proposed Development at this location would result in very little change in landscape character which would continue to be heavily dominated by the large scale arable fields closer to the viewpoint as well as heavy traffic movement on the A15 in the foreground.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
	<p>view would continue to be dominated by the vast openness of the surrounding arable fields in closer proximity to the viewpoint and any view of the Springwell Substation would be seen in the foreground context of traffic on the A15.</p>	

Table A10.4.32 Viewpoint 31 – Junction of BRAU/10/1 and Long Lane

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from the edge of Long Lane and representative of views experienced by recreational users of a country lane and PRow network to the south east of the Site.</p> <p>Views are across large scale, mostly flat to gently</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Small/Negligible</b>                      - The Proposed Development would be barely visible from this viewpoint due to a combination of distance, gently rolling landform and screening from woodland blocks and hedgerows. Construction/decommissioning activity would likewise be largely screened. Any glimpses of activity would be seen in the distant context of traffic on the A15. The change in visual amenity would be extremely small.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development and associated construction/decommissioning activity would be barely discernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>rolling arable fields in all directions. The fields are intersected by a series of woodland blocks and occasional hedgerows. Views to the east are also interrupted by vegetation around the periphery of Brauncewell Quarry. In the far distance to the west, vehicles on the A15 are just visible in a gap between woodland blocks and a row of pylons is visible broadly parallel to the A15.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small/Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be barely visible from this viewpoint due to a combination of distance, gently rolling landform and screening from woodland blocks and hedgerows. Any glimpses of solar PV development would be seen in the distant context of traffic on the A15. The change in visual amenity would be extremely small.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small/Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be barely visible from this viewpoint due to a combination of distance, gently rolling landform and screening from woodland blocks and hedgerows. Any glimpses of solar PV development would be seen in the distant context of traffic on the A15. The change in visual amenity would be extremely small.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be barely discernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be barely discernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>



Table A10.4.33 Viewpoint 32 – Temple Road east of Temple Bruer

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from Temple Road and representative of views experienced by recreational users of a country lane east of the Site.</p> <p>Views are principally channelled along Temple Road in an east and west direction but also encompass the large arable fields either side particularly in winter months.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Small/Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be barely visible from this viewpoint due to a combination of distance, gently rolling landform and screening from roadside vegetation and other field hedgerows. Construction/decommissioning activity would likewise be largely screened. There may be a very small glimpse of activity at the end of the road. The change in visual amenity would be extremely small.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development and associated construction/decommissioning activity would be barely discernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>
	<p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small/Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be barely visible from this viewpoint due to a combination of distance, gently rolling landform and screening from roadside vegetation and other field hedgerows. There may be a very small glimpse of solar PV development at the end of the road. The change in visual amenity would be extremely small.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be barely discernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>
	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small/Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be barely visible</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be barely discernible at this</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
	<p>from this viewpoint due to a combination of distance, gently rolling landform and screening from roadside vegetation and other field hedgerows. There may be a very small glimpse of solar PV development at the end of the road. The change in visual amenity would be extremely small.</p>	<p>location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>

Table A10.4.34 Viewpoint 33 – The Viking Way/High Dike south of Temple Road

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from a long distance footpath and representative of views experienced by recreational users of a country lane and PRow network to the east of the Site.</p> <p>Views are across large scale, mostly flat to gently</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint as would construction/decommissioning activity. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development and associated construction/decommissioning activity would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>rolling arable fields in all directions. The fields are intersected by a series of woodland blocks and occasional hedgerows. In the far distance to the east, the tops of pylons adjacent to the A15 are just visible.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>

Table A10.4.35 Viewpoint 34 – Junction of New England Lane and Warren Lane

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from a bridleway and representative of views experienced by recreational users of a country lane and PRow network to the east of the Site.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Small</b> - The Proposed Development would be mostly screened from this viewpoint but distant cranes associated with construction of the Springwell Substation and BESS would potentially be glimpsed in the distance to the north east. The change in visual amenity would be small and the main vistas along the lanes would be unaffected.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Small</b> - As the Proposed Development and associated construction/decommissioning activity would only be glimpsed in the distance, there would be a small change in landscape character.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>Views are principally along either New England Lane or Warren Lane but with glimpses and across adjacent large scale, mostly flat to arable fields. The fields are intersected by a series of woodland blocks and occasional hedgerows. In the far distance to the north east, the tops of pylons adjacent to the A15 are visible.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small/Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be mostly screened from this viewpoint due to a combination of distance, landform and vegetation. The very top of the Springwell Substation and BESS may be glimpsed in the far distance. Any change in visual amenity would be barely discernible.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small/Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be mostly screened from this viewpoint due to a combination of distance, landform and vegetation. The very top of the Springwell Substation and BESS may be glimpsed in the far distance. Any change in visual amenity would be barely discernible.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be largely indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be largely indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>

Table A10.4.36 Viewpoint 35 – Warren Lane near Thompsons Bottom

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from Warren Lane to the east of Thompson Bottom Farm.</p> <p>Viewpoint is representative primarily of transient vehicle users on this road but also some occasional recreational users of the road.</p> <p>From this location there are wide open views across the vast arable landscape on either side of Warren Lane. Vegetation is sparse but there are some blocks of woodland in the wider landscape.</p> <p>Large overhead pylons tower over the viewpoint</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> - Construction/ decommissioning activity would be highly visible in the fields immediately adjoining the road and construction of Springwell Substation and the BESS would also be visible to the north at this location. Views of the activity would be seen in the context of traffic on the A15 (and to a lesser degree also Warren Lane) and a dominant row of pylons at this location. This activity would be openly visible and result in highly prominent change to the view at this location.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large</b> – Solar PV development would be highly visible in the fields immediately adjoining the road but this in itself would screen longer distance views of the Springwell Substation and BESS. Views of the Proposed Development would be seen in the context a dominant row of pylons at this location. This development would be openly visible and result in highly prominent change to the view at this location.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large</b> – Visible construction/ decommissioning activity in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a large scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint but be experienced in the immediate context of dominant pylons.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Large</b> – The Proposed Development in close proximity to the viewpoint would result in a large scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint but be experienced in the immediate context of dominant pylons.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>and dominate the immediate context and vehicles on the A15 to the east are also prominent.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium</b> – Once new roadside hedgerows have established along Warren Lane much of the solar PV development would be screened although there would remain some heavily filtered glimpses of the development through them in winter months only. The hedgerows would themselves however also screen views across the open arable fields either side of the road.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium</b> – Glimpses of the solar PV development and the foreshortening of long distance views across the open arable fields would result in a medium scale of change to the existing agrarian character experienced in the immediate vicinity of the viewpoint and the pylons would continue to dominate the character at this location.</p>

Table A10.4.37 Viewpoint 36 – New England Lane

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from New England Lane which is primarily used as a PRow and representative of views experienced by recreational users of the country lanes and PRow network east of Navenby.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Large/Medium</b> - The solar PV development would be mostly screened at this viewpoint by intervening vegetation but construction/decommissioning of the Springwell Substation and BESS would be highly noticeable at a distance of approximately 600 m. This construction activity would form a large feature of the view at this distance but be</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium</b> – Construction/ decommissioning activity visible at this location would be set back from the viewpoint by a large arable field and the character in the vicinity of the viewpoint would continue to be dominated by the immediate agricultural context. Views of the development would be seen in the context of the existing pylons which would be notably taller and more prominent in the view.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>Note that this location was selected to show the worst case scenario view towards the Springwell Substation where there is a gap in the hedgerow. It is not typical of the view elsewhere along the lane which is typically enclosed on both sides by mature hedgerows.</p> <p>At this location there are views eastwards across the adjoining arable fields. A block of woodland (Gorse Covert) is prominent in the mid distance and a row of pylons is highly prominent traversing the landscape to the east.</p>	<p>seen in the context of the existing pylons. Views to the west would remain unchanged.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Medium</b> - The solar PV development would be mostly screened at this viewpoint by intervening vegetation but the Springwell Substation and BESS would be a clearly identifiable feature at a distance of approximately 600 m. The Springwell Substation and BESS would be seen in the context of the existing pylons and partly screened by landform and existing vegetation. Views to the west would remain unchanged.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium</b> - The solar PV development would be mostly screened at this viewpoint by intervening vegetation but the Springwell Substation and BESS would be a clearly identifiable feature at a distance of approximately 600 m. Mitigation planting along the western boundary of Field Tb2 would provide further screening of these features by Year 10 but the tops of the structures would remain visible. The Springwell Substation and BESS would be</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 1): Medium/Small</b> – The Springwell Substation and BESS would be set back from the viewpoint by a large arable field and the character in the vicinity of the viewpoint would continue to be dominated by the immediate agricultural context. Views of the development would be seen in the context of the existing pylons which would be notably taller and more prominent in the view.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium/Small</b> – The Springwell Substation and BESS would be set back from the viewpoint by a large arable field and the character in the vicinity of the viewpoint would continue to be dominated by the immediate agricultural context. Views of the development would be seen in the context of the existing pylons which would be notably taller and more prominent in the view.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
	<p>seen in the context of the existing pylons. Views to the west would remain unchanged.</p>	

Table A10.4.38 Viewpoint 37 – Heath Lane east of Vine Road

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from Heath Lane representing views experienced principally by transient vehicle users of the road but also infrequent recreational users.</p> <p>Note that this location was selected to show the worst case scenario view through a gap in the dense roadside hedgerows along this section of Heath Lane and is not typical of the view elsewhere along the lane which is typically enclosed</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint as would construction/decommissioning activity. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development and associated construction/decommissioning activity would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>



Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>on both sides by mature roadside hedgerows.</p> <p>At this gap in the hedgerow there are views across the adjoining agricultural fields and in the far distance, the tops of pylons can be seen beyond Gorse Covert</p>		

Table A10.4.39 Viewpoint 38 – Wellingore Playing Fields

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from recreational playing fields on the edge of Wellingore and Navenby. The view across the fields is terminated by boundary hedgerows and the tops of tree belts beyond.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint as would construction/decommissioning activity. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development and associated construction/decommissioning activity would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be indiscernible at this location,</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
	<p>this viewpoint. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p>	<p>there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>

Table A10.4.40 Viewpoint 39 – Green Man Road east of Navenby

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from Green Man Road representing views experienced principally by transient vehicle users of the road but also infrequent recreational users.</p> <p>Note that this location was selected to show the worst</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint by intervening vegetation as would construction/decommissioning activity. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development and associated construction/decommissioning activity would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be indiscernible at this location,</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>case scenario view towards the Springwell Substation where the road is at a slightly higher elevation than the adjacent hedgerow. It is not typical of the view elsewhere along the road which is typically enclosed on both sides by mature roadside hedgerows.</p> <p>At this location there are views across the adjoining arable fields to the south and a row of pylons are prominent in the foreground and run southwards becoming increasingly less prominent with distance.</p>	<p>this viewpoint by intervening vegetation. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - The Proposed Development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint by intervening vegetation. There would be no discernible change in visual amenity.</p>	<p>there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 10): Negligible</b> - As the Proposed Development would be indiscernible at this location, there would be a negligible change in landscape character.</p>

Table A10.4.41 Viewpoint 40 – The Heath adjacent to Four Winds Farm

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>View from The Heath representing views experienced principally by transient vehicle users of the road but also occasional recreational users of the country lane and also a small number of residential properties which share a similar view.</p> <p>Note that this location was selected to show the worst case scenario view towards the Springwell Substation where there is a gap in the roadside hedgerow. It is not typical of the view elsewhere along the road which is typically enclosed on both sides by mature roadside hedgerows.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium</b> - The solar PV development would be mostly screened at this viewpoint by intervening vegetation but construction/decommissioning of the Springwell Substation and BESS would be visible at a distance of over 1.5 km and beyond the pylons in the far east. This construction activity would form a small feature of the view at this distance and be no more prominent than the pylons. The wider panorama would remain largely unchanged.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Medium/Small</b> - The solar PV development would be mostly screened at this viewpoint by intervening vegetation but the upper parts of the Springwell Substation and BESS would be visible at a distance of over 1.5 km and beyond the pylons in far east. The new development would be clearly visible but not highly prominent. It would constitute a distant feature and the foreground fields together with large woodland blocks across the horizon would continue to dominate the view.</p>	<p><b>Construction/Decommissioning: Medium/Small</b> – Construction/decommissioning activity visible at this location would be a distant feature of a large scale landscape and the character in the vicinity of the viewpoint would continue to be dominated by the immediate agricultural context. Any views of the development would be seen in the context of the existing pylons which would be notably taller and more prominent in the view.</p> <p><b>Operation (Year 1): Small</b> – The Springwell Substation and BESS at this location would be a distant feature of a large scale landscape and the character in the vicinity of the viewpoint would continue to be dominated by the immediate agricultural context. Any views of the development would be seen in the context of the existing pylons which would be notably taller and more prominent in the view. Any views of the Proposed Development at this location would result in very little change in landscape character.</p>

Baseline View	Predicted Scale of Visual Change	Predicted Scale of Landscape Change
<p>At this location there are views eastwards across the adjoining arable fields. A block of woodland (Gorse Covert) is prominent in the mid distance and a row of pylons is clearly visible traversing the landscape to the east. Closer to the viewpoint a series of buildings are locally prominent.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Medium/Small</b> - The solar PV development would be mostly screened at this viewpoint by intervening vegetation but the upper parts of the Springwell Substation and BESS would be visible at a distance of over 1.5 km and beyond the pylons in far east. The new development would be clearly visible but not highly prominent. It would constitute a distant feature and the foreground fields together with large woodland blocks across the horizon would continue to dominate the view.</p>	<p><b>Operation (Year 10): Small</b> - The Springwell Substation and BESS at this location would be a distant feature of a large scale landscape and the character in the vicinity of the viewpoint would continue to be dominated by the immediate agricultural context. Any views of the development would be seen in the context of the existing pylons which would be notably taller and more prominent in the view. Any views of the Proposed Development at this location would result in very little change in landscape character.</p>



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