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## APPENDIX 11.1:

# LAND USE AND AGRICULTURE SCOPING OPINION RESPONSE

## 11.1 INTRODUCTION

11.1.1 This section provides the response to the land use assessment comments raised by the Secretary of State (SoS) within the Scoping Opinion<sup>1</sup>. Table A11.1.1 lists the issues raised by the SoS within the Scoping Opinion and how these have been addressed in the Environmental Statement (ES).

Table A11.1.1 – Issues Raised and Responses to the Scoping Opinion		
Paragraph	Issue Raised by SoS	Response
Land Use		
3.83	The Scoping Report states that data will be gathered from desk-based studies including the Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) scheme established by the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). It is noted that this will be supplemented by discussions with farmers and information on agri-environmental schemes available on the DEFRA website. The SoS welcomes this approach.	Noted
3.84	The Applicant must clearly set out in the ES the assessment undertaken in determining the loss of Best Most Versatile Land (BMV).	The assessment has been undertaken largely by means of a desk study, utilising information from published sources and from specific liaison and consultation.  As the permanent land take for the Proposed Development is

<sup>1</sup> <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/EN020021/EN020021-000012-Scoping%20Opinion.pdf>

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Paragraph	Issue Raised by SoS	Response
		only the footprint of the trident wood poles the assessment uses professional judgement rather than any formal methodology.
3.85	Paragraph 13.7.4 of the Scoping Report notes potential land take for the poles and stays and ' <i>..if required a small number of new permanent access tracks</i> '. Any requirement for permanent access tracks, as noted above in this Opinion, should be clearly identified in the Proposed Development description, and any impacts fully assessed in the ES.	There are no new access tracks within the Proposed Development.
3.86	Paragraph 13.1.5 states that the ES will focus only on agricultural land without justifying why any other land classifications are not required to be assessed. Whilst it is understood that the area within which the Proposed Development would be situated is predominantly agricultural, this approach should be justified in the ES.	The land use within the study area is almost entirely agricultural, however the baseline and assessment recognises a number of other small-scale land uses in keeping to its rural nature including residential properties, recreational uses, Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and businesses. Effects on these receptors are considered in Chapter 6 'Landscape and Visual' ( <b>DCO Document 6.6</b> ) and Chapter 10 Socio Economic ( <b>DCO Document 6.10</b> ).
3.87	The SoS welcomes the inclusion in the CEMP of measures agreed with land owners and tenants. The CEMP should include measures to address the potential effects of the	The draft Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) ( <b>DCO Document 6.3.2</b> ) includes information on land and hedge reinstatement and re-establishment; as well as



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	temporary disturbance/loss of land and hedges prior to their reinstatement and re-establishment. The SoS also encourages the consideration of a soil management plan to mitigate any soil impacts and impacts to field drainage regimes, as necessary.	details on soil management and field drainage regimes.