

## **LVIA Appendix 11.2 – Viewpoint Analysis**

**Table B1: Viewpoint Locations**

| Vp No | Location                                                         | Easting | Northing | Elevation (approx) | Distance (km) | Bearing (approx) to site | Landscape Character Area | Landscape Designations | Recreational and Transport Routes  | Visual receptors              |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1     | Footpath AE432 near Park Wood                                    | 607769  | 138808   | 59m AOD            | 0.02          | S                        | Evegate Mixed Farmlands  | None                   | Public Right of Way                | Walkers                       |
| 2     | Footpath AE457 near The Paddock                                  | 607658  | 137343   | 58m AOD            | 0.09          | N                        | East Stour Valley        | None                   | Public Right of Way                | Walkers, nearby residents     |
| 3     | Church Lane near Bested House                                    | 608131  | 137737   | 57m AOD            | 0.16          | W & SE                   | East Stour Valley        | None                   | Local road                         | Motorists, nearby residents   |
| 4     | Junction of footpaths AE459 and AE460 near Lower Park Farm       | 607875  | 137055   | 53m AOD            | 0.38          | NE                       | East Stour Valley        | None                   | Public Right of Way                | Walkers                       |
| 5     | Harringe Lane by Harringe Bridge                                 | 609425  | 137904   | 68m AOD            | 0.77          | W                        | Upper Stour Valley       | None                   | Local road over HS1                | Motorists and rail passengers |
| 6     | Footpath AE477 near Grove Cottage, Aldington                     | 607625  | 136220   | 79m AOD            | 1.2           | N                        | Aldington Ridgeline      | None                   | Public Right of Way                | Walkers, nearby residents     |
| 7     | Footpath AE474 west of Aldington                                 | 607222  | 136331   | 85m AOD            | 1.16          | N                        | Aldington Ridgeline      | None                   | Public Right of Way                | Walkers                       |
| 8     | Footpath AE485 Saxon Shore Way by Roman Road near Postling Green | 607294  | 135743   | 96m AOD            | 1.7           | N                        | Aldington Ridgeline      | Kent Downs AONB        | Local road, long distance footpath | Motorists and walkers         |
| 9     | PRoW AE299 North Downs Way by Kingsmill Down                     | 610011  | 142777   | 178m AOD           | 4.58          | SW                       | Stowting: Postling Vale  | Kent Downs AONB        | National Trail, local road         | Walkers and motorists         |
| 10    | PRoW AE299 North Downs Way by Brabourne Lane                     | 611063  | 142176   | 172m AOD           | 4.69          | SW                       | Stowting: Postling Vale  | Kent Downs AONB        | National Trail                     | Walkers                       |

| Vp No | Location                                                    | Easting | Northing | Elevation (approx) | Distance (km) | Bearing (approx) to site | Landscape Character Area | Landscape Designations | Recreational and Transport Routes | Visual receptors      |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 11    | Car park by PRoW HE356 North Downs Way at Farthing Common   | 613620  | 140350   | 179m AOD           | 5.6           | SW                       | Stowting: Postling Vale  | Kent Downs AONB        | National Trail, main road         | Walkers and motorists |
| 12    | PRoW AE143 North Downs Way through Wye Downs Nature Reserve | 607914  | 145165   | 174m AOD           | 6.2           | S                        | Wye: Stour Valley        | Kent Downs AONB        | National Trail                    | Walkers               |

### *Prediction Methodology*

1. The following viewpoint analysis has identified the visual receptor sensitivity and landscape sensitivity at each viewpoint location and combined these with the predicted magnitude of change in the view in order to determine the overall impact and whether or not this would be a significant change in the view for each visual receptor type and landscape character unit at each location.

### Visual Receptors

2. In accordance with GLVIA3, the sensitivity of each visual receptor group at each location is a function of the susceptibility of visual receptors to change at that location and the value attached to these views.
3. All visual receptors are people and are assumed to be equally sensitive to change. However, the location and activities of visual receptors influence the way in which they currently experience the landscape and views, the extent to which views of the surrounding landscape may contribute to their existing visual amenity, the value they place on these views and their susceptibility to changes in these views. Accordingly, at any one location there may be different levels of sensitivity for the different receptor groups, the sensitivity may vary depending on the direction of the view, and any one receptor group may be accorded different levels of sensitivity at different locations.
4. Receptor susceptibility levels of very susceptible, susceptible, moderate susceptibility, slight susceptibility and negligible susceptibility are used taking into account the following factors:
  - Receptor location, occupation or activity,
  - Movement of receptor and duration and frequency of view experienced,
  - Focus of attention and interest.
5. The judgement of value is based on a five point scale – National value, County/Borough/District value, Community value, private value, unvalued. The value attached to a location or to a particular view at a location can influence the purpose and expectation of receptors at the location and the judgement of value takes into account:
  - Recognised value – for example by the presence of planning designations or designated heritage assets,
  - Indicators of value – to individuals, communities and society generally, such as the popularity of a location.
6. Accordingly, visual receptor sensitivity is determined in terms of the sensitivity of each location for each receptor type (rather than the sensitivity of the receptors *per se*), using a five point relative scale – high, high/medium, medium, medium/low and low.

### Landscape Receptors

7. In accordance with GLVIA3, the sensitivity of each landscape unit is judged on the basis of its value and its susceptibility to change arising from the specific type, scale and location of development proposed.
8. The susceptibility to change of a landscape unit is based on a five point scale (very susceptible, susceptible, moderate susceptibility, slight susceptibility and negligible susceptibility) and depends on:
  - The key characteristics of the landscape, and the clarity and robustness of these characteristics,
  - Nature of views (visual enclosure/openness of views and extent to which views contribute to landscape character),
  - Landscape planning policies and strategies for the landscape unit,
  - The nature of the changes to landscape character and views that could be brought about by the type, scale and location of the proposed development and the compatibility of these with the above factors.

9. The same five point value scale is used for landscape units as for visual receptors. Judgements on landscape value are based on those given in published landscape character assessments (where given) and/or checked in the field from fieldwork observations.
10. Accordingly, the assessment of landscape sensitivity for each landscape unit is derived from the judgement of value and combined with the judgement of susceptibility to give a level of landscape sensitivity as part of a five point scale – high, high/medium, medium, medium/low or low sensitivity.

#### Magnitude of Change

11. The magnitude of the change in the views and in landscape character from the viewpoints has been assessed using a five point scale – very substantial, substantial, moderate, slight and negligible and also the intermediate categories of very substantial/substantial, substantial/moderate, moderate/slight and slight/negligible. This magnitude of change scale is a relative scale and is not an absolute scale. It is based on the assessor's professional judgement of largely quantifiable parameters, including:
  - Distance and direction of the viewpoint from the development.
  - Extent of the development visible from the viewpoint.
  - Field of view occupied by the development (horizontal and vertical angles of view) and proportion of view (as a percentage of the panorama).
  - Context of the view and degree of contrast with the existing landscape and built elements (background, form, composition, pattern, scale and mass, line, movement, colour, texture, etc).
  - Scale of change with respect to the loss or addition of features in the view. For the addition of built form, this includes the relative scale of the development and whether the development would be overwhelming, overbearing, dominant, prominent, visible, noticeable, discernible or barely discernible.
  - Duration and nature of the effect, eg direct/ indirect, secondary, cumulative, temporary/ permanent, short term/ long term, intermittent/ continuous, reversible/ irreversible, etc (as related to the nature of the development).
12. The sensitivity and magnitude of change have then been combined as per the matrix in **Table B2** below. Overall effects of major/moderate and above are considered significant (in EIA terms) and are shaded dark grey in **Table B2** below. Overall effects of moderate+ may be significant if experienced over a sustained length of a route or over most of a zone, area or location, and overall effects of moderate may contribute to significance if combined with greater changes at the same general location, accordingly, where there is potential for significant effects, this is reflected in light grey shading. Moderate/minor+ or lower changes are unlikely to result in significant changes to views or landscape character.

**Table B2 – Assessment of Overall Impact and Significance**

| LOCATION<br>SENSITIVITY | MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE |               |              |              |              |                |              |                |              |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|                         | V sub               | V sub/<br>sub | Sub          | Sub/<br>mod  | Mod          | Mod/<br>slight | Slight       | Slight/<br>neg | Neg          |
| <b>High</b>             | Major++             | Major+        | Major        | Maj/<br>mod+ | Maj/<br>mod  | Mod+           | Mod          | Mod/<br>min+   | Mod/<br>min  |
| <b>High/<br/>medium</b> | Major+              | Major         | Maj/<br>mod+ | Maj/<br>mod  | Mod+         | Mod            | Mod/<br>min+ | Mod/<br>min    | Minor+       |
| <b>Medium</b>           | Major               | Maj/<br>mod+  | Maj/<br>mod  | Mod+         | Mod          | Mod/<br>min+   | Mod/<br>min  | Minor+         | Minor        |
| <b>Medium/<br/>low</b>  | Maj/<br>mod+        | Maj/<br>mod   | Mod+         | Mod          | Mod/<br>min+ | Mod/<br>min    | Minor+       | Minor          | Min/<br>neg+ |

| Low | Maj/<br>mod | Mod+ | Mod | Mod/<br>min+ | Mod/<br>min | Minor+ | Minor | Minor/<br>neg+ | Min/<br>neg |
|-----|-------------|------|-----|--------------|-------------|--------|-------|----------------|-------------|
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13. Significant effects on landscape character may be beneficial or adverse:

- Significant beneficial effects on landscape character - are likely to occur where the proposed development would materially enhance the quality (condition) of the landscape, would complement the existing character and/or where particularly valued characteristics, previously lost or degraded, would be reinstated.
- Significant adverse effects on landscape character - are likely to occur where the proposed development would become a key characteristics of the landscape, would contrast with the existing character, and/or where existing key characteristics would be permanently (or long-term temporarily) lost or changed and cannot be adequately mitigated.

14. The polarisation of public opinion on renewable energy developments is such that significant effects on views can be considered beneficial by some observers and adverse by others. Accordingly, in order to consider a worst case scenario, it is recommended that the predicted effects on views are considered to be adverse.

#### *Viewpoint Analysis*

15. The findings of the viewpoint analysis are provided in **Table B3** below. This analysis was undertaken in the field in June, September and November 2021 using computer-generated wireframe views of the proposed development. It is illustrated by the images in **Viewpoints 1 to 12** which were photographed in October 2021, showing the existing and predicted views in the direction of the proposed development from each of these locations together with the effects of proposed mitigation planting at year 10 where relevant. In these figures, photographs illustrate the existing views from each viewpoint and photomontages and/or computer-generated wireframes illustrate the predicted views including the proposed development. These viewpoint illustrations should be printed at A1 (length) size and should be held at a comfortable arm's length in order for the scale of the elements in the images to approximately match those in the field when viewed from these viewpoint locations.

16. Distances provided are to the nearest solar panel.

17. As a further point of reiteration, the viewpoint analysis set out below has assumed excellent weather conditions.

Table B3: Viewpoint Analysis – Effects of the proposal

| Vp 1: Footpath AE432 near Park Wood          |                      |                    |                                                       |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Distance to proposed solar farm              | NGR                  | Elevation (approx) | Landscape designation                                 | Recreational area or route      | Existing View                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 0.02km                                       | 607769<br>138808     | 59m AOD            | None                                                  | Public Right of Way             | Located on a local footpath close to the M20 at the point that the footpath changes direction and heads in a southwesterly direction through a large agricultural field. The M20 is audible to the north although largely screened by a bank of intervening mature trees. The landform gently slopes down through the foreground to the south, with woodland visible throughout the middle distance of the view. Pylons are visible above some of this woodland, with limited sections of a distant ridge of higher land also discernible. |
| Solar Farms Visible                          |                      |                    |                                                       |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Solar Developments                           | Distance (km)        | Direction from Vp  | Solar farm visible                                    | Maximum solar panel array angle | Observations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| East Stour                                   | 0.02                 | NW-E               | Partially (western and eastern site parcels screened) | 175 °                           | The existing Sellindge Solar Farm is entirely screened from this viewpoint.<br><br>The western and eastern portions of the proposed solar farm site would also be entirely screened from view by intervening mature vegetation and the HS1 railway embankment. The northern section of the proposal would be clearly visible across large parts of the foreground view, with a wide swathe of land set aside for access along the public footpath.                                                                                         |
| Assessment of Effects on Landscape Character |                      |                    |                                                       |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| LCA                                          | Value Susceptibility | Sensitivity        | Magnitude                                             | Individual effects              | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

| Evegate Mixed Farmlands        | Local Slight susceptibility | Medium/ low  | Substantial adverse | Moderate+ adverse  | <p>A landscape of local value that could have slight susceptibility, with a medium/ low sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The local landscape is partly characterised by the noise and movement from the M20 and HS1 rail link and has a less rural character due to visibility, movement and sound from these elements as well as from the visibility of the pylon lines. The proposed solar farm would be seen within up to approximately 175° of the view to the south, where the remainder of the solar farm to the south of HS1 would be screened.</p> <p>Parts of the proposed development would become a key characteristic of this part of the landscape, would be seen in the context of some existing elements of development, would compete with some of the existing landscape characteristics and would be a prominent additional feature for the duration of the operational life, resulting in a substantial adverse magnitude of change and a moderate+ adverse effect on landscape character at this location. This indicates that these predicted effects may be significant if experienced over a greater local area. This is discussed in more detail later within the main assessment.</p> |
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| Assessment of Effects on Views |                             |              |                     |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Receptor                       | Value Susceptibility        | Sensitivity  | Magnitude           | Individual effects | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Walkers                        | Community Susceptible       | High/ medium | Substantial         | Major/ moderate+   | <p>A local public right of way with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly, could use the route frequently, with views in several different directions, and so would be susceptible and with a high/medium sensitivity to changes in the view. The most proximate section of the proposed development would be seen in the near distance, although the majority of the proposal further to the south would be entirely screened. The visible portion of the development would be clearly visible and would occupy a maximum of 175° of the view, seen in association with some existing development elements (pylons). The visibility of the proposal from this viewpoint would result in a substantial magnitude of change and a major/moderate+ effect on the visual amenity of walkers at this point. This indicates that these predicted effects would be significant for these receptors. This is discussed in more detail later within the main assessment.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

| Vp 2: Footpath AE457 near The Paddock        |                      |                    |                       |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Distance to proposed solar farm              | NGR                  | Elevation (approx) | Landscape designation | Recreational area or route      | Existing View                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 0.09km                                       | 607658<br>137343     | 58mAOD             | None                  | Public Right of Way             | Located on a footpath as it leaves a woodland area and enters agricultural fields on Bested Hill. The view looks west, north and east. The existing Sellindge Solar Farm is entirely screened from view to the northeast. A pylon line crossing over Bested Hill is visible in the near distance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Solar Farms Visible                          |                      |                    |                       |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Solar Developments                           | Distance (km)        | Direction from Vp  | Solar farm visible    | Maximum solar panel array angle | Observations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| East Stour                                   | 0.09                 | W – E              | Partially             | 110°                            | <p>The existing Sellindge Solar Farm is entirely screened from this viewpoint.</p> <p>The northern and eastern portions of the proposed solar farm site would also be entirely screened from view by intervening topography and vegetation. The western section of the proposal would be clearly visible across large parts of the foreground view, set back from the public footpath and from the viewpoint.</p> <p>Over time, proposed mitigation measures would screen further parts of the proposal through new hedgerows along the southern boundary of the solar farm, along the route of the footpath and through a new woodland copse area.</p> |
| Assessment of Effects on Landscape Character |                      |                    |                       |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| LCA                                          | Value Susceptibility | Sensitivity        | Magnitude             | Individual effects              | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| East Stour Valley                            | Local Susceptible    | High/medium        | End of Construction:  |                                 | A landscape of local value that could be susceptible with a high/medium sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The proposed development would become a key characteristic of this part of the landscape, would be seen in the context of some existing elements of development, would compete with the existing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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|                                |                       |             | Substantial adverse         | Major/moderate+ adverse | landscape characteristics and would be a prominent additional feature for the duration of the operational life, resulting in a substantial adverse magnitude of change and a major/moderate+ adverse effect on landscape character at this location. This indicates that these predicted effects would be significant on landscape character at this location.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                |                       |             | 10 years post construction: |                         | A landscape of local value that could be susceptible with a high/medium sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The proposed development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint, resulting in no effects on landscape character.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                |                       |             | None                        | No effect               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Assessment of Effects on Views |                       |             |                             |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Receptor                       | Value Susceptibility  | Sensitivity | Magnitude                   | Individual effects      | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Walkers                        | Community Susceptible | High/medium | End of Construction:        |                         | A local public right of way with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly, could use the route frequently, with views in several different directions, and so would be susceptible and with a high/medium sensitivity to changes in the view. The most proximate section of the proposed development would be seen in the near distance, although the majority of the proposal further to the north and northeast would be entirely screened. The visible portion of the development would be clearly visible and would occupy a maximum of 110° of the view, seen in association with some existing development elements (pylons). The visibility of the proposal from this viewpoint would result in a substantial magnitude of change and a major/moderate+ effect on the visual amenity of walkers at this point. This indicates that these predicted effects would be significant for these receptors. This is discussed in more detail later within the main assessment. |
|                                |                       |             | Substantial                 | Major/moderate+         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                |                       |             | 10 years post construction: |                         | A local public right of way with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly, could use the route frequently, with views in several different directions, and so would be susceptible and with a high/medium sensitivity to changes in the view. The proposed development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint, resulting in no effects on visual amenity.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                |                       |             | None                        | No effect               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

| Vp 3: Church Lane near Bested House |                  |                    |                       |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Distance to proposed solar farm     | NGR              | Elevation (approx) | Landscape designation | Recreational area or route      | Existing View                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 0.16km                              | 608131<br>137737 | 57mAOD             | None                  | Local road                      | <p>Located on a local road close to the site, looking across the surrounding agricultural landscape. The viewpoint is located near to Bested House and illustrates a more open view than would be available from some ground floor windows of the property due to boundary hedgerows at the property.</p> <p>Sellindge Solar Farm is not visible from this viewpoint, although two pylon lines, infrastructure associated with HS1 and the converter station are discernible.</p> |
| Solar Farms Visible                 |                  |                    |                       |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Solar Developments                  | Distance (km)    | Direction from Vp  | Solar farm visible    | Maximum solar panel array angle | Observations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| East Stour                                   | 0.16                 | N-SW–SE-E   | Partially                             | 270° (visible across 235 °) | <p>The proposed solar farm would be located within a series of nearby fields spread across this view, although the northern section of the proposal site would be entirely screened from view by the HS1 embankment in the middle distance. Parts of the converter station are discernible behind the HS1 embankment to the north, as well as rail infrastructure elements and pylon lines are visible to the west across Bested Hill and in the distance to the east. Sellindge Solar Farm is entirely screened by vegetation and Bested House to the northeast.</p> <p>The proposed solar panels would be seen on land rising over Bested Hill to the west as well as on part of a flat intervening field to the northwest. The solar panels between Partridge Plantation and Round Wood would be entirely screened from view by Partridge Plantation itself, although the solar panels south of the plantation would be visible within the east of this view.</p> <p>Over time, the mitigation measures of improved and increased height of roadside hedgerows, improved field boundary hedgerows and some new hedgerows would all assist in filtering and eventually screening sizeable parts of the proposed solar farm from view.</p> |
| Assessment of Effects on Landscape Character |                      |             |                                       |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| LCA                                          | Value Susceptibility | Sensitivity | Magnitude                             | Individual effects          | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| East Stour Valley                            | Local Susceptible    | High/medium | End of construction:                  |                             | A landscape of local value that could be susceptible with a high/medium sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The proposed development would become a key characteristic of this part of the landscape, would be seen in the context of some existing elements of development, would compete with the existing landscape characteristics and would be a prominent additional feature for the duration of the operational life, resulting in a very substantial/ substantial adverse magnitude of change and a major adverse effect on landscape character at this location. This indicates that these predicted effects would be significant on landscape character at this location.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                              |                      |             | Very substantial/ substantial adverse | Major adverse               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                              |                      |             | 10 years post construction:           |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

|                                |                                         |             | Substantial/<br>moderate<br>adverse | Major/<br>moderate<br>adverse | <p>A landscape of local value that could be susceptible with a high/medium sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The most proximate parts of the proposal would be screened by some new and some improved hedgerows although parts of the solar farm on Bested Hill and south of Partridge Plantation would be visible.</p> <p>The proposed development would become a key characteristic of this part of the landscape, would be seen in the context of some existing elements of development, would compete with the existing landscape characteristics and would be a visible additional feature for the duration of the operational life, resulting in a substantial/moderate adverse magnitude of change and a major/moderate adverse effect on landscape character at this location. This indicates that these predicted effects would be significant on landscape character at this location.</p> |
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| Assessment of Effects on Views |                                         |             |                                     |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Receptor                       | Value<br>Susceptibility                 | Sensitivity | Magnitude                           | Individual<br>effects         | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Motorists                      | Community<br>Moderate<br>susceptibility | Medium      | End of construction:                |                               | <p>A local road with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly to steadily, could use the route frequently, with views at least partially contained by surrounding roadside hedges, and so would be moderately susceptible and with a medium sensitivity to changes in the view. Some parts of the proposed development would be seen in the middle distance to the north, west and southeast, although the proposal to the northeast and further north beyond HS1 would be entirely screened. The visibility of the proposal from this viewpoint would result in a very substantial/substantial magnitude of change and a major/moderate+ effect on the visual amenity of motorists and their passengers. This indicates that these predicted effects would be significant for these receptors. This is discussed in more detail later within the main assessment.</p>                                             |
|                                |                                         |             | Very<br>substantial/<br>substantial | Major/<br>moderate+           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                |                                         |             | 10 years post construction:         |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|                           |                                  |      | Substantial/<br>moderate         | Moderate+ | <p>A local road with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly to steadily, could use the route frequently, with views at least partially contained by surrounding roadside hedges, and so would be moderately susceptible and with a medium sensitivity to changes in the view.</p> <p>Improved roadside hedgerows grown to a height of 1.5m would assist in limiting some views of the proposal for motorists and their passengers. New hedgerows along the solar farm boundaries and improvements to the existing field boundary on the eastern edge of the Bested Hill field would also further filter and screen some views of the proposal. The visibility of the proposal would result in a substantial/ moderate magnitude of change and a moderate+ effect on the visual amenity of motorists and their passengers. This indicates that these predicted effects may be significant for these receptors if experienced along a sustained section of this route.</p>                                                                                                                                                         |
| Residents at Bested House | Private view<br>Very susceptible | High | End of construction:             |           | <p>A private residential view, which receptors may gain from parts of their property, depending on orientation, including views from windows and garden areas. Views in other directions would also be available. High sensitivity to changes in the view.</p> <p>The majority of ground floor views from within the property would not gain visibility of the proposal due to the set back of the proposal from the property and the hedgerow vegetation around the property. However, upper storey views of the proposal would be available to the southeast, southwest, west and northwest in conjunction with some visibility of the existing Sellindge solar panels. Filtered views of the proposal would be available to the southeast from garden areas looking through the existing boundary hedgerow.</p> <p>The visibility from this viewpoint would result in a very substantial/ substantial magnitude of change and a major+ effect on the visual amenity of these residents. This indicates that these predicted effects would be significant for these receptors. This is discussed in more detail later within the main assessment.</p> |
|                           |                                  |      | Very substantial/<br>substantial | Major+    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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|  |  |  | Substantial/<br>moderate | Major/<br>moderate+ | <p>A private residential view, which receptors may gain from parts of their property, depending on orientation, including views from windows and garden areas. Views in other directions would also be available. High sensitivity to changes in the view.</p> <p>Ten years post construction, ground floor views of the proposal from the property would be entirely screened by new hedgerows along the boundary of the property and along the boundaries of the solar farm. This is also expected to be the case from garden areas due to the new hedgerow along the southern edge of the garden boundary. Nevertheless, upper storey views of the proposal would be available to the northwest, west and southeast. These views would be softened and filtered to a degree by the mitigation measures, although the proposal would remain visible, resulting in a substantial/ moderate magnitude of change and a major/ moderate + effect on the visual amenity of residents from the upper storey of the property. This indicates that these predicted effects would be significant for these receptors with this view.</p> |
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| Vp 4: Junction of footpaths AE459 and AE460 near Lower Park Farm |                  |                    |                       |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Distance to proposed solar farm                                  | NGR              | Elevation (approx) | Landscape designation | Recreational area or route      | Existing View                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 0.38km                                                           | 607875<br>137055 | 53mAOD             | None                  | Public Right of Way             | Located at the junction of two local footpaths to the south of the site, looking in a northeasterly direction across surrounding agricultural fields and woodland. The existing Sellindge Solar Farm is not visible from this location. |
| Solar Farms Visible                                              |                  |                    |                       |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Solar Developments                                               | Distance (km)    | Direction from Vp  | Solar farm visible    | Maximum solar panel array angle | Observations                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

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| East Stour                                   | 0.38                  | NW - NE      | Partially                   | 110° (up to 40° visible) | <p>The proposed solar farm would be discernible in front of Partridge Plantation and Round Wood, although much of this section of the solar farm would be obscured by the intervening landform. Sellindge Solar Farm is entirely screened by these two areas of woodland and topography.</p> <p>Mitigation measures associated with the proposal include a new hedgerow along the southern boundary of the proposal with scattered hedgerow trees, and this would assist in screening the proposal further over time.</p>                                                                                                           |
| Assessment of Effects on Landscape Character |                       |              |                             |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| LCA                                          | Value Susceptibility  | Sensitivity  | Magnitude                   | Individual effects       | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| East Stour Valley                            | Local Susceptible     | High/ medium | End of construction:        |                          | A landscape of local value that could be susceptible with a high/medium sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The proposed development would become a characteristic of this part of the landscape, would contrast with the existing landscape characteristics and would be a noticeable additional feature for the duration of the operational life, resulting in a slight adverse magnitude of change and a moderate/ minor+ adverse effect on landscape character at this location. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant on landscape character at this location. |
|                                              |                       |              | Slight adverse              | Moderate/ minor+ adverse |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                              |                       |              | 10 years post construction: |                          | A landscape of local value that could be susceptible with a high/medium sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The proposed development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint, resulting in no effects on landscape character.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                              |                       |              | None                        | No effect                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Assessment of Effects on Views               |                       |              |                             |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Receptor                                     | Value Susceptibility  | Sensitivity  | Magnitude                   | Individual effects       | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Walkers                                      | Community Susceptible | High/ medium | End of construction:        |                          | A local public right of way with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly, could use the route frequently, with views in several different directions, and so would be susceptible and with a high/medium sensitivity to changes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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|  |  |  | Slight                      | Moderate/<br>minor+ | in the view. The proposal would be partially visible resulting in a slight magnitude of change and a moderate/ minor+ effect on the visual amenity of walkers at this point. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant for these receptors. This is discussed in more detail later within the main assessment.                                              |
|  |  |  | 10 years post construction: |                     | A local public right of way with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly, could use the route frequently, with views in several different directions, and so would be susceptible and with a high/medium sensitivity to changes in the view. The proposed development would be entirely screened from this viewpoint, resulting in no effects on visual amenity. |
|  |  |  | None                        | No effect           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

| Vp 5: Harringe Lane by Harringe Bridge |                  |                    |                       |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Distance to proposed solar farm        | NGR              | Elevation (approx) | Landscape designation | Recreational area or route      | Existing View                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 0.77km                                 | 609425<br>137904 | 68mAOD             | None                  | Local road over HS1             | Located on a local road as it crosses over the HS1 rail line, looking west across intervening fields and woodland towards the site.<br><br>Parts of Sellindge Farm Solar Farm are visible from this location, along with parts of the HS1 rail line and two pylon lines. |
| Solar Farms Visible                    |                  |                    |                       |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Solar Developments                     | Distance (km)    | Direction from Vp  | Solar farm visible    | Maximum solar panel array angle | Observations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

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| East Stour                                   | 0.77                        | NW-SW       | Partially                   | 65° (up to 40° visible) | <p>The proposed solar farm would be located in the middle distance of this view, occupying a few fields surrounding the existing Sellindge Solar Farm. Woodland and tree belts are a common feature of the middle distance landscape, screening parts of both the existing solar farm and also the proposed solar farm. Nevertheless, the existing and proposed solar farms would be seen in association with each other.</p> <p>The proposal to the north of the HS1 rail line would be entirely screened from view from this location by vegetation along the HS1 route and the intervening converter station. In addition the section of the solar farm south of Partridge Plantation and Round Wood would also be screened by intervening mature vegetation.</p> <p>Over time, the mitigation measures of improvement of and increased height of roadside hedgerows and the improvement of field boundary hedgerows would add some further filtering of the proposed solar panels.</p> |
| Sellindge                                    | 0.6                         | W           | Partially                   | Up to 25°               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Assessment of Effects on Landscape Character |                             |             |                             |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| LCA                                          | Value Susceptibility        | Sensitivity | Magnitude                   | Cumulative effects      | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Upper Stour Valley                           | Local Slight susceptibility | Medium/ low | End of construction:        |                         | A landscape of local value that could have slight susceptibility with a medium/ low sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The proposed development would become a characteristic of this part of the landscape, would contrast with some of the existing landscape characteristics, although it would be seen in the context of similar development and other large infrastructure elements where the proposal would be a visible additional feature for the duration of the operational life, resulting in a moderate/ slight adverse magnitude of change and a moderate/ minor adverse effect on landscape character at this location. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant on landscape character at this location.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                              |                             |             | Moderate/ slight adverse    | Moderate/ minor adverse |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|                                              |                             |             | 10 years post construction: |                         | A landscape of local value that could have slight susceptibility with a medium/ low sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The proposed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

|                                |                                         |             | Moderate/<br>slight<br>adverse | Moderate/<br>minor adverse | development would become a characteristic of this part of the landscape, would contrast with some of the existing landscape characteristics, although it would be seen in the context of similar development and other large infrastructure elements where the proposal would be a visible additional feature for the duration of the operational life, resulting in a moderate/ slight adverse magnitude of change and a moderate/ minor adverse effect on landscape character at this location. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant on landscape character at this location.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Assessment of Effects on Views |                                         |             |                                |                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Receptor                       | Value<br>Susceptibility                 | Sensitivity | Magnitude                      | Cumulative<br>effects      | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Motorists                      | Community<br>Moderate<br>susceptibility | Medium      | End of construction:           |                            | A local road with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly to steadily, could use the route frequently, with views often contained by surrounding roadside hedges, and so would be moderately susceptible and with a medium sensitivity to changes in the view. Some parts of the proposed development would be seen in the middle distance, in conjunction with the existing Sellindge Solar Farm and other existing infrastructure elements. Several other parts of the proposal would be screened by intervening mature woodland. The visibility from this viewpoint would result in a moderate/ slight magnitude of change and a moderate/ minor+ effect on the visual amenity of motorists and their passengers. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant for these receptors. |
|                                |                                         |             | Moderate/<br>slight            | Moderate/<br>minor+        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|                                |                                         |             | 10 years post construction:    |                            | A local road with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly to steadily, could use the route frequently, with views often contained by surrounding roadside hedges, and so would be moderately susceptible and with a medium sensitivity to changes in the view. Some parts of the proposed development would be seen in the middle distance, in conjunction with the existing Sellindge Solar Farm and other existing infrastructure elements. Several other parts of the proposal would be screened by intervening mature woodland. The visibility from this viewpoint would result in a moderate/ slight magnitude of change and a moderate/ minor+ effect on the visual amenity of motorists and their passengers. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant for these receptors. |
|                                |                                         |             | Moderate/<br>slight            | Moderate/<br>minor+        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Rail passengers                | Community                               | Low         | End of construction:           |                            | A high speed rail line with community value, along which receptors would be moving swiftly, could use the route frequently, with views often contained by vegetation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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|  | Negligible susceptibility |  | Moderate/ slight            | Minor+ | adjacent to the rail line and so would be negligibly susceptible and with a low sensitivity to changes in the view. Split second views of limited parts of the proposed development would be seen in the middle distance, although large parts of the proposal would be screened. The visibility from this viewpoint would result in a moderate/ slight magnitude of change and a minor+ effect on the visual amenity of rail passengers. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant for these receptors. This is discussed in more detail later within the main assessment.                                                                                                                                                                      |
|  |                           |  | 10 years post construction: |        | A high speed rail line with community value, along which receptors would be moving swiftly, could use the route frequently, with views often contained by vegetation adjacent to the rail line and so would be negligibly susceptible and with a low sensitivity to changes in the view. Split second views of limited parts of the proposed development would be seen in the middle distance, although large parts of the proposal would be screened. The visibility from this viewpoint would result in a moderate/ slight magnitude of change and a minor+ effect on the visual amenity of rail passengers. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant for these receptors. This is discussed in more detail later within the main assessment. |
|  |                           |  | Moderate/ slight            | Minor+ |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

| Vp 6: Footpath AE477 near Grove Cottage, Aldington |                  |                    |                       |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Distance to proposed solar farm                    | NGR              | Elevation (approx) | Landscape designation | Recreational area or route      | Existing View                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1.2km                                              | 607625<br>136220 | 79mAOD             | None                  | Public Right of Way             | Located on a local footpath within Aldington village, looking north across intervening fields towards the site.<br><br>Sellindge Solar Farm is entirely screened from view by intervening mature vegetation and parts of the Kent Downs AONB are visible in the distance. |
| Solar Farms Visible                                |                  |                    |                       |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Solar Developments                                 | Distance (km)    | Direction from Vp  | Solar farm visible    | Maximum solar panel array angle | Observations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

| East Stour                                   | 1.2                  | N           | Partially                   | 55°                      | <p>The proposed solar farm would be located in the middle distance of this view, seen across Bested Hill in association with a pylon line in the left of the view and in the vicinity of Partridge Plantation in the centre of the view. Part of the Converter Station is also visible in the view. Woodland and tree belts are a common feature of the middle distance landscape, with a distant skyline formed by part of the Kent Downs.</p> <p>Much of the proposal would be screened from view by intervening topography, including the northern parcel of the site north of HS1.</p> <p>Over time, the mitigation measures of new hedgerows and tree planting would add further screening and filtering of the proposed solar panels.</p>                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Assessment of Effects on Landscape Character |                      |             |                             |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| LCA                                          | Value Susceptibility | Sensitivity | Magnitude                   | Individual effects       | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Aldington Ridgeline                          | Local Susceptible    | High/medium | End of construction:        |                          | A landscape of local value that could be susceptible with a high/medium sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The proposed development would become a characteristic of this part of the landscape, would contrast with some of the existing landscape characteristics, although it would be seen in the context of other large infrastructure elements where the proposal would be a visible additional feature for the duration of the operational life, resulting in a moderate/ slight adverse magnitude of change and a moderate adverse effect on landscape character at this location. This indicates that these predicted effects could be significant on landscape character if experienced over a greater local area.                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                              |                      |             | Moderate/ slight adverse    | Moderate adverse         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                              |                      |             | 10 years post construction: |                          | A landscape of local value that could be susceptible with a high/medium sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The proposed mitigation measures would add further vegetation and landscape structure to the view, slightly reducing the parts of the proposal visible, especially near to Partridge Plantation. The proposed development would become a characteristic of this part of the landscape, would contrast with the existing landscape characteristics, although it would be seen in the context of other large infrastructure elements and would be a noticeable additional feature for the duration of the operational life, resulting in a slight adverse magnitude of change and a moderate/ minor+ adverse effect on landscape character at this location. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant on landscape character at this location. |
|                                              |                      |             | Slight adverse              | Moderate/ minor+ adverse |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

| Assessment of Effects on Views |                       |             |                             |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Receptor                       | Value Susceptibility  | Sensitivity | Magnitude                   | Individual effects | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Walkers                        | Community Susceptible | High/medium | End of construction:        |                    | A local public right of way with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly, could use the route frequently, with views in several different directions, and so would be susceptible and with a high/medium sensitivity to changes in the view. The proposal would be to the side of the direction of travel, with one section visible across part of Bested Hill and a second section visible adjacent to Partridge Plantation, occupying approximately 55° of the view, and seen in association with a string of middle distance pylons. The visibility of the proposal from this viewpoint would result in a moderate/slight magnitude of change and a moderate effect on the visual amenity of walkers at this point. This indicates that these predicted effects may be significant if experienced over a greater local area. This is discussed in more detail later within the main assessment. |
|                                |                       |             | Moderate/slight             | Moderate           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                |                       |             | 10 years post construction: |                    | A local public right of way with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly, could use the route frequently, with views in several different directions, and so would be susceptible and with a high/medium sensitivity to changes in the view. The proposal would be to the side of the direction of travel, with one section visible across part of Bested Hill where a second section adjacent to Partridge Plantation would largely be screened from view by mitigation planting. The visibility of the proposal from this viewpoint would result in a slight magnitude of change and a moderate/ minor+ effect on the visual amenity of walkers at this point. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant for walkers. This is discussed in more detail later within the main assessment.                                                                              |
|                                |                       |             | Slight                      | Moderate/ minor+   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Residents                      | Private view          | High        | End of construction:        |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|  | Very susceptible |  | Moderate/ slight            | Moderate+ | <p>A private residential view, which receptors may gain from parts of their property, depending on orientation, including views from windows and garden areas. Views in other directions would also be available. High sensitivity to changes in the view.</p> <p>A series of residential properties located along the north side of this footpath/ private track would gain a similar view to this viewpoint although vegetation levels within the curtilage of each property will vary and so some views may be more enclosed, especially from ground floor level. Nevertheless, some views similar to this viewpoint would be available from some of these properties, particularly from upper storey level.</p> <p>The visibility from this viewpoint would result in a moderate/ slight magnitude of change and a moderate+ effect on the visual amenity of these residents. This indicates that these predicted effects could be significant for these receptors if experienced over a greater local area. This is discussed in more detail later within the main assessment.</p> |
|  |                  |  | 10 years post construction: |           | <p>A private residential view, which receptors may gain from parts of their property, depending on orientation, including views from windows and garden areas. Views in other directions would also be available. High sensitivity to changes in the view.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|  |                  |  | Slight                      | Moderate  | <p>A series of residential properties located along the north side of this footpath/ private track would gain a similar view to this viewpoint although vegetation levels within the curtilage of each property will vary and so some views may be more enclosed, especially from ground floor level. Nevertheless, some views similar to this viewpoint would be available from some of these properties, particularly from upper storey level.</p> <p>The visibility from this viewpoint would result in a slight magnitude of change and a moderate effect on the visual amenity of these residents. This indicates that these predicted effects could be significant for these receptors if experienced over a greater local area. This is discussed in more detail later within the main assessment.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

| Vp 7: Footpath AE474 west of Aldington |     |                    |                       |                            |               |
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| Distance to proposed solar farm        | NGR | Elevation (approx) | Landscape designation | Recreational area or route | Existing View |

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| 1.2km                                        | 607222<br>136331     | 85mAOD            | None                        | Public Right of Way             | Located on a local footpath to the west of Aldington, looking in a northeasterly direction across surrounding agricultural fields and woodland towards a distant ridge of higher land formed by the Kent Downs AONB. Sellindge Solar Farm is entirely screened from view, although the Converter Station is visible, as is a pylon line crossing through the foreground of the view.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Solar Farms Visible                          |                      |                   |                             |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Solar Developments                           | Distance (km)        | Direction from Vp | Solar farm visible          | Maximum solar panel array angle | Observations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| East Stour                                   | 1.2                  | N - NE            | Partially                   | 52°                             | <p>The proposed solar farm would be seen extending across two fields within this view; part of Bested Hill and also part of a field to the east of Church Lane. Topography and intervening tree belts would screen large parts of the solar farm from view and mature vegetation within Partridge Plantation and Round Wood would also screen further parts of the proposal, as well as the existing Sellindge Solar Farm.</p> <p>Mitigation measures associated with the proposal including tree planting and new hedgerow planting would further screen and filter visibility of the proposal over time.</p>                                                                                                           |
| Assessment of Effects on Landscape Character |                      |                   |                             |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| LCA                                          | Value Susceptibility | Sensitivity       | Magnitude                   | Individual effects              | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Aldington Ridgeline                          | Local Susceptible    | High/medium       | End of construction:        |                                 | A landscape of local value that could be susceptible with a high/medium sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The proposed development would become a characteristic of this part of the landscape, would contrast with the existing landscape characteristics, would be seen in the context of existing large scale development and would be a visible additional feature for the duration of the operational life, resulting in a moderate/ slight adverse magnitude of change and a moderate adverse effect on landscape character at this location. This indicates that these predicted effects could be significant on landscape character if experienced over a greater local area. |
|                                              |                      |                   | Moderate/ slight adverse    | Moderate adverse                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                              |                      |                   | 10 years post construction: |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

|                                |                       |             | Slight adverse              | Moderate/minor+ adverse | A landscape of local value that could be susceptible with a high/medium sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The proposed development would become a characteristic of this part of the landscape, would contrast with the existing landscape characteristics, would be seen in the context of existing large scale development and would be a noticeable additional feature for the duration of the operational life, resulting in a slight adverse magnitude of change and a moderate/minor+ adverse effect on landscape character at this location. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant on landscape character at this location.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Assessment of Effects on Views |                       |             |                             |                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Receptor                       | Value Susceptibility  | Sensitivity | Magnitude                   | Individual effects      | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Walkers                        | Community Susceptible | High/medium | End of construction:        |                         | A local public right of way with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly, could use the route frequently, with views in several different directions, and so would be susceptible and with a high/medium sensitivity to changes in the view. The proposal would be to the side of the direction of travel, with one section visible across part of Bested Hill and a second section visible adjacent to Partridge Plantation, occupying approximately 52° of the view, and seen in association with a string of middle distance pylons. The visibility of the proposal from this viewpoint would result in a moderate/slight magnitude of change and a moderate effect on the visual amenity of walkers at this point. This indicates that these predicted effects may be significant if experienced over a greater local area. This is discussed in more detail later within the main assessment. |
|                                |                       |             | Moderate/slight             | Moderate                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                                |                       |             | 10 years post construction: |                         | A local public right of way with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly, could use the route frequently, with views in several different directions, and so would be susceptible and with a high/medium sensitivity to changes in the view. The proposal would be to the side of the direction of travel, with one section visible across part of Bested Hill where a second section adjacent to Partridge Plantation would largely be screened from view by mitigation planting. The visibility of the proposal from this viewpoint would result in a slight magnitude of change and a moderate/minor+ effect on the visual amenity of walkers at this point. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant for walkers. This is discussed in more detail later within the main assessment.                                                                               |
|                                |                       |             | Slight                      | Moderate/minor+         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

| Vp 8: Footpath AE485 Saxon Shore Way by Roman Road near Postling Green |                      |                    |                          |                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Distance to proposed solar farm                                        | NGR                  | Elevation (approx) | Landscape designation    | Recreational area or route                                                       | Existing View                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1.7km                                                                  | 607294<br>135743     | 96mAOD             | Kent Downs AONB boundary | Local road, long distance footpath                                               | <p>Located on a long distance footpath at its junction with Roman Road, looking north across Aldington and intervening fields towards the site. The tower of the Church of St Martin is partially visible in the middle distance.</p> <p>Sellindge Solar Farm is entirely screened from view by intervening topography and vegetation. Part of the Kent Downs AONB forms the distant skyline of this view.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Solar Farms Visible                                                    |                      |                    |                          |                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Solar Developments                                                     | Distance (km)        | Direction from Vp  | Solar farm visible       | Maximum solar panel array angle                                                  | Observations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| East Stour                                                             | 1.7                  | N                  | Partially                | 40° (although visible sections are two separate portions each less than 5° wide) | <p>The proposed solar farm would be located in the middle distance of this wide and long distance view. The most proximate sections of the solar farm would be screened from view by topography and vegetation. Parts of the northern portion of the site at a distance of over 2.5km away would be discernible in the left of this view, with very limited parts of the proposal by Partridge Plantation discernible in the right of the view. The Bested Hill portion of the proposal would not be visible.</p> <p>Over time, the mitigation measures of new hedgerows with scattered trees on the section of the proposal by Partridge Plantation would add further screening to this section of the proposed solar panels.</p> |
| Assessment of Effects on Landscape Character                           |                      |                    |                          |                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| LCA                                                                    | Value Susceptibility | Sensitivity        | Magnitude                | Individual effects                                                               | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

| Aldington Ridgeline            | Local Susceptible                    | High/medium | Negligible adverse | Minor+ adverse     | <p>A landscape of local value that could be susceptible with a high/medium sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The proposed development would contrast with the existing landscape characteristics, although it would be a barely discernible additional feature for the duration of the operational life, resulting in a negligible adverse magnitude of change and a minor+ adverse effect on landscape character at this location. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant on landscape character.</p> <p>Over time the proposed mitigation measures would add further screening vegetation to part of this view, visually linking with existing woodland blocks in the local landscape and gradually reducing the visibility of the proposal, although in the initial years of the development this would not alter the magnitude of change or resulting effects on landscape character.</p>                                             |
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| Assessment of Effects on Views |                                      |             |                    |                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Receptor                       | Value Susceptibility                 | Sensitivity | Magnitude          | Individual effects | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Motorists                      | Community<br>Moderate susceptibility | Medium      | Negligible         | Minor              | <p>A local road with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly to steadily, could use the route frequently, with views often contained by surrounding roadside hedges, but open to the north, and so would be moderately susceptible and with a medium sensitivity to changes in the view. Some parts of the proposed development would be seen in the middle distance to the side of the direction of travel, although the majority of the proposal would be screened. The visibility from this viewpoint would result in a negligible magnitude of change and a minor effect on the visual amenity of motorists and their passengers. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant for these receptors.</p> <p>Over time, mitigation proposals would result in some further filtering and screening of the proposal, although in the initial years of the development this would not alter the magnitude of change in the view or the resulting effects.</p> |

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| Walkers | Community Susceptible | High/medium | Negligible | Minor+ | <p>A long distance footpath with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly, could use the route frequently, with views in several different directions, and so would be susceptible and with a high/medium sensitivity to changes in the view. The proposal would only become visible at the point the footpath meets the road due to the screening effects of nearby topography. A few small parts of the proposed development would be seen in the middle distance to the side of the direction of travel, although the majority of the proposal would be screened. The visibility of the proposal from this viewpoint would result in a negligible magnitude of change and a minor+ effect on the visual amenity of walkers at this point. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant for these receptors.</p> <p>Over time, mitigation proposals would result in some further filtering and screening of the proposal, although in the initial years of the development this would not alter the magnitude of change in the view or the resulting effects.</p> |
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| Vp 9: PRow AE299 North Downs Way by Kingsmill Down |                  |                    |                                |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Distance to proposed solar farm                    | NGR              | Elevation (approx) | Landscape designation          | Recreational area or route      | Existing View                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 4.58km                                             | 610011<br>142777 | 178mAOD            | Kent Downs AONB                | National Trail, Local road      | <p>Located at the junction of the North Downs Way with a local road by Brabourne Downs, looking southwest across a wide, detailed and long distance view.</p> <p>Sellindge Solar Farm is not visible within this view although the light coloured buildings of the Converter Station are discernible in the middle distance.</p> |
| Solar Farms Visible                                |                  |                    |                                |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Solar Developments                                 | Distance (km)    | Direction from Vp  | Solar farm potentially visible | Maximum solar panel array angle | Observations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| East Stour                                          | 4.58                                 | SW                 | Partially                     | 22° (visible section 10°)   | <p>The proposed solar farm would be largely screened by intervening mature vegetation. The Bested Hill section of the proposal would be discernible, although the solar panels would be viewed from the rear so that they would appear a dark tone in the view as sunlight would not be seen reflecting from the front of the panels.</p> <p>The mitigation proposals associated with the application would not noticeably alter the potential visibility of the proposal from this location.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Assessment of Effects on Landscape Character</b> |                                      |                    |                               |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>LCA</b>                                          | <b>Value Susceptibility</b>          | <b>Sensitivity</b> | <b>Magnitude</b>              | <b>Individual effects</b>   | <b>Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Stowting: Postling Vale/ Postling Scarp and Vale    | National<br>Very susceptible         | High               | Slight/<br>negligible adverse | Moderate/<br>minor+ adverse | A landscape of national value that could be very susceptible with a high sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The proposed development would contrast with the existing landscape characteristics, and it would be a discernible additional feature for the duration of the operational life, resulting in a slight/ negligible adverse magnitude of change and a moderate/ minor+ adverse effect on landscape character at this location. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant on landscape character.                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Assessment of Effects on Views</b>               |                                      |                    |                               |                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Receptor</b>                                     | <b>Value Susceptibility</b>          | <b>Sensitivity</b> | <b>Magnitude</b>              | <b>Individual effects</b>   | <b>Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Motorists                                           | Community<br>Moderate susceptibility | Medium             | Slight/<br>negligible         | Minor+                      | A local road with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly to steadily, could use the route frequently, with some open views, and so would be moderately susceptible and with a medium sensitivity to changes in the view. The Bested Hill section of the proposed development would be discernible in the middle distance, although the majority of the proposal would be screened. This is a wide, long distance and detailed view where the visibility of the proposal would result in a slight/ negligible magnitude of change and a minor+ effect on the visual amenity of motorists and their passengers. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant for these receptors. |

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| Walkers | Community<br>Very<br>susceptible | High | Slight/<br>negligible | Moderate/<br>minor+ | A National Trail with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly, could use the route frequently, with some open views, and so would be very susceptible and with a high sensitivity to changes in the view. The Bested Hill section of the proposed development would be discernible in the middle distance, although the majority of the proposal would be screened. This is a wide, long distance and detailed view where the visibility of the proposal would result in a slight/ negligible magnitude of change and a moderate/ minor+ effect on the visual amenity of walkers on this National Trail. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant for these receptors. |
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| Vp 10: PRow AE299 North Downs Way by Brabourne Lane |                  |                    |                       |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Distance to proposed solar farm                     | NGR              | Elevation (approx) | Landscape designation | Recreational area or route      | Existing View                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 4.69km                                              | 611063<br>142176 | 172m AOD           | Kent Downs AONB       | National Trail                  | <p>Located on the North Downs Way near to Brabourne Lane, although not representative of views from the road due to high levels of roadside vegetation. This view is looking southwest across a wide, detailed and long distance view.</p> <p>Sellindge Solar Farm is not visible within this view although the light coloured buildings of the Converter Station are discernible in the middle distance in conjunction with a mass of pylons.</p>                                                |
| Solar Farms Visible                                 |                  |                    |                       |                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Solar Developments                                  | Distance (km)    | Direction from Vp  | Solar farm visible    | Maximum solar panel array angle | Observations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| East Stour                                          | 4.69             | SW                 | Partially             | 23° (visible section 10°)       | <p>The proposed solar farm would be largely screened by intervening mature vegetation. The Bested Hill section of the proposal would be discernible, although the solar panels would be viewed from the rear so that they would appear a dark tone in the view as sunlight would not be seen reflecting from the front of the panels.</p> <p>The mitigation proposals associated with the application would not noticeably alter the potential visibility of the proposal from this location.</p> |

| Assessment of Effects on Landscape Character     |                               |             |                                  |                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| LCA                                              | Value Susceptibility          | Sensitivity | Magnitude                        | Individual effects             | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Stowting: Postling Vale/ Postling Scarp and Vale | National<br>Very susceptible  | High        | Slight/<br>negligible<br>adverse | Moderate/<br>minor+<br>adverse | A landscape of national value that could be very susceptible with a high sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The proposed development would contrast with the existing landscape characteristics, and it would be a discernible additional feature for the duration of the operational life, resulting in a slight/ negligible adverse magnitude of change and a moderate/ minor+ adverse effect on landscape character at this location. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant on landscape character.                                                                                                                                                  |
| Assessment of Effects on Views                   |                               |             |                                  |                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Receptor                                         | Value Susceptibility          | Sensitivity | Magnitude                        | Individual effects             | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Walkers                                          | Community<br>Very susceptible | High        | Slight/<br>negligible            | Moderate/<br>minor+            | A National Trail with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly, could use the route frequently, with some open views, and so would be very susceptible and with a high sensitivity to changes in the view. The Bested Hill section of the proposed development would be discernible in the middle distance, although the majority of the proposal would be screened. This is a wide, long distance and detailed view where the visibility of the proposal would result in a slight/ negligible magnitude of change and a moderate/ minor+ effect on the visual amenity of walkers on this National Trail. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant for these receptors. |

| Vp 11: Car park by PRoW HE356 North Downs Way at Farthing Common |     |                    |                       |                            |               |
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| Distance to proposed solar farm                                  | NGR | Elevation (approx) | Landscape designation | Recreational area or route | Existing View |

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| 5.6km                                               | 613620<br>140350             | 179mAOD                  | Kent Downs<br>AONB               | National Trail,<br>main road,<br>scenic<br>viewpoint | Located by the North Downs Way in the car park at Farthing Common, looking southwest across a wide, detailed and long distance view by the B2068.<br><br>Sellindge Solar Farm is not visible within this view although the light coloured buildings of the Converter Station are discernible in the middle distance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Solar Farms Visible</b>                          |                              |                          |                                  |                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Solar Developments</b>                           | <b>Distance (km)</b>         | <b>Direction from Vp</b> | <b>Solar farm visible</b>        | <b>Maximum solar panel array angle</b>               | <b>Observations</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| East Stour                                          | 5.6                          | SW                       | Partially                        | 18° (visible section less than 10°)                  | The proposed solar farm would be largely screened by intervening mature vegetation. The Bested Hill section of the proposal would be discernible, although the solar panels would be viewed from the rear so that they would appear a dark tone in the view as sunlight would not be seen reflecting from the front of the panels.<br><br>The mitigation proposals associated with the application would not noticeably alter the potential visibility of the proposal from this location.                                                                              |
| <b>Assessment of Effects on Landscape Character</b> |                              |                          |                                  |                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>LCA</b>                                          | <b>Value Susceptibility</b>  | <b>Sensitivity</b>       | <b>Magnitude</b>                 | <b>Individual effects</b>                            | <b>Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Stowting: Postling Vale/ Postling Scarp and Vale    | National<br>Very susceptible | High                     | Slight/<br>negligible<br>adverse | Moderate/<br>minor+<br>adverse                       | A landscape of national value that could be very susceptible with a high sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The proposed development would contrast with the existing landscape characteristics, and it would be a discernible additional feature for the duration of the operational life, resulting in a slight/ negligible adverse magnitude of change and a moderate/ minor+ adverse effect on landscape character at this location. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant on landscape character. |
| <b>Assessment of Effects on Views</b>               |                              |                          |                                  |                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Receptor</b>                                     | <b>Value Susceptibility</b>  | <b>Sensitivity</b>       | <b>Magnitude</b>                 | <b>Individual effects</b>                            | <b>Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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| Walkers   | Community<br>Very<br>susceptible        | High   | Slight/<br>negligible | Moderate/<br>minor+ | A National Trail with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly, could use the route frequently, with some open views, and so would be very susceptible and with a high sensitivity to changes in the view. The Bested Hill section of the proposed development would be discernible in the middle distance, although the majority of the proposal would be screened. This is a wide, long distance and detailed view where the visibility of the proposal would result in a slight/ negligible magnitude of change and a moderate/ minor+ effect on the visual amenity of walkers on this National Trail. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant for these receptors.       |
| Motorists | Community<br>Moderate<br>susceptibility | Medium | Slight/<br>negligible | Minor+              | A main road with community value, along which receptors would be moving steadily or swiftly, could use the route frequently, with some open views, and so would be moderately susceptible and with a medium sensitivity to changes in the view. The Bested Hill section of the proposed development would be discernible in the middle distance, although the majority of the proposal would be screened. This is a wide, long distance and detailed view where the visibility of the proposal would result in a slight/ negligible magnitude of change and a minor+ effect on the visual amenity of motorists and their passengers. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant for these receptors. |

| Vp 12: PRow AE143 North Downs Way through Wye Downs Nature Reserve |                  |                       |                          |                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Distance to<br>proposed solar<br>farm                              | NGR              | Elevation<br>(approx) | Landscape<br>designation | Recreational<br>area or route                        | Existing View                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 6.2km                                                              | 607914<br>145165 | 174mAOD               | Kent Downs<br>AONB       | National Trail,<br>main road,<br>scenic<br>viewpoint | Located by the North Downs Way in the car park at Farthing Common, looking southwest across a wide, detailed and long distance view by the B2068.<br><br>Sellindge Solar Farm is not visible within this view and the Converter Station is also not readily visible. |
| <b>Solar Farms Visible</b>                                         |                  |                       |                          |                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

| Solar Developments                                  | Distance (km)                | Direction from Vp | Solar farm visible | Maximum solar panel array angle    | Observations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| East Stour                                          | 6.2                          | S                 | Partially          | 11° (visible section less than 5°) | <p>The proposed solar farm would predominantly be screened by intervening mature vegetation. A very small portion of the proposal would be discernible in good and clear weather conditions, although the solar panels would be viewed from the rear so that they would appear a dark tone in the view as sunlight would not be seen reflecting from the front of the panels. In reality, this thin section of potential visibility would blend well with the surrounding tones of the woodland nearby.</p> <p>The mitigation proposals associated with the application would not noticeably alter the potential visibility of the proposal from this location.</p> |
| <b>Assessment of Effects on Landscape Character</b> |                              |                   |                    |                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| LCA                                                 | Value Susceptibility         | Sensitivity       | Magnitude          | Individual effects                 | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Wye:Stour Valley/<br>Stour Valley                   | National<br>Very susceptible | High              | Negligible adverse | Moderate/<br>minor adverse         | A landscape of national value that could be very susceptible with a high sensitivity to the type, scale and location of development proposed. The proposed development would contrast with the existing landscape characteristics, and it would be a barely discernible additional feature for the duration of the operational life, resulting in a negligible adverse magnitude of change and a moderate/ minor adverse effect on landscape character at this location. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant on landscape character.                                                                                               |
| <b>Assessment of Effects on Views</b>               |                              |                   |                    |                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Receptor                                            | Value Susceptibility         | Sensitivity       | Magnitude          | Individual effects                 | Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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| Walkers | Community<br>Very<br>susceptible | High | Negligible | Moderate/<br>minor | A National Trail with community value, along which receptors would be moving slowly, could use the route frequently, with some open views, and so would be very susceptible and with a high sensitivity to changes in the view. A limited section of the proposed development would be barely discernible in the middle distance, with the majority of the proposal entirely screened. This is a wide, long distance and detailed view where the visibility of the proposal would result in a negligible magnitude of change and a moderate/ minor effect on the visual amenity of walkers on this National Trail. This indicates that these predicted effects would not be significant for these receptors. |
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