

From: Ian Booker ian.b@engena.co.uk
Subject: Re: East Stour Solar Farm - LVIA Viewpoint Locations
Date: 26 July 2021 at 17:20
To: Olawale Duyile Olawale.Duyile@ashford.gov.uk

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Olawale,

With thanks for your message.

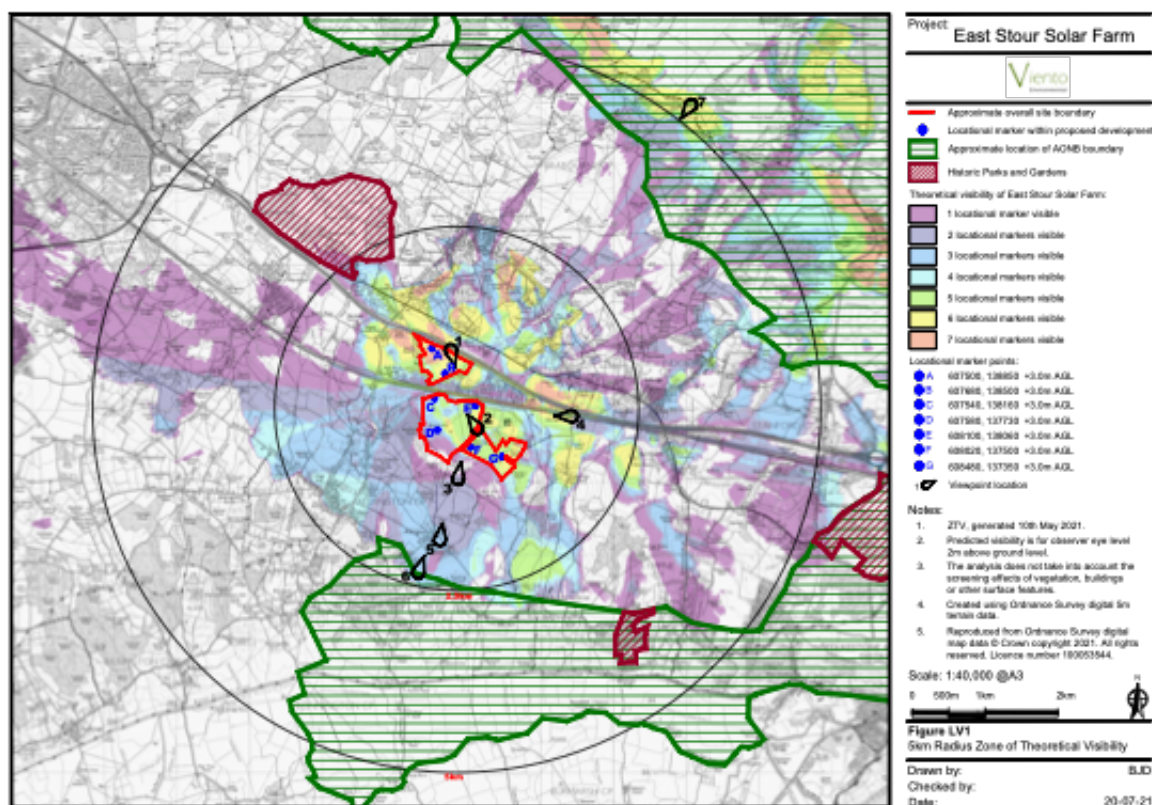
I was on leave at the end of last week so apologies for the delay in responding.

This Thursday (29th) would be fine to meet on site. I would suggest we stay on publicly accessible land - perhaps we could meet in the entrance to the HS1 substation on Church Lane between the M20 and railway line (I've added a google pin on the attached image)?

I've attached our landscape architect's draft list of viewpoints and anticipated receptors for detailed analysis in the application - these have been informed by site work and the bare-earth ZTV. We'd be happy to discuss these further, perhaps during/following your visit on Thursday?

With thanks and kind regards,

Ian



East Stour Solar Farm

Outline LVA Viewpoints

Vp	Site ref	Name	NGR	Distance to site	LCA	Designation	Receptor	Notes
1	P	Footpath AE432 near Park Wood	607765 138815	0.05km	Mersham Farmlands	None	Walkers and M20 motorists	Winter only views for motorists
2	J	Church Lane near Bested House	608125 137740	0.05km	Upper Stour Valley	None	Residents, Motorists	
3	2B	Junction of Footpaths AE459 and AE460 near Lower Park Farm	607875 137055	0.3km	Upper Stour Valley	None	Walkers	
4	2G	Harringe Lane by Harringe Bridge	609425 137905	0.7km	Upper Stour Valley	None	Motorists and rail passengers	Cumulative view with existing solar farm
5	U	Footpath AE477 near Grove Cottage, Aldington	607625 136220	1.0km	Aldington Ridge	Conservation Area	Walkers and residents	
6	2D	Footpath AE485 Saxon Shore Way by Roman Road near Postling Green	607315 135780	1.6km	Aldington Ridge	ADNB boundary	Walkers and motorists	
7	2E	PROW AE299 Pilgrims Way by Brabourne Lane	611065 142180	4.6km	Stowling - Postling Vale	ADNB boundary	Walkers	



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On 21 Jul 2021, at 15:58, Olawale Duyile <Olawale.Duyile@ashford.gov.uk> wrote:

Good afternoon Mr Booker and thank you for your email

I have been asked by the Head of Planning to visit the site with a view to taking photographs and assessing the potential siting of the panels and the landscape impact. Following the site visit, it is likely that the informal advice will be superseded.

Are you available next Thursday between 12.20 and 1pm for a site meeting?

Regards

Olawale

From: Ian Booker <ian.b@engena.co.uk>

Sent: 21 July 2021 11:58

To: Olawale Duyile <Olawale.Duyile@ashtford.gov.uk>
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Olawale,

With thanks for the pre-application advice, which was gratefully received.

As per my previous email, the initial round of public consultation has commenced - the results of which we will incorporate in to the design phase of the project.

The detailed assessments are now also underway but would appreciate input from your landscape architect regarding the selection of viewpoints.

Is there a contact we can pass the initial draft list to?

Formal EIA Screening will also be submitted in the next couple of days.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding your landscape architect.

With many thanks in advance,

Ian

From: Ian Booker ian.b@engena.co.uk
Subject: Re: Proposed EDF Renewables East Stour Solar Farm (21/00002/EIA/AS) - AONB Planning Considerations
Date: 25 August 2021 at 14:58
To: Katie Miller Katie.Miller@kentdowns.org.uk
Cc: Fran Iribar fran@viento-env.co.uk, Olawale Duyile Olawale.Duyile@ashford.gov.uk

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Thanks Katie,

Your response is very much appreciated.

We'll consider your suggestions and come back to you shortly if that's OK.

With thanks again and kind regards,

Ian

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On 25 Aug 2021, at 14:28, Katie Miller <Katie.Miller@kentdowns.org.uk> wrote:

Dear Ian

Thanks for getting in touch.

We welcome the inclusion of viewpoints from the AONB in the LVIA. I'm happy with the proposed VP 6 at Postling Green but wonder if views from the escarpment of the Kent Downs could be revisited – this is where any impacts are more likely to be felt, although with the intervening distance I'm hopeful that impacts would not be significant.

I'm concerned that there would not be clear views from VP 7 due to intervening vegetation. In view of the importance assigned to views from the escarpment and the presence of the North Downs Way, I would also ideally like to see more than one VP included from this direction. Suggested alternatives would be:

- From Wye Downs Nature Reserve approx. grid ref 607865 145288
- From the NDW at approx. grid ref 610014 142772 (our No 1 choice)
- From the NDW in the vicinity of Farthing Common, or just north of it, approx. 613504 140609

I hope this is of assistance,

Kind regards

Katie

Katie Miller MRTPI
Planning Manager

I work part time, Monday to Wednesday. Due to coronavirus-Covid 19 restrictions, I am currently working from home. Please contact me by email.

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Please note I work part-time, usually Monday to Wednesday

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From: Ian Booker <ian.b@engena.co.uk>

Sent: 25 August 2021 10:11

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Subject: Proposed EDF Renewables East Stour Solar Farm (21/00002/EIA/AS) -
AONB Planning Considerations

Katie,

We've been passed your contact details by Olawale Duyile, Planning Officer at Ashford Borough Council.

I'm coordinating the assessments to accompany the forthcoming planning application and we'd very much like to discuss with you the proposed viewpoints to be assessed within the LVIA to ensure you are comfortable they adequately address the assessment of potential impacts on the AONB.

I've attached the draft list, together with the ZTV which also identifies the location and extend of the proposed site, the AONB and the proposed viewpoints.

Any comments or thoughts would be much appreciated - with our landscape architect Fran Iribar of Viento Environmental we'd be very happy to have a brief call if convenient with yourself.

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With thanks in advance and kind regards,

Ian

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