



Great Harmeston Solar Farm Environmental Statement

Technical Appendix 0.1
Statement of Competence



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- 0.1.1. In line with Regulation 17 (4)(a) of the EIA Regulations, the ES and all technical assessments have been undertaken by suitably qualified 'competent experts' within the project team.
- 0.1.2. In addition, Regulation 17 (4)(b) of the EIA Regulations, require that the environmental statement must 'contain a statement by or on behalf of the applicant or appellant describing the expertise of the person who prepared the environmental statement'. As such, this Statement of Competence has been prepared to outline the capability of the companies and the competency of the individuals responsible for undertaking and reporting the EIA. Details of their relevant expertise are set out in Table 1-1.

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	<p>Environmental Impact Assessment</p>	<p>Pegasus Group (Pegasus) is the consultancy that has compiled this Environmental Statement (ES). This consultancy was established in 2004 and has over the years expanded to a company that strives for “good development” across the whole of the UK. Pegasus is a multi-disciplinary planning consultancy and has provided the following services in the context of this ES: environmental planning, landscape and visual, cultural heritage and socio-economics.</p> <p>Pegasus Group is accredited under the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) ‘Quality Mark’ scheme which is a mark of excellence in EIA co-ordination and management. IEMA changed its name to 'Institute of Sustainability and Environmental Professionals (ISEP)' in July 2025. The guidance produced and referenced in this ES drafted by IEMA is still valid and has been used</p>

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	Landscape and Visual	<p>for this assessment. Pegasus Group ESs and the processes that it undertakes to create them are regularly subjected to external review via this accreditation to ensure that all Pegasus Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) are legally compliant and apply best practice. This ES has been coordinated by a Member of IEMA.</p> <p>The landscape team at Pegasus have broad range of experience in landscape assessment and a detailed understanding of the requirements of the EIA Regulations, undertaking Landscape and Visual Assessments (LVIA) as part of the EIA process, including input into scoping, screening and assessment. They carry out all LVIA in accordance with the Guidelines for Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, Third Edition (GLVIA3) 2013, published by the Landscape Institute (LI) and IEMA, along with all relevance guidance. The LVIA has been prepared by a team of Landscape Architects and environmental professionals holding professional qualifications based in the Pegasus Cirencester Office.</p>
	Cultural Heritage	<p>The Heritage team at Pegasus specialises in archaeology, built heritage and the historic landscape. The team holds individual memberships of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI), the Institute of Historic Buildings Conservation (IHBC) and the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA). The Archaeology and Cultural Heritage</p>

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	Socio Economics	<p>chapter was authored and reviewed by members of the ClfA.</p> <p>The socio-economics assessment has been undertaken by the Pegasus socio-economics team, who collectively bring extensive experience in socio-economic analysis and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) coordination. The team’s expertise spans a wide range of sectors including residential, commercial, retail, renewable energy and energy infrastructure. Their socio-economic work routinely includes the preparation of socio-economic assessment chapters for EIAs, equality impact assessments, social and community infrastructure audits, employment and skills plans, development of social assessment toolkits for industrial clients, social performance plans, and validation assurance of CSR reports.</p> <p>Across numerous large and complex development projects, the socio-economics team has significant experience in providing strategic advice, coordinating multi-disciplinary inputs, and managing the preparation, technical review, and final production of EIA deliverables. Their broad professional background ensures robust, high-quality analysis of socio-economic effects to support the EIA process.</p>

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	<p>Ecology</p>	<p>Tyler Grange ecology consultants are certified members of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM). They have the experience and skills needed to navigate complex environmental compliance across a range of sectors while keeping in line with their professional Code of Practice.</p> <p>Ecology support is offered throughout the project’s lifecycle, from feasibility studies and ecological surveys right through to protected species licensing and negotiation with statutory consultees. Tyler Grange offer expert witnesses expertise, in addition to the full suite of ecological services where advice if proportionate and proactive.</p>
	<p>Glint and Glare</p>	<p>Pager Power is a dedicated consultancy company based in Suffolk, UK. The company comprises a team of experts to provide technical expertise and guidance on a range of planning issues for large and small developments, and has undertaken projects in 62 countries internationally. Pager Power has undertaken over 1,600 Glint and Glare assessments. The studies have included assessment of civil and military aerodromes, railway infrastructure and other ground-based receptors including roads and dwellings. Pager Power has published its own glint and glare guidance document, now in its fourth edition, which is based on</p>

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		industry experience, independent studies, and extensive consultation with industry stakeholders, including airports and aviation regulators. Pager Power's assessments withstand legal scrutiny, and the company can provide support for a project at any stage. Pager Power has successfully attended hearings, tribunals and appeals for projects globally, including DNS and NISP projects.