



Great Harmeston Solar Farm Environmental Statement

Technical Appendix 5.6

Scoping Out – Visual Assessment



The following table provides a succinct assessment of the predicted effects experienced by visual receptors identified through the preliminary scoping out process carried out at **Appendix 5.4 Preliminary Views – Scoping Out**, in order to identify those viewpoints, and locations within the local landscape, that are likely to experience significant visual effects.

The Preliminary Views shortlisted in **Appendix 5.4 Preliminary Views – Scoping Out** have been re-numbered and their locations identified on **Figure 5.9 LVIA Viewpoint Location Plan**.

No.	Viewpoint name	Relevant part of the Proposed Development	Construction Stage – Are the predicted effects significant?	Operational Stage – Are the predicted effects significant?	Decommissioning Stage – Are the predicted effects significant?	Taken further for detailed assessment?
1.	Northwestern section of Old Rosemarket Road.	Views limited to the higher ground in Fields F28 and F31.	No, medium range but restricted and gained in transition. Perimeter and internal hedgerows substantially restrict views into the Site Land.			Yes, to confirm the lack of significant effects upon medium range views in the eastern study area.
2.	Northwestern section of Old Rosemarket Road (railway overbridge).	Direct to slight oblique views overlooking the northern part of the eastern parcel.	Yes, close range and relatively open views.			Yes.
3.	Northwestern end of Old Rosemarket Road.	Direct to slight oblique views overlooking the northern part of the eastern parcel.	No, unlikely to be significant given the existing vegetative screening and very narrow angle of view.	Yes, very close range views.	No, unlikely to be significant given the existing vegetative screening and very narrow angle of view.	Yes.
4.	Bridleway PP81/2	The mid and lower slope of Field F39 is visible in restricted	No, unlikely to be significant given the offset from the southern boundary of Field F39.			No.

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		and partially filtered views, in winter months.				
5.	A477 to and from Johnston	Very restricted views of Field F33. Field F37 visible on the right hand side of the A477.	No, unlikely to be significant given the height of the roadside hedgerow with views gained at speed and in an alight to oblique angle of view. Crossing Hayston Bridge the road is enclosed by hedgerows and tree canopies, substantially curtailing views.			
6.	A477 to and from Johnston	Restricted views into Field F31. Very restricted views through roadside hedgerow into Field F28.	Yes, very close range into the Site’s eastern parcel and filtered views into its central parcel past the railway bridge.			Yes.
7.	A477 and A4076 / Milford Road roundabout	Very restricted views through roadside hedgerow into Field F15 and F41.	Potentially significant given the proximity and extent of Field 15. High sensitivity residential receptors.			Yes.
8.	A477 / Neyland Road leading to Steynton.	Restricted views of the higher ground in the western parcel: Fields F14 and F10; F12, F11, in the central parcel: Fields: F28 and F29 (very restricted) and potentially in the	No, unlikely to be significant due to distance and very restricted nature of views gained by pedestrians, those connecting to the nearby PRoW. Views by road users gained at speed and at very oblique angle of view. The majority of the road corridor is marked by a relatively tall hedgerow, which appears to be in good condition. The height of the roadside hedgerow is sufficient to break the line of sight. Very limited intervisibility with the Site Land and where views can be gained, they largely include Bolton Hill or the southern edge of Johnston.			No.

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		eastern parcel: F33 (not verified).				
9.	A477 / Neyland Road at Edge of Steynton.	Restricted views of the higher ground in the western parcel: Fields F7, F11, F12, and F15.	No, unlikely to be significant due to distance and very restricted nature of views gained by pedestrians, those connecting to the nearby PRow. Views by road users gained at speed and at very oblique angle of view. The majority of the road corridor is marked by a relatively tall hedgerow, which appears to be in good condition. The height of the roadside hedgerow is sufficient to break the line of sight. Very limited intervisibility with the Site Land and where views can be gained, they largely include Bolton Hill or the southern edge of Johnston.			No.
10.	Public Footpath PP65/35 near Upper Scoveston.	Very restricted views of Fields F3 and F4 in the western part of the Site. Field 15 comes into the view occasionally along this PRow.	No, unlikely to be significant due to distance and very restricted nature of views gained by PRow users. The roadside vegetation along the A477 / Neyland Road substantially restricts views north. Some of the built form in Johnston can be identified in winter views along with the Water Treatment Works at Bolton Hill, and the cumulative Solar Site B. Very limited / inconsequential visibility of the Site land. Change in colour or texture is likely to be identifiable but could be missed by a casual observer.			No.
11.	A4076 / Milford Road to and from Johnston.	Fields in the western parcel: F15 (very restricted), F12, F14 and F10	No. The relative elevation of the road receptor, coupled with the roadside hedgebank interrupting the line of sight, considerably restrict views of the Site Land. Views of the developable areas in the western parcel are distant.			No.
12.	A4076 / Milford Road to and from Johnston.	Fields in the western parcel: F3, F4, and F5, F14 and F10,	No. Views from this section of the A477 / Neyland Road are screened by the roadside hedgebanks. View into the Site Land is at right angle, glimpsed and heavily restricted.			No.

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13.	A4076 / Milford Road to and from Johnston.	F7 (very restricted but close range), F1, F3, F4,	Yes, close range and relatively open views over the roadside hedgerows gained along this section of the A477 / Neyland Road.			Yes.
14.	Rural lane linking the A4076 / Milford Road with Tierson & Public Footpath PP84/6.	Majority of western parcel.	No for road users given that views are incidental and gained through a field gate. Elsewhere along the road views are screened by hedgebanks. Yes, initial views gained by PRoW users traveling east. Medium to distant views across the western parcel.			Yes.
15.	Public Footpath PP84/6 north west of the Site.	Majority of western parcel.	Yes. Close range and expansive view across much of the Site’s wester parcel.			Yes.
16.	Bridleway PP84/8, south of Boltonhill Quarry.	Field F15, F12, F5 (very restricted) F6, F7 of the western parcel.	Yes. Multiple fields in the western parcel are visible. Whilst the slope of the land assist in reducing inter-visibility, the degree of change ought to be analysed further.			Yes.
17.	Public Footpath PP84/7, south east of Boltonhill Water Works.	Majority of western parcel.	Yes. Multiple fields in the western parcel are visible. Whilst the slope of the land assist in reducing inter-visibility, the degree of change ought to be analysed further.			Yes.
18.	Bulford Road Diversion, south east of Johnston.	Field 15 and Field 12 (very restricted).	Yes. Close range views gained by a variety of receptors.			Yes.