

Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park

Phase Two Community Consultation: Thursday 09 January – Thursday 20 February 2025

Phase Two Consultation Feedback Form

Elements Green is developing proposals for a new solar and energy storage park located to the northwest of Newark-on-Trent, Nottinghamshire.

We are inviting you to take part in the second phase of consultation for the Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park, which could provide approximately 800 megawatts (MW) AC of clean, affordable energy to meet the power needs of around 400,000 homes.

Have your say

This second phase of consultation is an opportunity for you to provide feedback on our updated proposals for the Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park.

We will acknowledge and record all the comments submitted to us during the consultation, taking them into consideration to help inform our decisions as we develop and finalise our proposals.

You can provide your written feedback by filling in this form, completing our online feedback form on our website, or sending a scanned copy via email. You can also provide written feedback through our communications channels below.



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If you have any questions or would like guidance in responding to this consultation, please contact us by email at info@gnrsolarpark.co.uk or by calling the community relations team by freephone on 0808 175 4054.

Please note that the deadline for the submission of feedback is **23:59pm Thursday 20th February 2025** (on or before this date).

You do not have to supply personal details; however, it will enable us to contact you regarding your feedback, if necessary. Your personal details will be stored in compliance with the GDPR by Counter Context, acting on behalf of Elements Green, and will not be shared with any third parties.



About you

Name:

Organisation: (if applicable)

Address:

Postcode:

Email Address:

Telephone:

Would you like us to keep you updated?

Please let us know if you agree for us to contact you with any future updates regarding the project. This may include sharing the results of this phase of consultation with you and notifying you of the project's development. If you agree to being contacted, please provide your email address and/or postal address above and confirm your preferred contact method below.

I would like to be kept informed of project updates

Please contact me by email

Post

What is your age?

Under 18

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65-74

75 and over

Prefer not to say

General

1.) How would you describe your interest in the Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park?

Local resident

Local representative

Landowner

Local business owner

Regular visitor

Local interest group (if so, please name)

Statutory organisation (if so, please name)

Other (please specify)

2.) As a principle, what is your view of the need for installing ground-mounted solar infrastructure in the UK to meet the Government's commitment to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050?

I agree with the need to install ground-mounted solar infrastructure

I do not feel I understand enough about the need to install ground-mounted solar infrastructure

I do not agree there is a need to install ground-mounted solar infrastructure

Project specific feedback

3.) Based on our updated proposals, what are your views on the Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park?

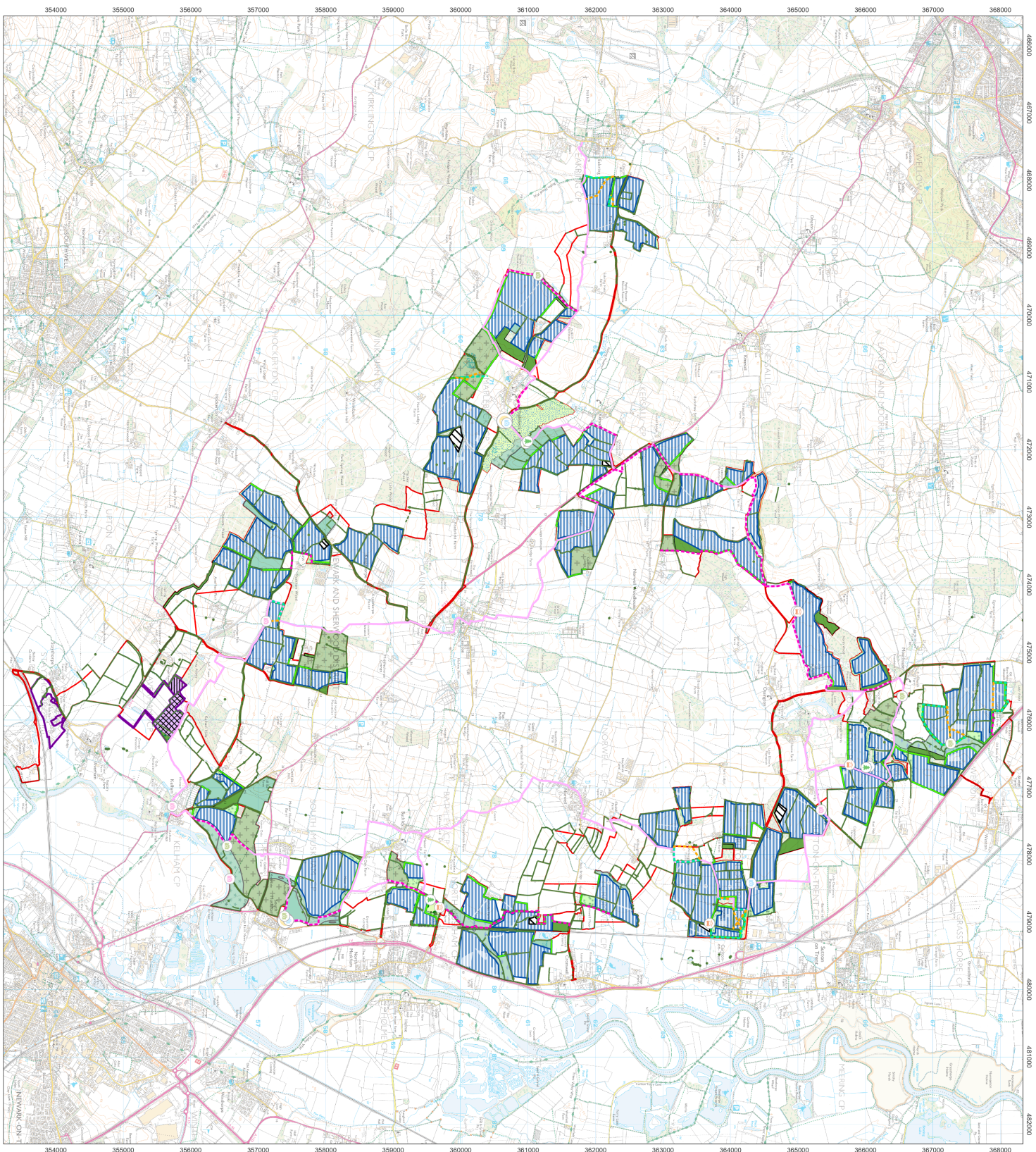
- I support the proposals
- I would like changes to be made to be able to support the proposals
- I do not support the proposals
- I have no opinion

4.) Which aspects of the project are most important to you?

The Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park project team are considering the following topics carefully as we continue to develop our proposals.

Environmental assessments have been carried out, and will continue to be undertaken to determine any potential impacts and how they can be mitigated. In the following table, please tick the topic areas which are most important to you. You can add further detail regarding the topic areas when responding to Question 5.

Tick box	Topic area
	<p>Local ecology and biodiversity This includes protecting existing wildlife and exploring opportunities to improve ecology and biodiversity across the site area.</p>
	<p>Landscape and visual This includes any visual impacts and how we can screen the solar farm from particular local viewpoints.</p>
	<p>Archaeology and local heritage This includes ways that our proposals may interact with local heritage sites and the sharing of any archaeological findings.</p>
	<p>Traffic and access This includes the managing of vehicles and deliveries associated with the solar farm.</p>
	<p>Land use and agriculture This includes how we can best manage the land during the operation of the solar farm, including opportunities for continued agricultural use.</p>
	<p>Hydrology and flood risk This includes considering the interaction with watercourses and rainfall in the area.</p>
	<p>Recreation and amenity This includes maintaining existing Public Rights of Way and exploring opportunities to deliver new routes and amenities across the site area.</p>
	<p>Noise and safety This includes any areas you think may need additional mitigation and screening.</p>
	<p>Socio-economics and tourism This includes opportunities to involve local businesses and people in the construction and operation of GNR Solar and Biodiversity Park, supply chain, and education opportunities.</p>
	<p>Climate change and energy need For example, the need for large-scale solar projects and the carbon footprint of the project.</p>
	<p>Other (please detail) Please list any other topics that you would like our team to consider:</p> <div style="background-color: #f0f0f0; height: 20px; width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"></div>



- Order Limits
- Proposed Solar Array Areas
- Substation Areas
- BESS and 400kV Substation Development Areas
- 400kV Substation
- BESS
- Landscape & Ecology**
- Existing Hedgerows
- Proposed Hedgerows
- Proposed Woodland
- Proposed Hedge and Tree Belt
- Retained Agricultural Land - enhanced ecological management
- Proposed Permanent Grassland
- Proposed Green Corridor
- Proposed Riparian Corridor
- Proposed Wildlife Site
- Proposed Community Orchard
- Proposed Grassland (PV areas) - species diverse
- Target area for ecological enhancement
- Access, Recreation & Interpretation**
- Proposed GNR Circular Long Distance Route
- Proposed New Permissive Route
- Proposed Public Right of Way Diversion
- Proposed Public Right of Way Deletion
- Visitor Facilities & Interpretation**
- Visitor Hub
- Clean Energy Information
- Ecology/Landscape Information
- Heritage Information
- Picnic Area
- Potential Parking Area (small, c. 4-6 vehicles)

1:35,000 Scale @ A3

0 0.5 1 2 km

Ref:

**PEIR Stage Masterplan
- Overview**

**Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park
Preliminary Environmental
Information Report**

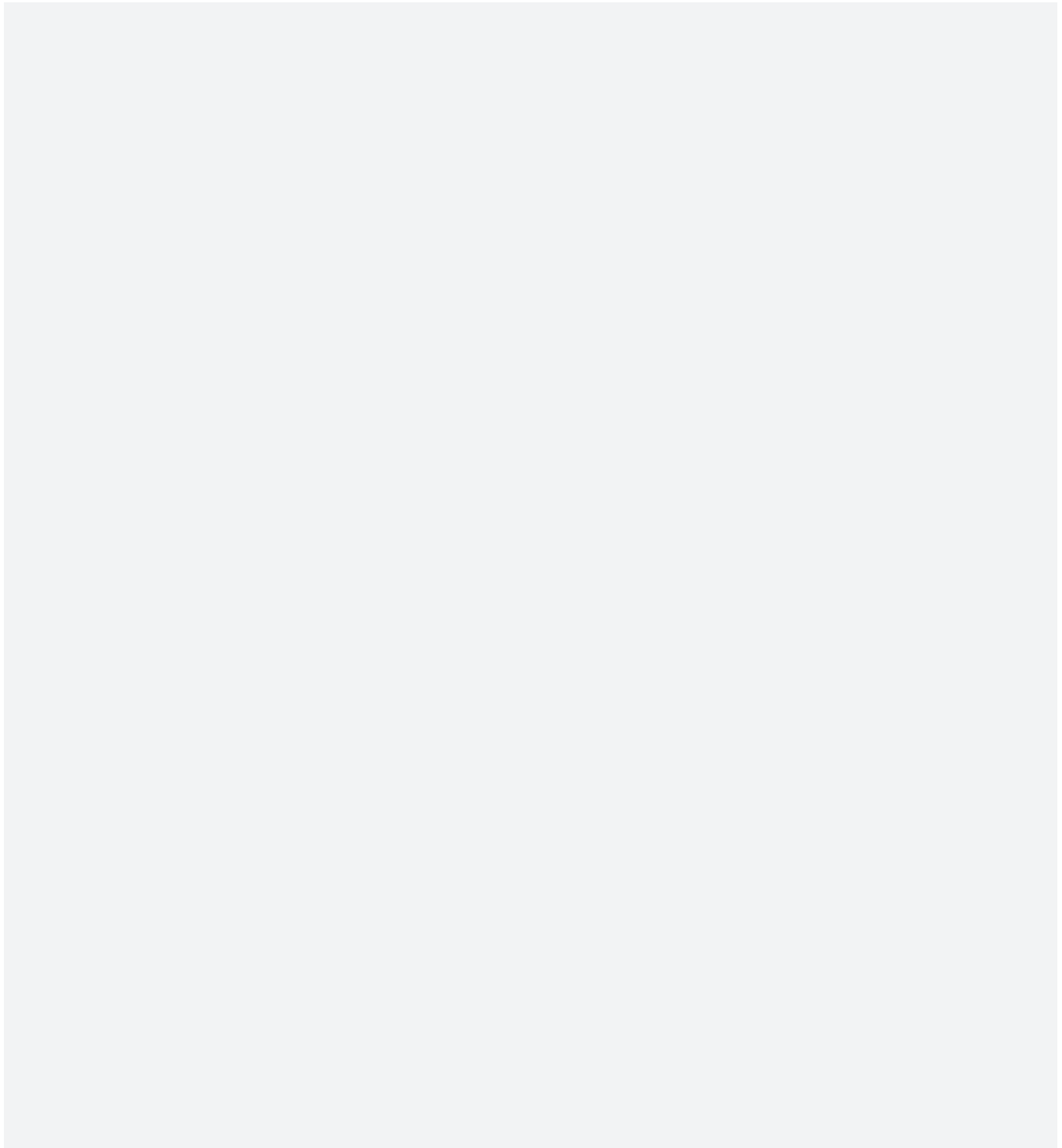
5.) Please provide comments on our updated proposals for the Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park.

You may choose to expand on the topic areas in Question 4 in your answer, refer to the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR), or provide more general feedback. Please feel free to include additional sheets of paper alongside this form if you require more space to fully complete your answer. All feedback received will be considered.

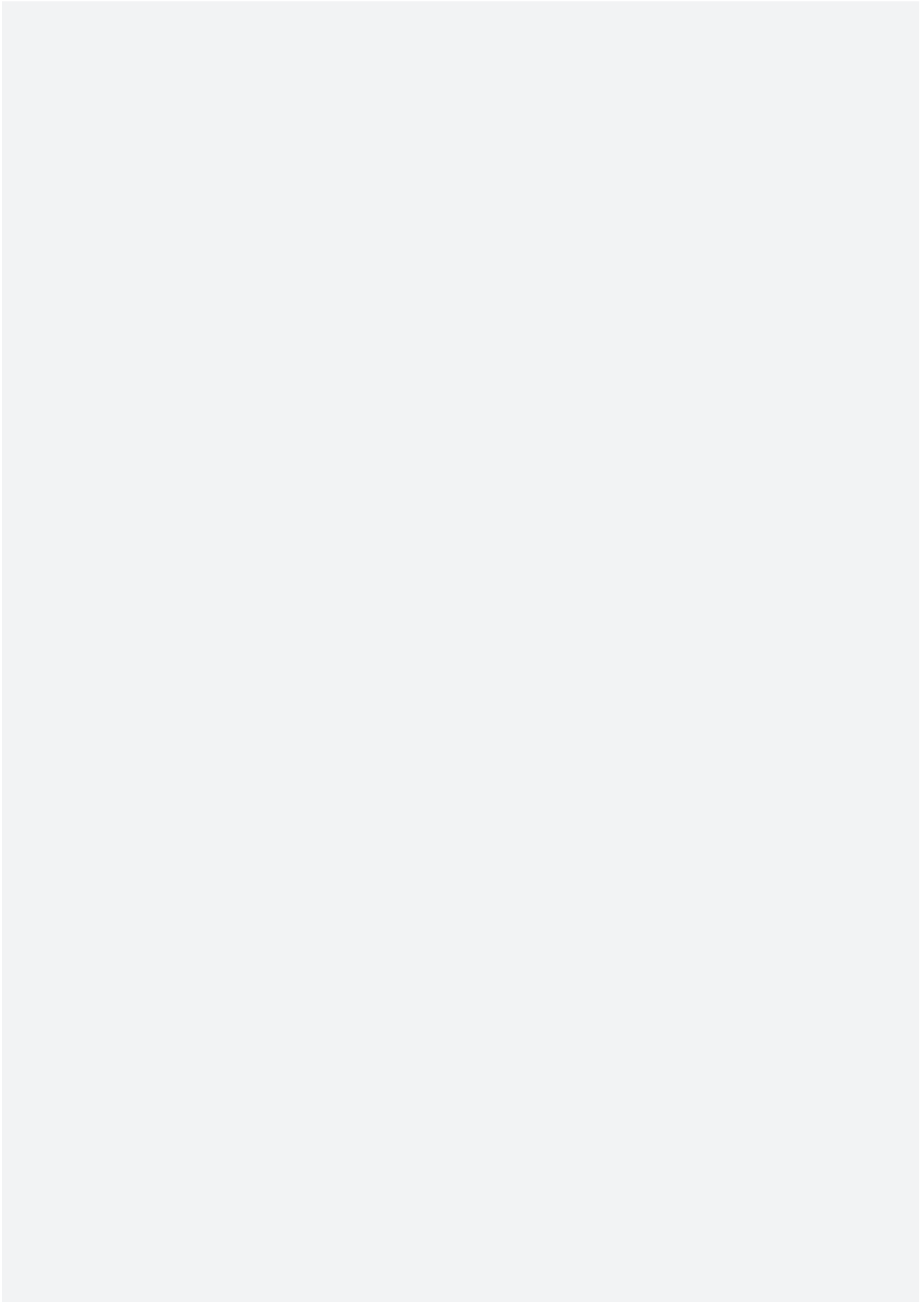
We are keen to hear your feedback on aspects such as:

- Our updated design, as shown on the map to the left
- Additional ecological enhancements you think we should consider as part of the Project Masterplan
- Any comments regarding the routing of new permissive paths that we are proposing
- Any schemes or initiatives we could support or deliver to benefit local communities

If you are providing location specific feedback, please try to include as much detail as possible to help our team identify this. Please use the map to the left to provide location specific feedback should you wish. If you would like to annotate a separate map of the site, please enclose this here.



Question 5 answer box continued



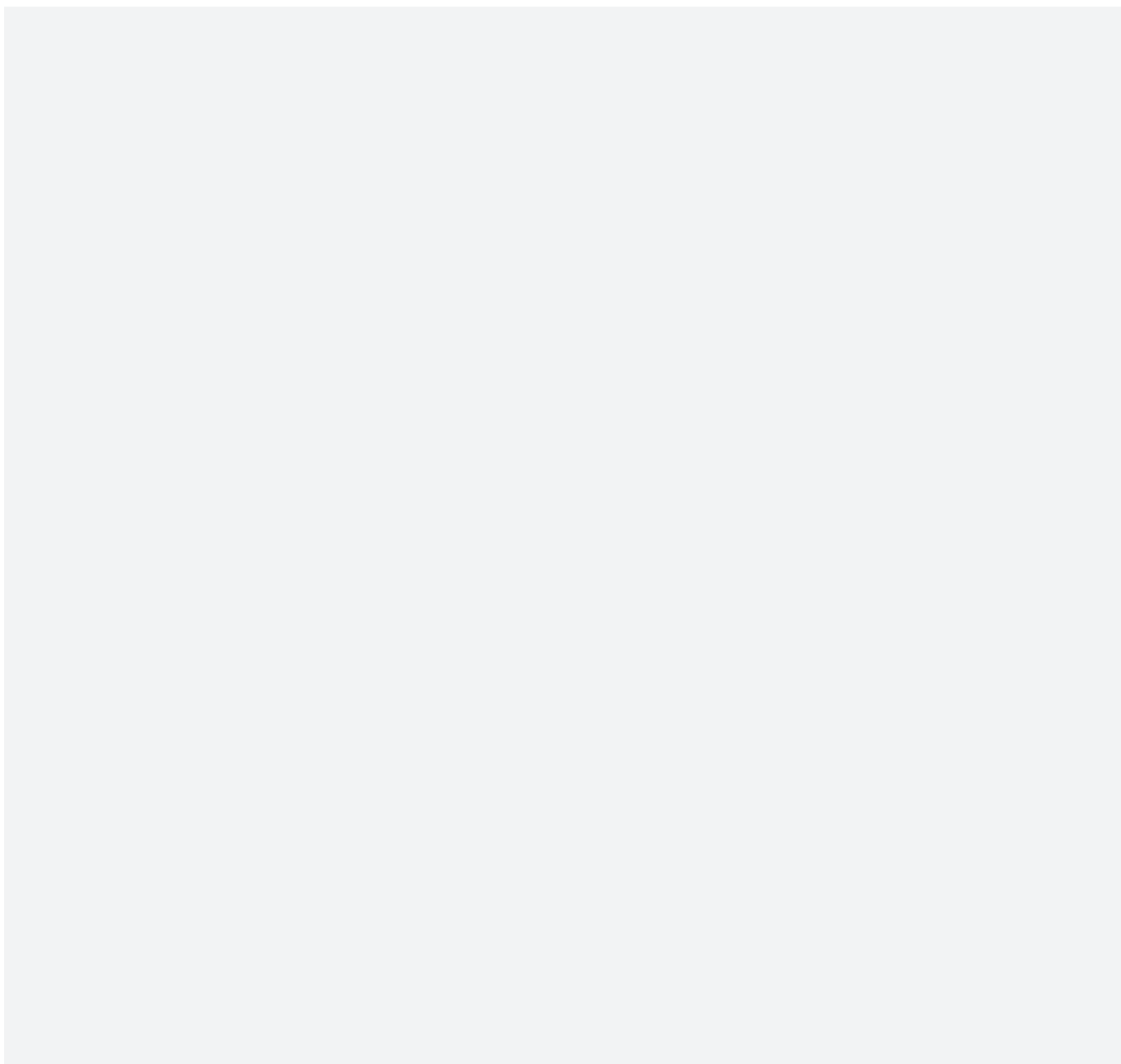
6.) Please provide your feedback on how you think the NG+ Community Benefit Fund should be spent.

Subject to consent being granted, the Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park would offer a community benefit package, known as NG+, which has the potential to make available around £1 million per annum to support local causes.

To continue in our efforts to identify and define community benefits, we are keen to hear your suggestions on local schemes and projects we could support or deliver to benefit those communities closest to the project. This may include:

- **Local environment** – Supporting projects to enhance woodlands, meadows, wetlands, and hedgerows, to ensure species protection and foster ecological balance, and develop a flood alleviation strategy to tackle pre-existing flooding.
- **Employment and education** – Collaborating with local educational organisations through education programmes, school visits and apprenticeships to re-skill the local workforce.
- **Wellbeing** – Enhancing local amenities, such as creating new picnic and play areas, and linking new and existing footpaths.
- **Food security** – Looking at projects to tackle food poverty by supporting targeted distribution programmes and work to reduce food waste.
- **Energy efficiency** – Offering grants for energy-related home improvements such as insulation, solar panels and heat pumps.

More information on the NG+ Community Benefit Scheme can be found via this link <https://ngplus.uk/>



Get in touch

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this form and providing us with your feedback.

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