

Your feedback and questions from the first round of consultation

Recreational access

People expressed concern that they might not be able to enjoy walking on this land once the solar farm is built.

Our response

All the common walking routes around the site will remain open. The solar farm will require some fencing, but it will be limited to around the solar panels and BESS. Grass strips of land will be left between the fence and field margins, which people can walk on.

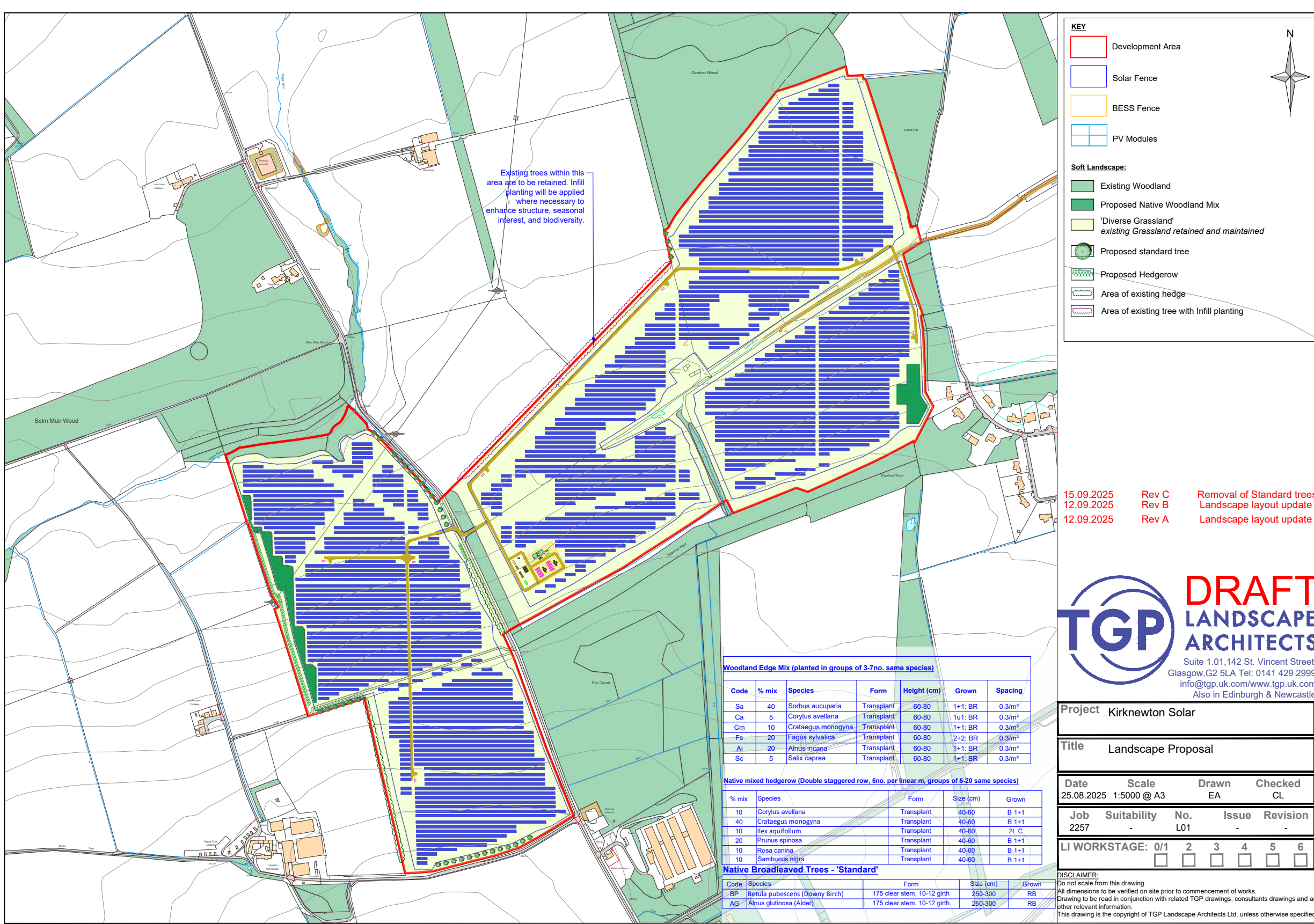
We changed the site design to address these concerns - as you can see from the updated layout, we adjusted the fence lines in the eastern part of the site so that walking access around the field remained.

Tree planting and screening

The loss of mature trees and hedgerows, and the visual impact of the solar farm and BESS, were raised as concerns.

Our response

- No trees will be cut down to build and operate this scheme
- New hedgerows and native woodland will be planted to increase screening of the scheme while enhancing the natural habitat for birds, mammals and insects.
- We will add additional hedgerow planting alongside the panels to minimise visual impact from Kirknewton and other settlements. Please look at the computerised 3D model at this exhibition to get an idea of what this might look like.
- A habitat management plan will be developed with West Lothian Council to ensure the right tree species are used to maximise habitat benefit.



If you have any comments or questions about any aspect of the project please talk to a member of the project team or visit our website.

