



Noise

ASSESSMENT STATUS	MITIGATION MEASURES IN DESIGN
Baseline monitoring has been undertaken at key receptors. The assessment will ensure BESS operations do not cause unacceptable noise effects.	- No residences within 500m of the BESS (other than the landowner's) and 100m of solar panels/inverters. - Construction noise limits and working hours to be agreed with the council. - Operational noise managed with technology providers to ensure compliance.

Glint and glare

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An assessment is underway to consider effects on residences and transport, including aircraft. No significant impacts are expected, but a full technical report will be compiled.	- Solar panels are designed to absorb light, limiting glare. - Assessment considers existing vegetation and proposed planting, with effects assessed up to 3 km away (residences, A912, M90).

Ecology

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Habitat surveys recorded grassland and arable land, with surrounding woodland and gorse scrub. No protected habitats were identified. Protected species surveys found: - No evidence of great crested newts. - No suitable bat roosts (trees assessed at ground level). - No evidence of otter, water vole, badger, or red squirrel.	- Buffers maintained around trees and habitats to protect bats and other species. - An outline Landscape Mitigation Plan will enhance biodiversity with wildflowers, shrubs, hedges, and native trees.

Ornithology

ASSESSMENT STATUS	MITIGATION MEASURES IN DESIGN
Breeding bird surveys identified 39 species, including six 'Red List' species: skylark, starling, house sparrow, greenfinch, linnet, and yellowhammer. Wintering bird surveys are ongoing.	- Buffers from important habitats maintained. - Vegetation retained and enhanced for connectivity, with new gorse scrub areas established. - Pre-construction clearance outside breeding season. - An ecological clerk of works will oversee construction.

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.

