

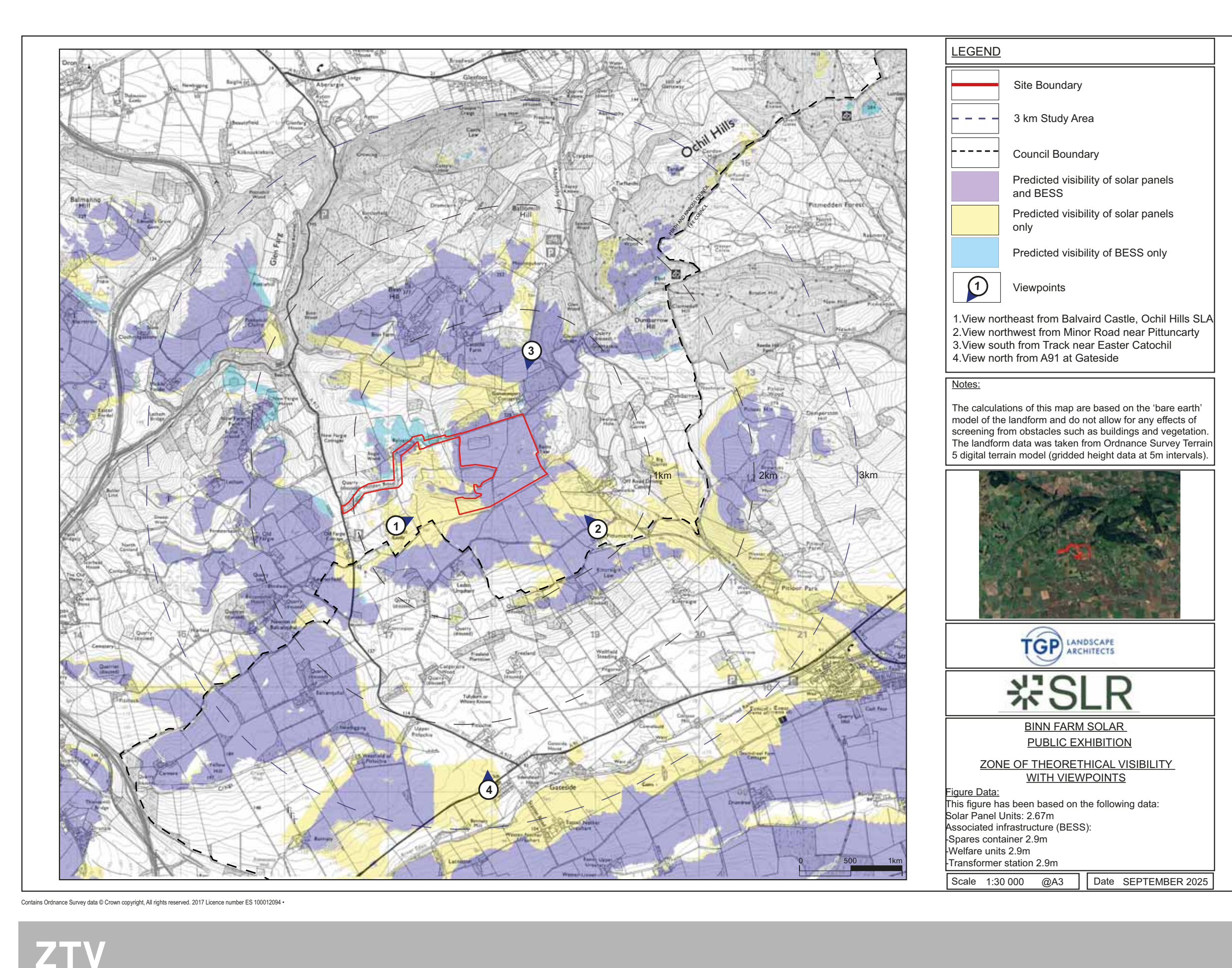
Biodiversity net gain

Binn Solar and BESS Farm will conserve, restore and enhance biodiversity following national and local guidance.

Bats

The development will be bat-friendly.
To support bats around the site:

- We have undertaken ground-level tree assessments to identify trees with potential roost features and have buffered these appropriately.
- We are following the most recent NatureScot guidance about bats and solar farms
- We are creating commuting corridors, incorporating stand-off distances from woodland, and we'll supplement vegetation and hedging to support connectivity with woodland.



Birds

To benefit ground nesting birds and species and birds of prey such as the merlin, we will sow a wildflower and grass seed mix within the site that is appropriate to the local area. We have also included a strip between the solar panels and fencing, around four metres wide, which will be left mostly unmanaged to create different heights of grasses, which is good for hunting habitat for birds of prey.

Trees and hedgerows

We will maintain existing and plant new trees and hedgerows, which will improve visual screening and create new wildlife corridors for birds and small mammals.

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.

