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Consultee (Company, Contact Name)	Date	Method of Consultation	Discussion/Purpose of the Meeting	Summary of Outcome of Discussions (further meetings, actions to be undertaken)
SDNP, WCC, EHDC & HBC	26 September 2017	Meeting	<p>WSP outlined the preliminary ZTVs and viewpoints.</p> <p>It was noted that consideration should be given to historic characterisation and field boundaries, different characteristics of the site and micro-siting.</p>	WSP to review viewpoints following site visit and recirculate viewpoints and viewpoint location plan
SDNP, WCC, EHDC & HBC	11 October 2017	Email	WSP circulated a revised viewpoint location plan, viewpoints taken in the field and landscape principles as well as the proposed location of three wirelines.	
WCC	16 October 2017	Email	<p>WCC - Comments were made on long views towards the coastal plain from the National Park.</p> <p>WCC reviewed the alternative locations presented at the time and illustrate a preference which would be for an option</p>	WSP follow up conversation with WCC over mitigation for Option 3 to reduce visual impacts. Prepared and circulated three local viewpoints and accompanying viewpoint location plan following agreement with WCC.

			further away and further down the hill Asked for additional more local viewpoints.	
HBC & EHDC	17 October 2017	Email	HBC/EHDC confirmed that they agreed with the wireframe locations.	
SDNP, WCC, EHDC & HBC	18 October 2017	Email	WSP circulated three further local viewpoints for comment.	
HBC & EHDC	20 October 2017	Email	HBCC / EHC confirmed that they agreed with the additional local viewpoints: viewpoints A, B and C covering both options.	
SDNP, WCC, EHDC & HBC	22 February 2018	Email	WSP issued an update on work of the LVIA, the wirelines and omission of viewpoint 18 (sites were not visible). The email explained that WPS were testing the options against proposed mitigation in terms of cut and fill and planting and would prepare revised ZTVs with mitigation.	
SDNP, WCC, EHDC & HBC	24 May 2018	Email	WSP sought clarification on the scoping responses querying: whether there should be additional viewpoints other than the ones previously agreed	WSP confirms that an 8 km ZTV will be included within the ES LVIA

			<p>the creation of two study areas 1) covering a 3 km and 2) an 8 km area</p> <p>the need for a further ZTV covering the wider 8 km study area</p>	
HBC & EHDC	31 May 2018	Email	HBC / EHDC confirmed they were happy with the revised viewpoint locations, the creation of a second study area and did not consider that a further ZTV was required.	
WCC	31 May 2018	Email	WCC confirmed they were happy with the revised viewpoint locations, the creation of a second study area and considered that a further ZTV was unnecessary.	No further action required.
SDNP	1 June 2018	Email	<p>SDNP confirmed that they were happy with the viewpoints selected</p> <p>Consider that the wider ZTV would support the rationale for viewpoint selection.</p> <p>Suggested that the two study areas should be well justified and understandable.</p> <p>Sought to ensure that lighting is assessed in terms of: visual/perceptual impact of lighting in the countryside (to include the infrastructure that goes with it) and the impact upon Dark Night Skies Reserve status is considered.</p>	WSP noted and agreed and suggested that a ZTV is prepared as per 4th June 2018 email below.

			No lighting is preferable and anything above that will need to be justified and impacts understood. Current night time views will be needed to be understood and the extent of the harm. As stated this should form part of the visual baseline evidence to enable an assessment to be undertaken.	
SDNP	4 June 2018	Email	<p>WSP email to SDNP confirmed the following based on the above email of 1 June 2018:</p> <p>“In terms of the viewpoints selected both Havant/ East Hampshire and Winchester CC are happy with the ones proposed. However, we suggest we extend (subject to the agreement of the client) the ZTV to cover an 8 km area to be comprehensive. We already have three viewpoints which will lie beyond 3 km but within 8 km which I hope would be sufficient, but we can review these once the ZTV has been run.”</p> <p>“In terms of the different study areas, these will be explained and justified in the LVIA. A 3 km study area will pick up on local landscape character, whilst an 8 km study area would refer to district / county level assessments.”</p>	A ZTV to 8 km radius is included within this report.

<p>SDNP</p>	<p>15 June 2018</p>	<p>Email</p>	<p>Agreed with the suggestion based on email dated 4 June.</p> <p>SDNP added that in relation to the lighting the need for night time views is reduced however I would expect to see lighting covered in the LVIA and not just reference made to the Lighting Assessment. It will require an understanding of the impact in relation to the 3 types of harm (impact upon Dark Night Skies Reserve Status – info online and in pack of evidence submitted with the Local Plan on our website, ecological harm – specific impact upon bats (and other species) and species they reply upon, visual impact relating to people’s perception and subsequent wellbeing) that can potentially be generated and ensure each is addressed through the lighting design. Motion sensors are a great way of mitigating for harm but there are others.</p>	<p>A separate lighting assessment is not proposed.</p> <p>The proposed Converter Station will not be illuminated during the hours of darkness. There will be lighting around the perimeter road but this would only be activated in the event of detection of an intruder by motion sensors. On this basis it is not considered that an assessment of lighting in night time views on visual receptors will be included within the LVIA.</p> <p>The LVIA will consider the visual impact of the Proposed Converter Station on the DNS reserve and visual perceptions whilst ecological harm would be covered by ecologists.</p>
<p>SDNP</p>	<p>4 July 2018 and 5th July 2018</p>	<p>Phone call followed by email confirmation</p>	<p>SDNP confirmed that it would be beneficial as background information to have an 8 km ZTV which would form part of the initial baseline. There would be two study areas an 8 km study area referring to district / county level assessments and more long-</p>	

			<p>distance views agreed and a 3 km which would focus on local landscape character and views.</p> <p>In terms of lighting the proposed Converter Station will be a dark site, with emergency lighting which would only be used in case of an emergency. The LVIA would consider the visual impact of the Proposed Converter Station on the DNS reserve and visual perceptions whilst ecological harm would be covered by our ecologists. RC ('SDNP') confirmed that she was happy with this approach as long as lighting was covered and explained in the ES and relevant chapters including project description. Consideration will also be given to alternative lighting options.</p>	
SDNP, WCC, EHDC & HBC	10 July 2018	Email	WSP issued an email reminder over the three viewpoint wirelines and asked for confirmation the wirelines suggested and whether fully rendered photomontage were required and from which locations.	
WCC	16 July 2018	Email	WCC confirmed that they agree with the approach to be taken to the wirelines and suggest three fully rendered from local viewpoints. WCC also queried the nature of a DCO application.	

SDNP, WCC, EHDC & HBC	17 July 2018	Email	WSP confirmed that the application would include three full rendered local viewpoints; the exact location of which would be confirmed once a decision has been made on which option to pursue.	
HBC & EHDC	17 July 2018	Email	EHDC /HBC confirmed that they were happy with the proposed 3 wirelines and 3 fully rendered photomontages.	
SDNP, WCC, EHDC & HBC	15th October 2018	Meeting	<p>Meeting with South Downs National Park, Winchester City Council, East Hampshire Council and Havant Borough Council, WSP and NORR Architects.</p> <p>Summarised background to project, change in nature of the project from Town and Country Planning to DCO application, and discussed the possible content of PEIR as opposed to the ES in terms of the LVIA and timescales for the PEIR and formal consultation.</p> <p>Confirmation that the consultants were still considering 2 options for the Converter Station location.</p>	<p>Email feedback after the meeting is summarised as follows:</p> <p>Agreed viewpoints and methodology for LVIA;</p> <p>Emphasis was made to the priority to be given to retaining the mature hedgerows and trees around Option B;</p> <p>Advise on the dislike of the concept of bunds for planting/landscape mitigation in terms of potential effect on local landscape character, unless it can be shown that they would be effective and managed to ensure survival of planting;</p> <p>Agreement (in the main) for the suggested species for planting (although WCC suggest that Beech</p>

				<p>would not be 'native' to this location); and</p> <p>welcomed the approach to the design concepts for the Converter Station so far.</p> <p>WCC appear to prefer a more muted colour palette for the Converter Station design.</p>
SDNP	18th October 2018	Email	Detailed email feedback from the SDNP Landscape Officer after meeting on 15th October 2018	<p>The SDNP agreed with the proposed LVIA methodology.</p> <p>SDNP confirmed that the cumulative impact approach was also acceptable.</p> <p>The retention of existing vegetation is a key principal of the mitigation strategy – the existing vegetation includes key landscape elements which contribute to the site's character and many landscape elements are historic, reinforcing the time-depth of the landscape.</p> <p>SDNP do not support the use of bunds. They generate an engineered character incongruous in what remains an agricultural landscape.</p>