

Consultation Response KC Landscape			
Planning Number:	2025/91494		
Proposal:	Discharge of details reserved by condition 5 (LEMP) on previous permission 2021/93644 for erection and operation of grid-connected solar photovoltaic farm to supply up to 49.9MW, with ancillary infrastructure and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements		
Location:	Low Farm, Wakefield Road, Flockton, Huddersfield, WF4 4BB		
DEVELOPER/APPLICANT/AGENT:	Boom Developments Ltd		
Planning Officer:	Katie Chew		
Date Responded:	24/07/25	Responding Officer:	AR
Site Area (Hectares)		Responding Ref:	PP23

NOTES/COMMENTS:

Cond 5:

5. Prior to development commencing, the following details of hard and soft landscaping shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority:

a) Detailed landscape plans indicating full planting specification, including; layout, species, number, density and size of trees and plants and/or seed mixes and sowing rates, hedgerow species and density, double staggered rows etc. including extensive use of native species.

b) Identify which areas of landscaping are specifically being installed to mitigate the harm identified within the Glint and Glare Assessment.

c) Landscape Management Plan required including details of initial aftercare and long-term maintenance for a minimum of 15 years. This should include any new proposed planting and screening, existing trees and vegetation retained on site, plus management of any fencing and gates.

d) Timetable and phasing of the landscape implementation, demonstrating that works are aligned with the proposed phasing of development.

e) Persons responsible for implementing the works.

f) Details for monitoring and remedial measures, including replacement of any trees, shrubs or hedge that fails or becomes diseased within the first fifteen years from completion.

The development shall thereafter be implemented in accordance with the approved details, in accordance with approved timetable and phasing arrangements. All approved landscaping shall be retained thereafter in accordance with the approved details and approved long-term maintenance, monitoring and remedial arrangements.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety, residential amenity, local ecological value and visual amenity, and to accord with Policies LP21, LP24, LP30, LP32, LP33, LP47 and LP52 of the Kirklees Local Plan. This is a pre-commencement condition, to ensure the necessary mitigation measures are sufficiently detailed and implemented prior to the proposal causing harm.

I have reviewed the LEMP and accompanying information, and confirm that the amendments made address the points raised in my comments on 14/07/22 date. It should be noted that the Management Plan is set to be reviewed after 10yrs, the condition is for a 15yr management plan however it is appreciate that a 10yr review is practical the applicant is committed to a 30yr period of management, therefore, provided all the landscape measures specified within the LEMP dated May 2025 are incorporated and maintained as outlined hereafter, I may now support the discharge of Condition 5.