

File Note



Site name	Solar Farm on Land West of Berrington, Shrewsbury
Location	Berrington
OS grid ref.	SJ 52741 07125
Project Code / ADAS Reference:	1120051

Revision	Date	Issue
01	25/01/2023	First Issue

Background/introduction

ADAS was commissioned by Ecoenergy Ltd to undertake an Ecological Impact Assessment (EclA) of the land south of Berrington, Shrewsbury, which is to be used to inform the design of a solar farm. The proposed development will involve the removal of the arable, improved grassland and the semi-improved habitats on site. The EclA report was submitted to the Local Authority (Shropshire Council) in July 2022 (ADAS 2022a), a response to the submitted report with comments from the County Planning Ecologist was received in October 2022 (Ref: 22/04355/FUL). ADAS issued a response in the form of a File note in November of 2022 (ADAS 2022b) to the Local Authority addressing all points raised. Following this, changes were made to the design plan to incorporate new mitigation in the form of four Skylark Protection Zones and updates made to the EclA to ensure the Planning Ecologist comments were addressed.



Updates

The updates made to the EclA were as follows:

- Inclusion of four Skylark Protection Zones around the site to improve the nesting and foraging habitat for skylarks;
- Further justification for the exclusion of White-clawed Crayfish from further consideration;
- Reasoning for exclusion of Ponds 4, 10 and 11 from further surveys;
- Further justification for Non-licence method statement (NLMS) for Great Crested Newts over the use of District Level Licensing;
- Inclusion of all trees with bat roosting potential in Phase 1 map;
- Inclusion of small offsite stream in Phase 1 map;
- Correction of distance of Cound Brook from site;
- Adjustment for the landscape plan to be more sympathetic towards the adjacent Big Bog Local Wildlife Site.

References

ADAS, (2022a). Berrington Solar Farm: Ecological Impact Assessment

ADAS, (2022b). Berrington Solar Farm: File Note Berrington Solar Farm Local Authority Response

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