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Appeal Scheme with Amendments



1 Amendments Table

Table one presented below lists the changes and their reasoning.

Amendment	Description	Change	Reasons for change
1	HV compound and associated attenuation and landscape screening	Relocated further west in Field 1	Response to consultation comments and impact on 8 Sheephurst Cottages.
2	Northern fence line	Revised fence line	The fence line shown on the drawing for the Proposed Scheme was shown incorrectly. This has been corrected.
3	Access tracks, transformer stations and fencing	Reduction in length and number	Consequence of the relocation of the HV compound and revised landscape mitigation planting to address impacts on residential receptors.
4	Solar panels	Reduction in number	Panels have been removed to mitigate the impact on 8 Sheephurst Cottages,
5	Landscape mitigation	Removed landscape mitigation	In response to concern raised in the Officer Report around the deliverability of mitigation planting outside the red line boundary.
6	Landscape mitigation	Removal of panels and additional landscape mitigation	Response to consultation comments and landscape comments with respect to impacts on 8 Sheephurst Cottages and the listed buildings of Little Cheveney Farm.
7	Landscape mitigation	Species mix	In response to the landscape officer request to incorporate a species mix more in line with the Maidstone Landscape Character Guidelines. This introduces faster growing species so screening will be effective more quickly.
8	Permissive footpath by Lower Teise	Clarification	Response to consultation response from the Environment Agency. This is an open area to which the public will have access and are free to roam. The permissive footpath is an indication.

Table 1 - Appeal Scheme Amendments

2 Implications of the proposed changes

Below is a list of implications from the proposed changes.

1. Reduction in the developed area of land (within the fence line) of the Proposed Development from 54.6ha in the Proposed Scheme to 46.3ha in the Appeal Scheme with Amendments.
2. Reduction in the developed land (within the fence line) by ALC grade.

ALC GRADE	PROPOSED SCHEME (ha)	APPEAL SCHEME WITH AMENDMENTS (ha)	REDUCTION (ha)
Grade 1	0	0	0
Grade 2	2.2	1.6	0.6
Grade 3a	21	18.6	2.4
Grade 3b	31.4	26.1	5.3

Table 2 - Reduction in Developed Land by ALC

3. Reduction in the number of transformer stations from 15 in the Proposed Scheme to 6 in the Appeal Scheme with Amendments.
4. Reduction in the length of access tracks from 3400m in the Proposed Scheme to 2700m in the Appeal Scheme with Amendments.
5. Reduction in the length of fencing required from 4500m in the Proposed Scheme to 4037m in the Appeal Scheme with Amendments.