



Proposed solar farm and battery energy storage system on land adjacent to the A614, Worksop, S80 3PA

LANDSCAPE AND VISUAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

ADDENDUM 1:

Summer and winter views from within Clumber Park

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Introduction

This report has been produced as an addendum to the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) for the proposed solar farm and battery energy storage system on land adjacent to the A614, Worksop, S80 3PA. It has been produced to allay concerns that the Proposed Development might be visible from within Clumber Park, which is a Grade 1 Historic Park and Garden, within which lie numerous historical assets. Clumber Park is also an important visitor attraction for those wishing to appreciate its history, scenery and wildlife. It is important that the proposed development does not adversely affect the visual amenity of visitors.

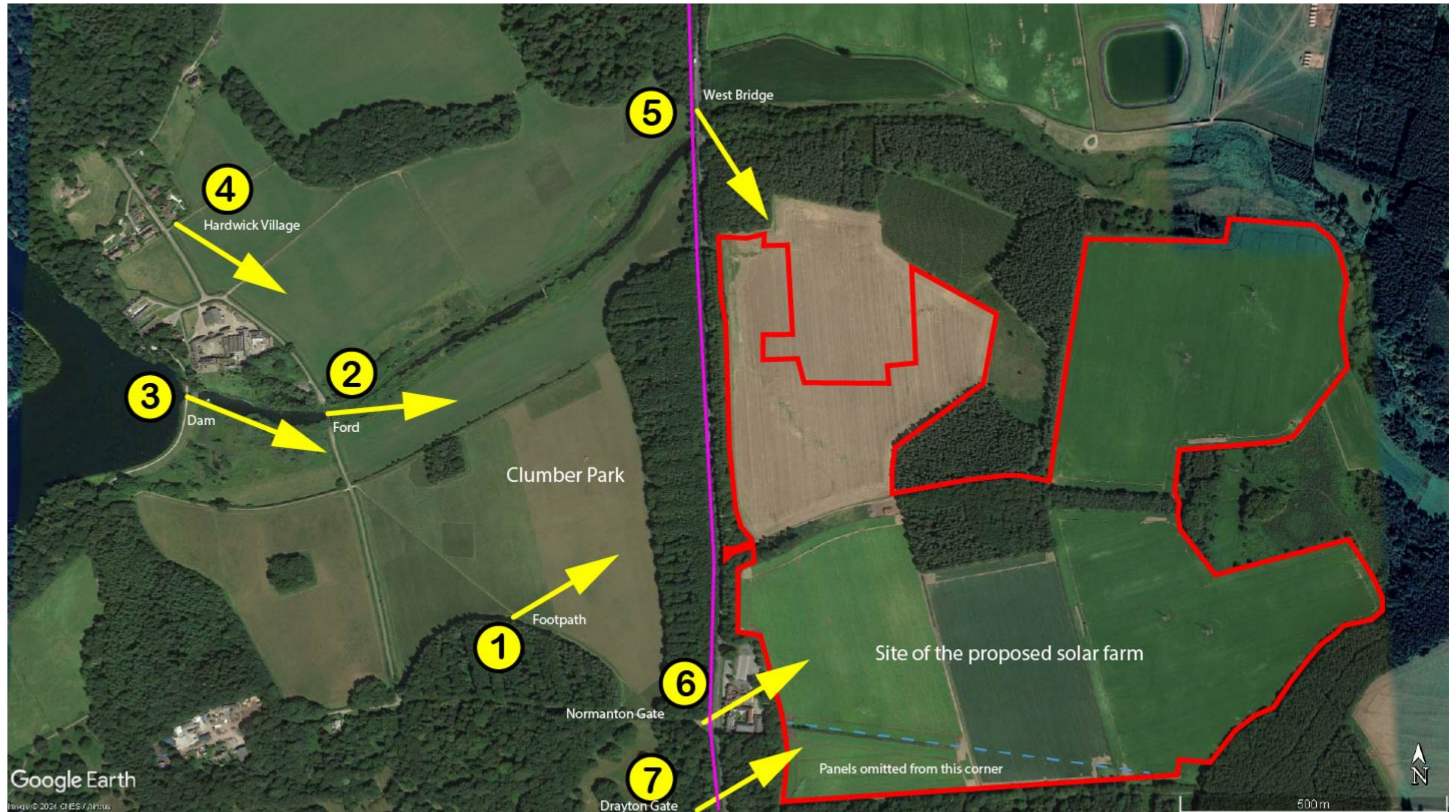
The park and garden is enclosed by mature, deep and dense tree belts which block views out to the wider countryside, even in winter. This screening feature is reinforced by a similar block of woodland on the east side of Blyth Road (the A614) which separates the Site from Blyth Road. Screen planting will also be provided within Proposed Development.

Views from within the park and garden were not included within the LVIA because the Site is already effectively screened from within the park and garden. This report presents photographs from within Clumber Park, orientated towards the site, to illustrate that the proposed development will not be visible from within the park and garden and will have no effect on its appreciation from within Clumber Park.

Viewpoints have been chosen in collaboration with the National Trust from locations where the Proposed Development would potentially be most prominent and from the more sensitive key assets. The viewpoints are located on Figure 1.

The first issue of the report included only summer views. Following a request from the National Trust, winter views have been prepared including an additional views from the

Figure 1: Viewpoint Locations



Viewpoint 1: From a footpath which crosses a high point on the southern boundary of the estate (Summer)

The Site lies behind the trees and behind a similar tree belt on the east side of the A614 Blyth Road



Viewpoint 1

Direction of view: Northeast

Distance to nearest site boundary: 460m

Elevation: 56 m AOD

Date photo was taken: 27.06.2024

Viewpoint 1: From a footpath which crosses a high point on the southern boundary of the estate (Winter)

The Site lies behind the trees and behind a similar tree belt on the east side of the A614 Blyth Road



Viewpoint 1

Direction of view: Northeast

Distance to nearest site boundary: 460m

Elevation: 56 m AOD

Date photo was taken: 03.01.2025

The Proposed Development will lie behind the two broad bands of woodland that flank the A614. This skyline woodland remains a visual barrier in winter and further woodland, hedge and scrub planting is proposed beyond this woodland to provide a third layer of screening. Walkers will be afforded glimpsed views of panels through the leafless branches for the last 200m of the footpath on its approach to Normanton gate but seen in the context of traffic on the A614 and the hotel. Views of the panels will become blocked by the proposed planting between the solar farm and existing woodland.

The Site lies behind the trees



Viewpoint 2

Direction of view: East

Distance to nearest site boundary: 773m

Elevation: 31m AOD

Date photo was taken: 27.06.2024

Viewpoint 2: from The Ford (Winter)

The Site lies behind the trees



Viewpoint 2

Direction of view: East

Distance to nearest site boundary: 773m

Elevation: 31m AOD

Date photo was taken: 03.01.2025

The Proposed Development will lie behind the two broad bands of woodland that flank the A614. This skyline woodland remains a visual barrier in winter and further woodland, hedge and scrub planting is proposed beyond this woodland to provide a third layer of screening. The Proposed Development will not be visible from within Clumber Park.

The Site lies behind the trees



Viewpoint 3

Direction of view: East

Distance to nearest site boundary: 1050m

Elevation: 41m AOD

Date photo was taken: 27.06.2024

The Site lies behind the trees



Viewpoint 3

Direction of view: East

Distance to nearest site boundary: 1050m

Elevation: 41m AOD

Date photo was taken: 03.01.2025

The Proposed Development will lie behind the two broad bands of woodland that flank the A614. This skyline woodland remains a visual barrier in winter and further woodland, hedge and scrub planting is proposed beyond this woodland to provide a third layer of screening. The Proposed Development will not be visible from within Clumber Park.

The Site lies behind the trees



Viewpoint 4
Direction of view: Southeast
Distance to nearest site boundary: 1060m
Elevation: 44m AOD
Date photo was taken: 27.06.2024

The Site lies behind the trees



Viewpoint 4

Direction of view: Southeast

Distance to nearest site boundary: 1060m

Elevation: 44m AOD

Date photo was taken: 03.01.2025

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West Bridge lies behind the Armco barrier. The Site lies at a higher level behind 200m depth of woodland which includes evergreens



Viewpoint 5

Direction of view: Southeast

Distance to nearest site boundary: 120m

Elevation: 32m AOD

Date photo was taken: 27.06.2024

West Bridge lies behind the Armco barrier. The Site lies at a higher level behind 200m depth of woodland which includes evergreens



Viewpoint 5

Direction of view: Southeast

Distance to nearest site boundary: 120m

Elevation: 32m AOD

Date photo was taken: 27.06.2024

The listed bridge is not a prominent feature when traveling along the A614 (and is largely screened by its protective Armco barriers), even in winter. The Site is screened by the dense tree cover along the A614 and by a band of woodland with a high evergreen conifer content along its northern boundary. Even in winter the Proposed Development will not affect the setting of the bridge.

Viewpoint 6: 25m in front of Normanton Gate

The Site is just visible through the leafless branches beyond the car park but will be screened by tree planting



Viewpoint 6

Direction of view: Northeast

Distance to nearest site boundary: 143m

Elevation: 55m AOD

Date photo was taken: 03.01.2025

The hotel blocks views of the Site when looking directly from the gate and woodlands flanking the gate block oblique views towards the Site. Even when moving close to the road junction (this view) the hotel and car park block views of the Site. Substantial tree planting is proposed alongside the boundary with the hotel to protect its setting and this will also ensure that the panels will not be visible from the environs of the gate.

The Site is screened by woodland that lies on both sides of the A614 and the area of panels has been cut back to north of Normanton Gate



Viewpoint 7

Direction of view: northeast

Distance to nearest site boundary: 147m

Elevation: 56m AOD

Date photo was taken: 03.01.25

Views towards the Site from Drayton Gate are blocked by the adjacent woodland and a deep band of woodland on the east side of the A614. The panels have been omitted from the southwest corner of the Site and now start north of Normanton Gate and so will not be visible.