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### Biodiversity Net Gain Addendum

To Whom it May Concern,

With regards to the design changes of Kingston Solar Farm which removes solar infrastructure from Field 16 and the southern half of Field 15, this will have the following changes to the biodiversity net gain reporting provided as part of Application (PA Ref: **22/00319/FUL**).

Due to the change in anticipated land use as outlined in the Landscape and Ecological Management Plan (Figure 1.13c of Landscape Addendum) it is noted that an additional 13.1ha of Cropland – Cereal crops will now be retained, and this area will no longer be utilised for the creation of Species Rich Grassland (Moderate Condition Other Neutral Grassland within the Net Gain Assessment). As such, this alters the Total Net % Change of Habitat units from **44.88%** to **26.61%** gain. This, whilst a reduction is still significantly higher than the 10% net gain requirement as outlined by the Environment Act 2021.

In addition, due to changing needs for visual screening, there will be a net loss of 679.8m of hedgerow in comparison to the previous design. As such the site will now provide a total of 1.56km of hedgerow planting which slightly reduces the Total Net % Change of Hedgerow units from **76.21%** to **63.83%**. Once again, whilst this is a reduction, the new projected amount still sits significantly above the 10% requirement.

Due to these changes, it should be noted that the areas which will now be retained in their current use will no longer undergo changes due to the development, including the necessary homogenisation to allow the uptake of the species rich grassland. As such, this will reduce the overall potential impact of the Proposed Development's construction stage for protected species.

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