

By Email
FAO Jessica Clarke-Roome

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Dear Jess,

Application to Discharge Requirement 21 at Oaklands Farm Solar Park, Coton Road, Walton upon Trent, DE12 8LP

This application is being submitted to discharge Requirement 21 of the Oaklands Development Consent Order (DCO'), made on 19th July 2025. The DCO granted development consent for the construction of a generating station with a generating capacity of over 50MW, the Oaklands Farm Solar Park

Requirement 21 – Protected species

1. No phase of the authorised development may commence until protected species surveys have been carried out by a suitably qualified person. The surveys shall inform the mitigation measures required for the protection of such species, which shall be incorporated into a species protection plan (SPP) that shall include a scheme of protection and mitigation.
2. The SPP must be agreed with the local planning authority in consultation with Natural England and implemented as approved.
3. In this requirement, "protected species" refers to any species defined as a European Protected Species in regulations 42 (European protected species of animals) and 46 (European protected species of plants) of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 or any species to which Part I (wildlife) and Schedule 5 (animals which are protected) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981(a) applies.

This application is accompanied by a Protected Species Plan produced by LUC which identifies the relevant species on site and outlines measures that will be implemented to avoid or mitigate harming these protected species. These mitigation measures vary between species but include pre-construction surveys as appropriate.

The Protected Species Plan fully addresses part 1 of this Requirement. Part 2 requires the work to be undertaken in accordance with the approved details. Part 3 defines the term "protected species". This submission therefore seeks to discharge Requirement 21 in relation to all phases of the development in full.

Yours sincerely,

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