

Landscaping Details

The proposed development includes landscaping measures to help the solar array sit comfortably within the surrounding field setting and to improve biodiversity.

A new native hedgerow would be planted alongside the proposed timber fence around the perimeter of the solar array. This would help soften views of the panels from the surrounding area and, over time, provide natural screening. The hedgerow would be allowed to grow to a sufficient height to reduce visibility of the panels from the nearby public footpath.

The hedgerow to the front of the panels would be maintained at a lower height to avoid shading the solar panels and reducing their performance. There is no publicly accessible viewpoint from the front of the panels.

The proposed native hedging mix would include species such as:

- Hawthorn
- Blackthorn
- Hornbeam
- Alder
- Hazel
- Dog rose

Existing hedgerows around the field would also be improved with additional native planting where appropriate.

A wildflower area would be created in front of the proposed array to improve biodiversity and provide habitat for pollinators. The area beneath and around the panels would remain largely grassed, allowing the land to retain a natural appearance and continue supporting wildlife and potential grazing use.

The proposed landscaping would ensure that the development has a limited visual impact while providing biodiversity enhancements to the site.