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Hi Stephen

The ecology surveys in April and May this year found the only likely potential constraints to be nesting birds – on the ground within the substation area and within a section of hedgerow requiring removal.

No skylarks were present within the substation plot this year as the ground (recently ploughed) was unsuitable for them. If works commence this year no further surveys or mitigation is necessary, however, if ground works are likely to commence in spring 2025, another check for skylarks will be required. I would advise a condition requiring a prior check for skylarks by a suitably qualified ecologist prior to the commencement of works if they will start between April-August inclusive.

A check prior to the removal of the hedgerow is covered by an update to the solar farm EA, therefore no Informative for nesting birds is required.

Regards,
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