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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON LVIA FROM LOCAL AUTHORITY DATED 14.04.25 (REF: SMD/2024/0568)

Thank you for your landscape and visual consultation note in relation to the proposed BESS development at Luzlow. We appreciate the comments relating to the previous LVIA submission and have given due consideration to the matters raised.

We enclose *Rev A* of the LVIA, which reflects the consultation input received and seeks to respond constructively to the comments provided.

Landscape Character & Susceptibility

You raised observations regarding physical modifications to the landform and the visibility of engineered elements. In response:

- The LVIA now more clearly identifies the cut-and-fill strategy and evaluates its landscape implications under receptor-based headings. The change to landform has been appraised in greater detail, supported by tabulated assessments (see Table 7 and Table 8).

Visual Impact Assessment

The viewpoints and receptor analysis have been revised in line with your feedback:

- Luzlow Lane and footpath users have been appraised with receptor-specific sensitivity gradings, including transitional and sequential views.
- Residual visual impacts are projected at Year 15 based on the proposed mitigation scheme, with magnitude reductions illustrated in Table 17.

Cumulative Considerations

The LVIA includes reference to cumulative effects of the additional scheme that is currently in consideration (Section 16).

Mitigation

The LVIA refers directly to the landscape proposals plan (ref YLEM1482-11) now updated to reflect:

- Reinforced native planting along key boundaries.
- Adjustments in hedgerow spacing and species composition.
- Visual blending treatments for external envelopes. We have ensured these measures align with recommendations made in the consultation and support their integration into a long-term management plan.

Summary

In summary, the revised LVIA demonstrates a reasoned and responsive approach to your professional input. Not all information provided within the LVIA is new, but sections have been moved where appropriate to make it clearer where necessary such as the creation of a specific limitations chapter (Chapter 6.0) with text taken from the body of the document to make it more apparent to the reader.