



Verdant Energy Ltd

BRIEFING NOTE - CEMP

PL/2025/07349 – Melksham Solar Farm

1 Introduction

This technical note sets out how the EA's request for a Construction Environmental Management Plan have been addressed through the submitted Environmental Management Plan (EMP) documentation alongside this note.

The request from the Environment Agency asks the following to be provided:

'No development shall take place until a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), incorporating pollution prevention measures, or updated documentation has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved statement shall be adhered to throughout the construction period. The CEMP shall include as a minimum the following;

1. *A scheme to treat and remove suspended solids from surface water run-off during construction*
2. *Wheel washing facilities and appropriate disposal of effluent*
3. *The use and routing of heavy plant, vehicles and machinery*
4. *Oils/chemicals and materials storage including refueling*
5. *The location and pollution prevention for storage areas and compounds*
6. *The control, storage and removal of spoil and waste.*
7. *Are oil interceptors required*
8. *What happens in the event of an environmental emergency (response to pollution (silt, oil, chemicals etc.), monitoring etc.)*
9. *what will happen with wastewater from the construction site*

Reason

To prevent pollution of the water environment in line with paragraph 187 of the National Planning Policy Framework.'

The remainder of the note will detail how each of the above has been addressed in the EMP.

1. A scheme to treat and remove suspended solids from surface water run-off during construction

De-watering operations will include passing discharge water over a grass area / through a temporary gravel strip / temporary drainage feature / device (siltbuster or similar) to promote settlement of suspended solids.

2. Wheel Washing facilities and appropriate disposal of effluent

A mechanical wheel wash facility will be provided during the construction period. This will not utilise any water and therefore will not require any effluent disposal. This is shown with drawing 2408-013-SK01 found in the



Construction Management Statement (CMS). Specifications for the wheel wash can be found in Appendix B of the CMS document.

3. The use and routing of heavy plant, vehicles and machinery

Section 8.1 of the EMP outlines information relating to the use of heavy plant, vehicles and machinery.

4. Oils/chemicals and materials storage including refuelling

Please refer to section 8.3 of the EMP, the Emergency Response Plan and the Construction Phase Plan (CPP) for information relating to chemical and material storage.

5. The location and pollution prevention for storage areas and compounds

Please refer to Section 8.1 of the EMP. COSHH storage will be located within the compound and details of storage practices are outlined within the CPP.

6. The control, storage and removal of spoil and waste.

Detail on waste management is set out within section 7 of the EMP and also the Waste Management Plan. All waste streams will be segregated into three groups, non-hazardous waste, hazardous waste and reclamation waste. The EMP discusses anticipated waste streams and how they will be dealt with on site or off-site.

7. Are oil interceptors required

As discussed in section 8.3 of the EMP oil interceptors are not required due to mitigations on fuel, oil and greasing operations.

8. What happens in the event of an environmental emergency (response to pollution (silt, oil, chemicals etc.), monitoring etc.)

This is set out in detail within section 8.3 of the EMP. In the first instance all fuel will be stored in accordance with COSHH Regulations 2002, as well as the Control of Pollution (oil storage) (England) Regulations 2001. Further to this self-bunded leak proof containers will be used, within an impermeable and bunded area of the site. Spill kits will be present around these areas and will be utilised to absorb high risk materials. The detailed spill response is set out within the Emergency Response Plan.

9. What will happen with wastewater from the construction site

Section 7.1 of the EMP outlines wastewater management. Sewage water will be collected in septic tanks and cleared when necessary through a certified company.

Sol Environment believe that the above, alongside the submitted documentation robustly answer the queries and remove the need to appoint a pre-commencement condition on a Construction Environment Management Plan.

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Many thanks,



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