

APPENDIX B – Summary table of minor changes resulting from consultation.

Amendment to be made and where	Rationale for amendment
1.5 b Remove reference to the document providing developers an overview as to the preferred areas of search and replace it with a more general statement regarding giving an overview of what, in terms of site selection, makes an appropriate site.	To clarify that this document does not allocate or highlight specific sites but is instead designed to give an overview of the main planning concerns/issues and key principles that need to be considered by planners/developers etc..
2.10 Reference to paragraph 91 of the NPPF concerning development of renewables in the Green Belt.	To highlight that when located in the Green Belt, elements of many renewable energy projects will comprise inappropriate development.
Figure 2 Amendments to the map showing agricultural land classifications.	To make the map easier to read.
4.4 and 4.11 Clarification regarding accuracy of Agricultural land classification and possible need for further in depth studies to determine this.	Agricultural Land Classification (ALC) maps were commissioned in the late 1960's and 70's for use in strategic planning they therefore only provide a generalised indication of the distribution of land quality.
Figure 4 and 5.41 Review low sensitivity areas based on consultation comments	Some of the areas fall within the Chilterns AONB area so will be reviewed to determine whether they are low landscape sensitivity in light of this.
5.11 Link to bringing forward opportunities for biodiversity enhancement in the Nature Improvement Area (NIA) and Biodiversity Opportunity Areas (BOA).	To link the possible ecological benefit of Solar Farms to on-going work in the NIA and at BOAs.
5.11 b Remove 'wherever possible'.	To encourage the developer to consider to a greater extent the need to remove established vegetation such as hedgerows and trees.
5.20 References to Whitsondoles to be reviewed and removed as necessary.	SC OSC asked that references to the area at Whitsondoles should be reviewed as this was located outside of Central Bedfordshire
8.5 Add reference to NIA	To link the possible ecological benefit of Solar Farms to on-going work in the NIA.
8.6 Add that placement of supplementary homes for wildlife (bat/bird boxes and hibernacula) should be considered and targeted.	To ensure that measures taken are appropriate to the location and species.
8.15 Reference added to the RSPB enhancement package for solar farms	To provide an additional further useful source of information.
10.6 Clarification that some maintenance e.g. grass mowing may happen outside normal working hours	To take into account and allow for the needs of where this work is being carried out directly by the landowner or farmer.
10.11 Clarification that a permit from the EA is required if the site needs to be dewatered and that this water is to be discharged to surface water systems.	Highlight legal requirement that falls outside planning permission.
Appendix 1: Map showing Landscape character sensitivity with Agricultural Land Classification to be amended to show all classification grades.	To better reflect advice given in Figure 1 with landscape sensitivity overview.