

10. Crime Prevention

- 10.1. This section seeks to addresses comments made by the Kent Police on 20 December 2023.
- 10.2. With regards to the fencing that is proposed (Ref Figure 10 – Typical Perimeter Deer Fence Ref 05009-RES-SEC-DR-PT-002 Rev 1) that is proposed to be installed at the site boundary, it is common practice for the fencing as specified for the purpose of this application to be installed to the perimeter of solar proposals. It is considered that this type of fencing can be maintained in a manner to ensure the security of the site whilst not detracting visually from the views of the local area. The level of security provided by the proposed fencing is considered generally acceptable and needs to be balanced with visual consideration. It is considered that if anything more substantial as to be installed this may not be acceptable visually. It can however be confirmed that the fencing will be installed so that the gap between the base of any fencing and the ground is minimal, and the gap provided within the fencing is to allow for the crossing of a small mammal.
- 10.3. It should also be noted that at the substation, the fencing would comprise a 2.4m high wire mesh fence (Ref Figure 9 – Typical Security Fence Ref 05009-RES-SEC-DR-PT-001 Rev 2). This type of fencing has been selected as it is deemed to be less visually intrusive than a palisade fence.



- 10.4. The additional security measures outlined within regards to CCTV signage and the marking of infrastructure and panels are noted. As such, it is considered that the scheme meets the relevant national standards can be maintained in a manner that will ensure the security of the scheme across the lifetime of the development.