

- known with sufficient certainty to allow GHG emissions from transportation to be calculated with any precision. This information needs to be provided in the submitted application.
- 3.89 The choice of the site next to a solar farm, will undoubtedly have an impact on the amount of energy generated by the solar farm. This needs to be considered as part of the climate change assessment.
- 3.90 NPS EN-1 sets out the generic considerations that applicants and the Secretary of State should take into account to help ensure that electricity networks infrastructure is resilient to climate change. Applicants should set out to what extent the proposed development is expected to be vulnerable, and, as appropriate how it would be resilient to climate change including earth movement or subsidence caused by flooding or drought (for underground cables). This should be taken into account as part of the assessment of the grid connection.

Socio-economic

- 3.91 The study area of 2km for the impact on recreation facilities is inadequate given the proposed incinerator will be visible from public rights of way at greater distances.
- 3.92 Public rights of way should be included on Figure 16-1 as a recreation/tourism receptor.
- 3.93 No consideration appears to have been given to tranquility which is something that currently draws visitors to this part of the Test Valley and is likely to be adversely affected by the proposed incinerator.
- 3.94 The River Test is world famous for trout fishing. This needs to be acknowledged and an assessment undertaken of the likely impacts of the proposal on fishing given the potential impacts on water quality. The impact on the perception of the Test Valley as an unspoilt, tranquil area within which to fish needs to be factored into any assessment.
- 3.95 Again, it is noted that traffic flow data along the surrounding road network is not available and has therefore not been taken into account in the assessment. No reliance can be placed on the conclusions of the assessment at this stage.

Other issues

- 3.96 The Scoping Opinion requires an assessment of the vulnerability of the proposed development to a potential accident or disaster and also the proposed development's potential to cause an accident or disaster.
- 3.97 The PEIR recognises that there is an inherent risk of both fire and explosion associated with the proposed development. No assessment has been made of the implications of such an event on traffic on the A303, which passes in close proximity to the site.
- 3.98 Consideration also needs to be given to the implications for the facility and surrounding receptors in the event of a major accident on the A303.