

Cumulative assessment SG13 and SG14

These two sites lie on either side of the M40. SG14, the smaller of the two sites, lies to the east of the M40, whilst the larger SG13 site lies to the west. SG14 consists of agricultural fields. SG13 centres on the major automotive manufacturing site, including its test track which runs south west from the industrial area. Agricultural fields also border the site.



There are no listed assets within 500m of site SG14, and there are therefore no listed assets which are directly impacted by both sites within their study areas.

In terms of the cumulative impacts on the wider landscape, the listed assets surrounding SG13 are divorced from the wider landscape to the east by the M40. This means that, should both sites be developed, there would be no cumulative impacts on the listed assets surrounding SG13.

However, the scheduled monument of Beacon Tower (NHLE 1005761), which is also a Grade II listed building (NHLE 1035652), is located approximately 3km south-east of the two sites and commands panoramic views across them both. This is within a very well used country park, popular with residents and tourists. The following photographs were taken as part of the SG13 setting assessment.



Plate 1: View from the Beacon, Burton Dassett, towards SG13 on the horizon at centre and left, and SG14, also on the horizon at right. The central field of yellow rape in the far distance is the rape field adjacent to the Chadshunt grounds.



Plate 2: View from Bonfire Hill, part of the setting of the Beacon to the north west, also looking north west towards SG13. The central field of yellow rape in the far distance is the rape field adjacent to the Chadshunt grounds.



Plate 3: A detail of Plate 2 shows the glint of solar farms to the right of the rape fields, with the manufacturing site next to it and behind it.

The sites form a small part of the landscape, but building across both would have a cumulative impact, particularly if the development was high enough to intrude into the skyline. Glint and glare from car parks and security lighting could also be a significant factor.

Mitgations and Recommendations

Developing one site or the other would obviously remove the cumulative impact. If both sites are to be developed, close attention should be paid to both the height of any development and also possible glint and glare issues from car parks and solar farms, which can be visible across a wide area.