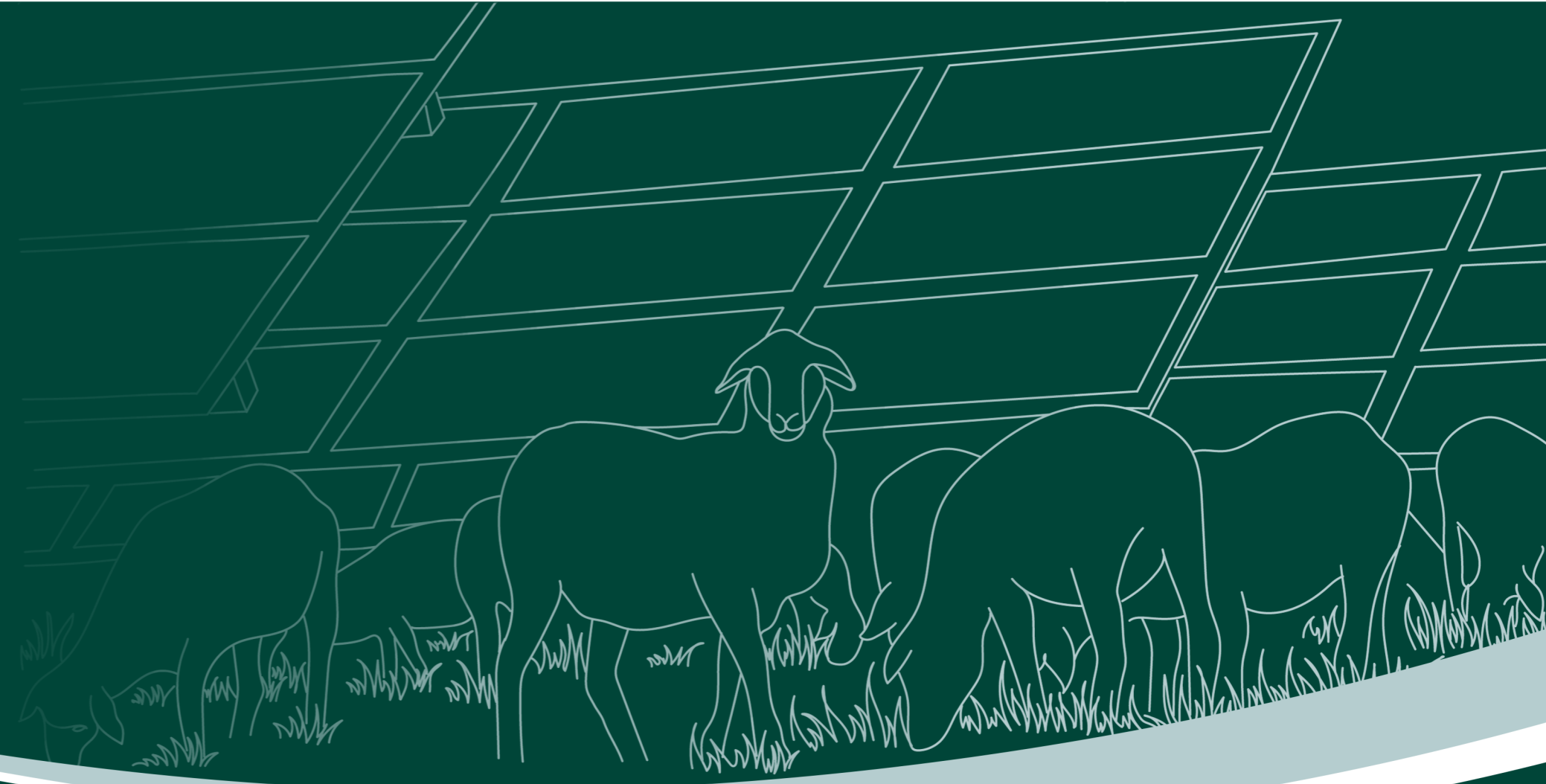


Landscape and visual impact



Landscape & Visual

A Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA) will be included with the Planning Application to outline the potential landscape and visual impacts of the Proposed Development upon the existing landscape and visual receptors within the defined study area of the site.

Initial fieldwork including photography has been undertaken from publicly accessible locations, aided by aerial photography and fieldwork observations from the surrounding area.

From initial desktop and site surveys, it is envisioned that the surrounding landscape will experience minor impacts from the introduction of the Proposed Development as the development will be viewed at distance given its unique setting and site context. The proposed design will integrate with the landscape and existing vegetation and field patterns, sensitively aligning form, colour and material where possible. The design will incorporate minimum offsets from existing landscape features, including residential properties, ancient woodland, woodland and hedgerows, Public Rights of Way, and watercourses.

The site and part of the study area to the east and west of the development site are located within a Special Landscape Area (SLA).

A summary of the key policies and management of the SLA are outlined include:

- Conserve skyline
- Protect/preserve/conservate historic features relating to Senghenydd
- Bracken control on open common land
- Introduction of Tir Gofal for conservation of grasslands

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