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Subject: RE: R&D on impact of solar sites on soil and land quality

Many thanks Julie, some extremely useful comments here.

I will have a look at the SPIES project and Armstrong 2016 in more detail. We hope to have a quick call with ADAS next week to explore the scope of the work – happy to receive any further comments or thoughts.

Regards

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Gill/ Eleanor

Great if could be reported on an E&W basis. Some quick comments from me before the weekend – pls feel free to add to or challenge my comments.

Ian – you might want to note that both ADAS and NE (which I hadn't noticed before) were partners in the SPIES [project](#) which promotes ground-mounted solar projects as providing benefits to the 'natural environment'.

Julie

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Hi all

R&D on impact of solar sites on soil and land quality

We spoke recently about this and it seemed both WG and NE were planning funding R&D on the impacts of solar development on soil and land quality. We are in the middle of a run of appeals on solar sites and urgently need this to support our cases. We have just had approval to fund a piece of research using our ADAS call off contract. I have attached our draft spec and would welcome any comments as soon as possible. I know NE were planning something similar and we have to move this very quickly on our side. There is no reason why this couldn't be reported on an England and Wales basis and we have approved funding from WG.

Grateful for your thoughts & hope alls well.

Ian

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