

Technical Note

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1. Introduction

1.1. Atkins Commission

Atkins have been commissioned to provide a 3rd party review of the Glare and Glint Study (G&G) produced for Enso Energy by Pager Power covering the proposed Solar Farm Development adjacent to Elstree Aerodrome. The documents under review are: -

- Hilfield Solar Farm and Battery Storage Glint & Glare Assessment - on behalf of Elstree Green Limited Document Ref R012.
- Hilfield Solar Farm and Battery Storage Glint & Glare Assessment - Appendices on behalf of Elstree Green Limited Document Ref R012.

1.2. Status of Atkins Review

Atkins review is restricted to the two documents listed above. There may be other documents within the planning application that could pertain to Glare and Glint (G&G), these documents have not been reviewed. It is Atkins' opinion that the Glare and Glint study should be a complete document detailing all aspects of Glare and Glint that pertain to the Hilfield Solar Farm so that any stakeholder can review and be informed of a complete glare and glint study within the above documents.

Pager Power use their own bespoke software to undertake the geometric assessment of glare and glint so Atkins cannot verify the results contained within the study but has commented on the completeness, methodology and overall conclusions drawn from the analysis. We have reviewed the whole report and have commented on aviation, railway, road and residential receptors.

It should be noted that only the aviation receptors have a formal framework for compliance published by the Federal Aviation Authority (United States) (FAA) and used by the UK's Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

Network Rail have some standards regarding glare affecting driver's abilities to see signals.

The road and residential receptors have no published guidance for Glare and Glint but it is often a requirement of planning applications that a commentary on the effects of the G&G be produced, as in this case.

2. Document review

The document review details each of the comments made on the study the comment sections are identified in the marked-up versions of the two submitted documents contained within the appendix of this document.

2.1. General comments

The R012 and its appendices are technical documents demonstrating a clear technical understanding of the problems of glare and glint and how they should be assessed. However, there are significant assumptions made and the lack of an onsite survey is a clear misunderstanding of what is required for a planning submission especially in establishing views for residential and road receptors. There is little or no cross-referencing to other documents within the R012 so it has been assumed that this document is supposed to represent the whole of the submission for G&G for this application. The language is sometimes vague and utilises words like *expected*, *maybe* and *possible*. In our opinion the assessment should be as unambiguous as possible. The stakeholder consultation seems poor with only 1 meeting with Elstree Aerodrome and no

consultation with Network Rail, Highways England or affected residential receptors. The images and photographs can only be taken at an indicative level as they do not have sufficient annotation and the photographs do not have any time and date information to cross-reference to the times of the glare and glint. The photographs appear to be mostly screenshots taken from google street-view / google earth.

R012 document has been through four submissions and it is not clear as to the level of changes made and there appear to be contradictions in the text which would suggest that information from previous submissions have not been updated fully. The images in a lot of cases are very diagrammatic and needs support within the text for clarity including the addresses of dwellings. In some cases, receptor points seems to refer to a number of dwellings this needs to be clarified. The effect of unclear referencing is that it will be difficult to track the future progress against objections raised and mitigation measures.

The assumption for road receptors of 1.2m height for the drivers' eye height is not valid as there will be drivers of commercial vehicles with eye heights up to 2.3m. The 2.3m height should be the one used as that will set the maximum shielding that is offered by existing vegetation and cover the shielding to be offered by any additional shielding.

The proposed additional shielding is not detailed in this report and it is not clear whether Pager Power offered any advice on the proposed shielding to the applicant. The proposed shielding is mentioned as additional vegetation but it is not stated whether the vegetation will be fully grown at commencement of the use of the solar farm or whether the vegetation will have to grow to provide its full shielding potential which could be as long as fifteen year according to advice from our landscape architects.

The effect of partial screening is not discussed and its potential to cause stroboscopic effect by multiple short duration flashes through gaps in the shielding. This is an additional concern for people suffering from epilepsy and causes discomfort/distraction for wider population too.

There are no details of the factors of how the SPV arrays have been arranged i.e. for maximum output of the panels or has a compromise been reached between minimising G&G and panel output.

2.2. Hilfield Solar Farm and Battery Storage Glint & Glare Assessment - on behalf of Elstree Green Limited Document Ref R012.

2.2.1. Executive summary

- a. No details of consultation with Elstree Aerodrome and Elstree's position on the result of the G&G effects on the aerodrome should be contained within this assessment.
- b. It is for Elstree to assess whether they want mitigation measures not the applicant.
- c. the applicant" quoted in section 9.2 (figure23) that on-site survey was undertaken but with no date and time mentioned. However, in section 1.2 the applicant quoted that no on site survey was carried out. This is contradictory and the applicant should give a clear indication of the status for site survey.
- d. In our opinion the duration of the G&G is irrelevant it is the severity of the G&G effect that is key.

2.2.2. About pager power page 11.

This page is irrelevant to a planning submission document or should be moved to the appendices.

2.2.3. Section 1 pages 12-13

- a. Lack of physical on-site survey not acceptable to determine some factors especially screening.
- b. Terminology not accurate.
- c. Definition of glint not complete.

2.2.4. Section 2 pages 14-20

- a. Figure 2- it is not clear as to whether this diagram represents the latest arrangement of solar PV arrays.
- b. Spelling errors in figure titles

- c. Provide stakeholder confirmation details as Elstree Aerodrome will be the arbiter of whether the proposals are safe or not and will have to add the findings of this report to their safety case for the license to be renewed by the CAA.
- d. The table and the later diagram figure 6 do not mention the effects of local topology we are sure that the fields will not be flat please clarify PV set up arrangements.

2.2.5. Section 3 pages 21-22

- a. No comments.

2.2.6. Section 4 pages 23-25

- a. This section should be moved to the appendices.

2.2.7. Section 5 page 26

- a. The title of this section is ambiguous it is not clear whether high-level refers to the elevation of the railway or whether this section is an overview.
- b. No mention of Network Rail documents referred to or consultations with Network Rail.
- c. Language used is imprecise
- d. Topological aspects of the rail tracks with respect to the arrays are not mentioned i.e. is the railway in a cutting, on an embankment or at ground level please clarify.
- e. Figure 10 Please add the outlines of the array sites onto this diagram for clarity.

2.2.8. Section 6 pages 27- 40

- a. The ATC tower height and the eye height of the ATC controllers must be known. This is a key piece of data for this section of the report. From the photograph the height of the adjacent portacabin being 3m, we would assess the eye height of the ATC officers to be above 6m the exact height needs to be checked with Elstree Aerodrome.
- b. Please confirm the exact descent path for Elstree we know that it is expressed in %gradient not degrees (the US use degrees).
- c. Dwelling receptors- assumption that all receptors are on the ground floor during daylight hours and that upper storeys are not used. Is this a reasonable assumption bearing in mind the early morning nature of some of the predicted reflections? People could be in their bedrooms at the time of the reflections (reflections noted as being as early as 05:30).
- d. Figures 11-18 are poor diagrams it is difficult to establish the exact receptor location. It would be better if a list(s) of dwelling addresses accompanied these diagrams.
- e. Figure 12-18 the panel sites should be identified to show the relationship to the receptors
- f. Figure 15 what do the red lines mean, it is not clear?
- g. Assessment of drivers' eye height is too low as it does not cover commercial vehicles where the eye height can be as high as 2.3m. Agricultural vehicles maybe even higher.
- h. What is the distance between road receptors? We would have expected it should have been based on the speed of the road, The distance between receptors on the M1 will be different to Butterfly Lane.

2.2.9. Section 7 page 41-

- a. The assumptions on the reflector areas appear reasonable, providing the topology has also been analysed to this detail as well.

2.2.10. Sections 8.1-8.4 Pages 42-69

- a. Solar weather files could be used to show a more accurate assessment of the solar reflections within the identified time periods.
- b. Table 3 it is not clear how the shielding angle has been determined when the assumed ATC tower height appears too low (see previous comment).
- c. It would help if the tables included the number of days and the duration per day that the reflections are present, this method of presentation would aid Elstree Aerodrome in their assessment of the problems..
- d. Has these results been discussed with Elstree aerodrome especially with the potential for after image.

2.2.11. Section 8.5 pages 70-98

- a. Existing vegetation is unlikely to be in full leaf until the beginning of May has this been taken into account also partial screening may cause stroboscopic effects?
- b. There is not enough evidence in this section or the following section 9.5 as to the screening afforded to each receptor.
- c. Where additional shielding is being provided by the applicant there are no details of the type and how the extent of the additional shielding has been arrived at.

2.2.12. Section 8.6 pages 99-188

- a. Comments the same as section 8.5
- b. Receptor 33 inconsistency in the dates for the predicted glare.

2.2.13. Sections 9.2-9.4 Pages 119-125

- a. Figure 21 show the reflective sites (2-10).
- b. Figure 23 shows that this site is slopping as per earlier please conform that the design of the SPV stands are able to take into account the local terrain and that angles of elevation on the panels are absolute angles and not relative to a flat plane. Please indicate the position of the ATC tower.
- c. Page 120 how is the 3minute duration arrived and how many days per year are affected.
- d. The statement about after image is correct but this needs to be discussed with Elstree Aerodrome by the assessor and the results of that discussion included in this report.
- e. Page 122 Statement on shielding of vegetation is vague.
- f. Figure 25 the effect of the after-image occurrences occurring simultaneously in the pilots' field of view needs to be defined as the direct view of the sun is dominant glare source hence mitigating the reflections.
- g. Page 123 similar comments to page 123.
- h. Figures 27-28 Please confirm that the reflected area is outside the pilots' core field of view.
- i. Figure 29 It would be useful to annotate the approach axis.

2.2.14. Section 9.5 pages 126-133

- a. Page 126 identify the 10 receptors who have long duration impacts and the significance of time of day is not mentioned.
- b. Details of developer screening not included in the report of what the methodology of design or stakeholder engagement not detailed.
- c. Page 127 Methodology of checking existing shielding not covered within the report if this purely by the aerial images/ Google street view shown then this is not enough and physical surveys should have been undertaken we presume access to Hilfield farm would not have been a problem.
- d. Figures 32 and 33 details require of proposed screening and existing screening looks inadequate from the image.
- e. Figure 34 as comment d.
- f. Figure 34 screening looks adequate, but more detail required this could be achieved with photographic views from the farm in the direction of the receptors.
- g. Figure 35 identify the road. Confirm whether the indicated buildings are receptors or not.
- h. Figure 36 identify the road?
- i. Figure 37 no mention of terrain for these receptors.

2.2.15. Section 9.6 pages 134-

- a. No mention of terrain, it is likely that the motorway level is likely to be in a cutting or have heavy vegetational shielding from an acoustic standpoint as source of nuisance itself. This indicated on the figures 39-41. These images cover a few of the receptors but not all and an overall statement on terrain would have been useful and could have ruled out the M1 entirely.
- b. Figure 39,40 No mention of terrain or methodology of determining distance between receptors.
- c. Figure 39, 40 is looking in the wrong direction it should be looking from the drivers' viewpoint. The distance to the arrays looks to be in excess of 200m.

- d. Figure 42 some of the site indicated appear to too far away to contribute or have no view for some of the receptors.
- e. Figure 43 clarify the arrays under consideration and confirm shielding.
- f. Figure 44 seems to indicate no shielding for receptor 33 in either direction.
- g. Figures 48,49 and 50 the roadside screening seems adequate in this case although the timing of full leaf has not been established. This is key to the shading afforded at the times of reflections.
- h. Page 142 Proposed shielding details required.
- i. Figure 51 receptors 55 and 56 missing.
- j. Figures 51 and 52 Indicate position of proposed shielding.
- k. Figure 53 this image needs more annotation to be clear including receptor locations, location of butterfly lane and consistent terminology with other parts of the report.

2.2.16. Section 10 pages 147-148

- a. Page 147 no details of consultation with Elstree Aerodrome.
- b. Page 147 road and dwelling receptors should be named here.
- c. Page 147 LEEP plan should be included in this document as appendix to evaluate proposed screening strategy referred to in the text.
- d. Pages 147 and 148 annual accumulation of the reflection minutes is unhelpful as it does not identify how many days are affected and the duration per day.

2.3. Hilfield Solar Farm and Battery Storage Glint & Glare Assessment -on behalf of Elstree Green Limited Appendices Document Ref R012.

2.3.1. Appendix A pages 148-154

This appendix covers the guidance and legislative position it both comprehensive and correct the only comments are: -

- a. Page 149 it would have been useful to have a hyperlink to this document or include it within the document,
- b. As after images have been mentioned in the report this needs to be discussed with Elstree Aerodrome and the resultant conclusions included in this application.

2.3.2. Appendix B pages 155-159

This is standard test and background material for assessment of glare and glint, no comments.

2.3.3. Appendix C

There is no appendix C.

2.3.4. Appendix D pages 160-164

This appendix details the processes for each of the assessments and includes pager power own interpretation for road and Dwelling receptors:-

- a. Aviation process no comment.
- b. Assessment process road users this flow chart does not take into account the fact that Highways England consider local roads to be the most dangerous.

- c. Dwelling receptors assessment process why is less than 3months/year insignificant and why is a duration of 60min considered for mitigation. It only takes less 10minutes to wake someone with sunlight.

2.3.5. Appendix E Page 165-166

- a. Assumes that supporting frame is level in X and Y planes it is not clear that this is the case here

2.3.6. Appendix F pages 167-168

- a. For this study we do not consider that the use of computer imagery by a 3rd party an adequate means of judging shielding from existing vegetation as it does not cover shielding away from the roadside adequately.

2.3.7. Appendix G pages 169-179

We cannot comment on the data in this appendix without doing an assessment ourselves.

2.3.8. Appendix H pages 180-209

The diagrams are not explained adequately one would assume that the blue lines indicate the times when there are possible reflections, but the scale is such you cannot determine the duration on each day. It assumed that each blue line represents a particular array location, not explained. Are the observer locations the receptor locations the term observer has not been used previously.

- a. When there are multiple lines on the graphs, are these from multiple panel locations?
- b. Page 192 approach 08- the diagram does not appear to say when the 3minutes of yellow glare appear in the year.
- c. Page 204 yellow glare for approach 26 is seen to occur for 6 approx mins per day max for two months (60 days). These findings should be highlighted in the text of the report.
- d. Page 205
- e. It is noted that these are only the dwelling receptors that are receiving moderate impact.
- f. Page 206 the probable glare is for in excess of 3 months but there is no duration indicated.
- g. Page 207 Why are the gaps in the blue lines?
As comment g.

2.3.9. Appendix I page 210

This LEEP diagram is unreadable and not cross referred to anywhere in the text (i.e. see appendix I).

3. Conclusions

The report is thorough in its scope of investigation however there are significant assumptions. It is questionable whether all the assumptions are valid. The document is difficult to read for a lay person and need to consistent and cross-referenced to aid clarity. The lack of guidance for dwellings and road users is a problem with all glare and glint studies and does not allow the reviewer to benchmark his comments satisfactorily. The lack of addresses for the dwelling receptors is an oversight and should be included so that residents can easily understand their particular circumstances.

The lack of a description of the general topology of the area under consideration is a problem as terrain is used as a mitigating factor parts of the report. The M1 for instance appears to be totally shielded from the photographs due to roadside embankments.

The key conclusion is that in the opinion of the reviewer the case for shielding by existing vegetation. Is not made strongly enough and this could only be done by a physical survey and not relying on digital imagery from

3rd parties. The lack of cross referencing to other planning documents particularly the LEEP plan makes the documents difficult to understand and the mitigation being proposed.

Stakeholder engagement is not covered in enough detail especially Elstree Aerodrome and the details of the engagement should be included in the report. The planning submission should represent completed work and not have any ambiguities or omissions. The aviation receptors are totally reliant on consultations with Elstree Aerodrome.

There is duplication of information between the report and appendices and marketing of the assessor's company is not appropriate for a planning document.

There is reference to changes in the orientation of the panel arrays in the text but is not clear whether these changes are incorporated into the figures within the report.

The severity of the glare and glint for road users does appear to be limited to a few receptors but that conclusion is based upon the assumptions on terrain and shielding. Glare exists for road users from direct sunlight and use of driver aids such as visors and sunglasses is advocated. So the question comes is the glare and glint reflected by the SPVs likely to be significant, compared with sunlight, intensity will not be greater but it is the sudden flashes of light which will be most distracting as drivers will not be expecting the glare and have little time to use their personal mitigation methods.

The dwelling receptors problems will be early morning sun into bedrooms and the report does not consider this as it has an assessment height of 1.2m. Short bursts of sunlight maybe capable of waking residents. The proposed shielding is not described, and the existing shielding is not of sufficient height to cover first floor windows in a substantial number of receptors. The timing of the reflections also suggests that the existing vegetation will not be in full leaf hence the existing shielding will not be at its full potential until early May some of the reflections are predicted in February. The proposed shielding will also take to reach maturity this could be as long as fifteen years.

Overall the report is a technically competent document and the nature and the occurrences of glare and glint appear to be limited to specific times of day and is never severe enough to stop the development but a clear strategy of mitigation and stakeholder consultation needs to be adopted and documented

Appendix A. Marked-up documents

- A.1. Hilfield Solar Farm and Battery Storage Glint & Glare Assessment -on behalf of Elstree Green Limited Document Ref R012.
- A.2. Hilfield Solar Farm and Battery Storage Glint & Glare Assessment -on behalf of Elstree Green Limited Document Ref R012.Appendices

A.1. Hilfield Solar Farm and Battery Storage Glint & Glare Assessment
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Hilfield Solar Farm and Battery Storage

Glint & Glare Assessment - Appendices

on behalf of Elstree Green Limited

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There is a lot of duplication in this appendix with the text of the main report. there needs to be a decision by the author as to where the text should reside.

APPENDIX A – OVERVIEW OF GLINT AND GLARE GUIDANCE

Overview

This section presents details regarding the relevant guidance and studies with respect to the considerations and effects of solar reflections from solar panels, known as ‘Glint and Glare’.

This is not a comprehensive review of the data sources, rather it is intended to give an overview of the important parameters and considerations that have informed this assessment.

UK Planning Policy

The National Planning Policy Framework under the planning practice guidance for Renewable and Low Carbon Energy⁴⁸ (specifically regarding the consideration of solar farms, paragraph 013) states:

‘What are the particular planning considerations that relate to large scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic Farms?’

The deployment of large-scale solar farms can have a negative impact on the rural environment, particularly in undulating landscapes. However, the visual impact of a well-planned and well-screened solar farm can be properly addressed within the landscape if planned sensitively.

Particular factors a local planning authority will need to consider include:

...

- *the proposal’s visual impact, the effect on landscape of glint and glare (see guidance on landscape assessment) and on **neighbouring uses and aircraft safety**;*
- *the extent to which there may be additional impacts if solar arrays follow the daily movement of the sun;*

...

The approach to assessing cumulative landscape and visual impact of large scale solar farms is likely to be the same as assessing the impact of wind turbines. However, in the case of ground-mounted solar panels it should be noted that with effective screening and appropriate land topography the area of a zone of visual influence could be zero.’

Assessment Process – Ground-Based Receptors

No process for determining and contextualising the effects of glint and glare are, however, provided for assessing the impact of solar reflections upon surrounding roads and dwellings. Therefore, the Pager Power approach is to determine whether a reflection from the proposed solar development is geometrically possible and then to compare the results against the relevant

⁴⁸ [Renewable and low carbon energy](#), Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, date: 18 June 2015, accessed on: 17/06/2020

guidance/studies to determine whether the reflection is significant. The Pager Power approach has been informed by the policy presented above, current studies (presented in Appendix B) and stakeholder consultation. Further information can be found in Pager Power's Glint and Glare Guidance document⁴⁹ which was produced due to the absence of existing guidance and a specific standardised assessment methodology.

Noted No comments.

Aviation Assessment Guidance

The UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) issued interim guidance relating to Solar Photovoltaic Systems (SPV) on 17 December 2010 and was subject to a CAA information alert 2010/53. The formal policy was cancelled on September 7th, 2012⁵⁰ however the advice is still applicable⁵¹ until a formal policy is developed. The relevant aviation guidance from the CAA is presented in the section below.

CAA Interim Guidance

This interim guidance makes the following recommendations (p.2-3):

'8. It is recommended that, as part of a planning application, the SPV developer provide safety assurance documentation (including risk assessment) regarding the full potential impact of the SPV installation on aviation interests.

9. Guidance on safeguarding procedures at CAA licensed Airports is published within CAP 738 Safeguarding of Airports and advice for unlicensed Airports is contained within CAP 793 Safe Operating Practices at Unlicensed Airports.

10. Where proposed developments in the vicinity of Airports require an application for planning permission the relevant LPA normally consults Airport operators or NATS when aeronautical interests might be affected. This consultation procedure is a statutory obligation in the case of certain major airports, and may include military establishments and certain air traffic surveillance technical sites. These arrangements are explained in Department for Transport Circular 1/2003 and for Scotland, Scottish Government Circular 2/2003.

11. In the event of SPV developments proposed under the Electricity Act, the relevant government department should routinely consult with the CAA. There is therefore no requirement for the CAA to be separately consulted for such proposed SPV installations or developments.

12. If an installation of SPV systems is planned on-Airport (i.e. within its licensed boundary) then it is recommended that data on the reflectivity of the solar panel material should be included in any assessment before installation approval can be granted. Although approval for installation is the responsibility of the ALH⁵², as part of a condition of a CAA Airport Licence, the ALH is required to obtain prior consent from CAA Airport Standards Department before any work is begun or approval

⁴⁹ Solar Photovoltaic Development – Glint and Glare Guidance, Second Edition 2, October 2018. Pager Power.

⁵⁰ Archived at Pager Power

⁵¹ Reference email from the CAA dated 19/05/2014.

⁵² Airport Licence Holder.

to the developer or LPA is granted, in accordance with the procedures set out in CAP 791 Procedures for Changes to Airport Infrastructure.

13. During the installation and associated construction of SPV systems there may also be a need to liaise with nearby Airports if cranes are to be used; CAA notification and permission is not required.

14. The CAA aims to replace this informal guidance with formal policy in due course and reserves the right to cancel, amend or alter the guidance provided in this document at its discretion upon receipt of new information.

15. Further guidance may be obtained from CAA's Airport Standards Department via Airports@caa.co.uk.

FAA Guidance

The most comprehensive guidelines available for the assessment of solar developments near Airports were produced initially in November 2010 by the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and updated in 2013.

The 2010 document is entitled '*Technical Guidance for Evaluating Selected Solar Technologies on Airports*'⁵³ and the 2013 update is entitled '*Interim Policy, FAA Review of Solar Energy System Projects on Federally Obligated Airports*'⁵⁴. In April 2018 the FAA released a new version (Version 1.1) of the '*Technical Guidance for Evaluating Selected Solar Technologies on Airports*'⁵⁵.

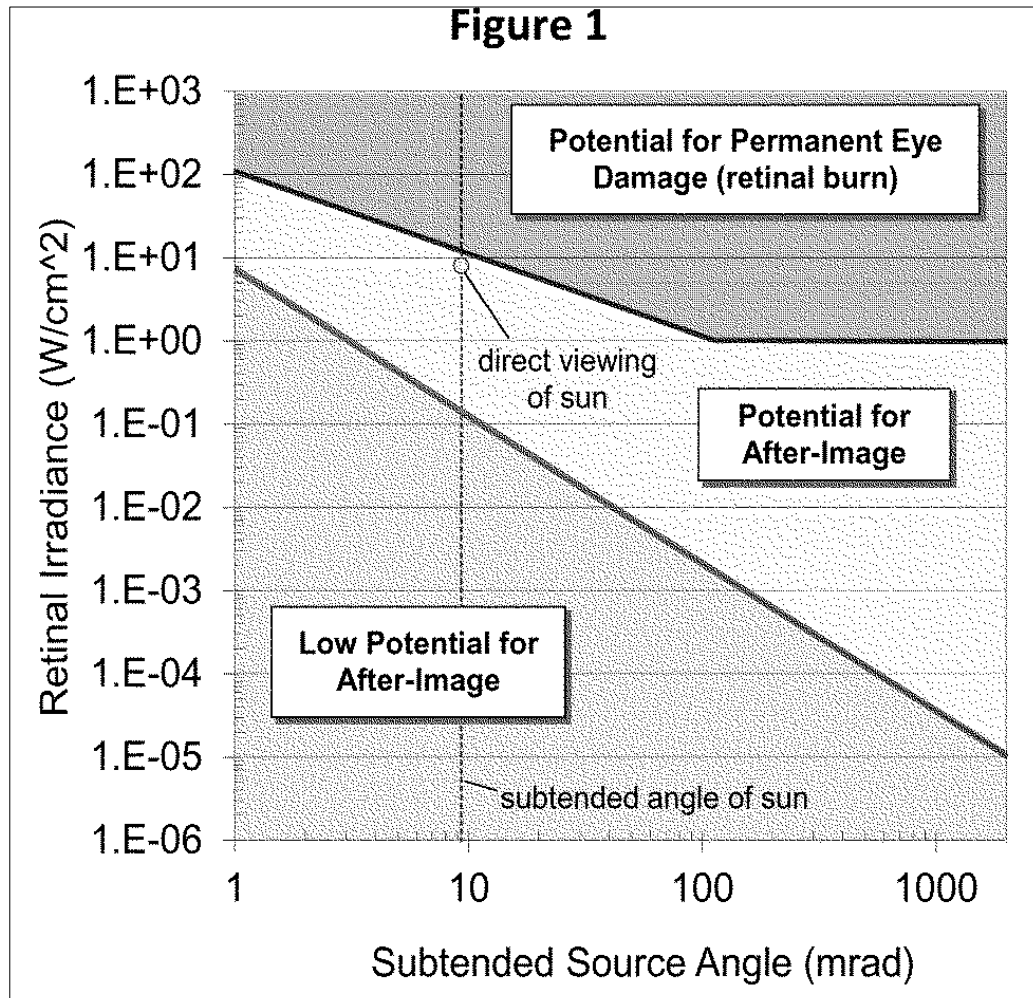
An overview of the methodology presented within the 2013 interim guidance and adopted by the FAA is presented below. This methodology is not presented within the 2018 guidance.

- *Solar energy systems located on an airport that is not federally-obligated or located outside the property of a federally-obligated airport are not subject to this policy.*
- *Proponents of solar energy systems located off-airport property or on non-federally-obligated airports are strongly encouraged to consider the requirements of this policy when siting such system.*
- *FAA adopts the Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Plot.... as the standard for measuring the ocular impact of any proposed solar energy system on a federally-obligated airport. This is shown in the figure below.*

⁵³ Archived at Pager Power

⁵⁴ [Interim Policy, FAA Review of Solar Energy System Projects on Federally Obligated Airports](#), Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), date: 10/2013, accessed on: 20/03/2019

⁸ [Technical Guidance for Evaluating Selected Solar Technologies on Airports](#), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), date: 04/2018, accessed on: 20/03/2019



Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Plot (FAA)

- To obtain FAA approval to revise an airport layout plan to depict a solar installation and/or a “no objection” ... the airport sponsor will be required to demonstrate that the proposed solar energy system meets the following standards:
- No potential for glint or glare in the existing or planned Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATC) cab, and
- **No potential for glare or “low potential for after-image”** ... along the final approach path for any existing landing threshold or future landing thresholds (including any planned interim phases of the landing thresholds) as shown on the current FAA-approved Airport Layout Plan (ALP). The final approach path is defined as two (2) miles from fifty (50) feet above the landing threshold using a standard three (3) degree glidepath.
- Ocular impact must be analysed over the entire calendar year in one (1) minute intervals from when the sun rises above the horizon until the sun sets below the horizon.

According to the report there is a potential for after image. So this problem needs to be communicated to Elstree and for them to assess the potential problem and amend their safety case.

The bullets highlighted above state there should be ‘no potential for glare’ at that ATC Tower and ‘no’ or ‘low potential for glare’ on the approach paths.

Key points from the 2018 FAA guidance are presented below.

- *Reflectivity refers to light that is reflected off surfaces. The potential effects of reflectivity are glint (a momentary flash of bright light) and glare (a continuous source of bright light). These two effects are referred to hereinafter as “glare,” which can cause a brief loss of vision, also known as flash blindness⁵⁶.*
- *The amount of light reflected off a solar panel surface depends on the amount of sunlight hitting the surface, its surface reflectivity, geographic location, time of year, cloud cover, and solar panel orientation.*
- *As illustrated on Figure 16⁵⁷, flat, smooth surfaces reflect a more concentrated amount of sunlight back to the receiver, which is referred to as specular reflection. The more a surface is polished, the more it shines. Rough or uneven surfaces reflect light in a diffused or scattered manner and, therefore, the light will not be received as bright.*
- *Because the FAA has no specific standards for airport solar facilities and potential glare, the type of glare analysis may vary. Depending on site specifics (e.g., existing land uses, location and size of the project) an acceptable evaluation could involve one or more of the following levels of assessment:*
 - *A qualitative analysis of potential impact in consultation with the Control Tower, pilots and airport officials;*
 - *A demonstration field test with solar panels at the proposed site in coordination with FAA Tower personnel;*
 - *A geometric analysis to determine days and times when an impact is predicted.*
- *The extent of reflectivity analysis required to assess potential impacts will depend on the specific project site and system design.*
- **1. Assessing Baseline Reflectivity Conditions** – *Reflection in the form of glare is present in current aviation operations. The existing sources of glare come from glass windows, auto surface parking, rooftops, and water bodies. At airports, existing reflecting surfaces may include hangar roofs, surface parking, and glassy office buildings. To minimize unexpected glare, windows of air traffic control towers and airplane cockpits are coated with anti-reflective glazing. Operators also wear polarized eye wear. Potential glare from solar panels should be viewed in this context. Any airport considering a solar PV project should first*

⁵⁶Flash Blindness, as described in the FAA guidelines, can be described as a temporary visual interference effect that persists after the source of illumination has ceased. This occurs from many reflective materials in the ambient environment.

⁵⁷ First figure in Appendix B.

review existing sources of glare at the airport and the effectiveness of measures used to mitigate that glare.

- **2. Tests in the Field** – Potential glare from solar panels can easily be viewed at the airport through a field test. A few airports have coordinated these tests with FAA Air Traffic Controllers to assess the significance of glare impacts. To conduct such a test, a sponsor can take a solar panel out to proposed location of the solar project, and tilt the panel in different directions to evaluate the potential for glare onto the air traffic control tower. For the two known cases where a field test was conducted, tower personnel determined the glare was not significant. If there is a significant glare impact, the project can be modified by ensuring panels are not directed in that direction.
- **3. Geometric Analysis** – Geometric studies are the most technical approach for reflectivity issues. They are conducted when glare is difficult to assess through other methods. Studies of glare can employ geometry and the known path of the sun to predict when sunlight will reflect off of a fixed surface (like a solar panel) and contact a fixed receptor (e.g., control tower). At any given site, the sun moves across the sky every day and its path in the sky changes throughout year. This in turn alters the destination of the resultant reflections since the angle of reflection for the solar panels will be the same as the angle at which the sun hits the panels. The larger the reflective surface, the greater the likelihood of glare impacts.
- Facilities placed in remote locations, like the desert, will be far from receptors and therefore potential impacts are limited to passing aircraft. Because the intensity of the light reflected from the solar panel decreases with increasing distance, an appropriate question is how far you need to be from a solar reflected surface to avoid flash blindness. It is known that this distance is directly proportional to the size of the array in question⁵⁸ but still requires further research to definitively answer.
- **Experiences of Existing Airport Solar Projects** – Solar installations are presently operating at a number of airports, including megawatt-sized solar facilities covering multiple acres. Air traffic control towers have expressed concern about glint and glare from a small number of solar installations. These were often instances when solar installations were sited between the tower and airfield, or for installations with inadequate or no reflectivity analysis. Adequate reflectivity analysis and alternative siting addressed initial issues at those installations.

Air Navigation Order (ANO) 2009

In some instances, an aviation stakeholder can refer to the ANO 2009 with regard to safeguarding. Key points from the document are presented below.

Endangering safety of an aircraft

⁵⁸ Ho, Clifford, Cheryl Ghanbari, and Richard Diver. 2009. Hazard Analysis of Glint and Glare From Concentrating Solar Power Plants. SolarPACES 2009, Berlin Germany. Sandia National Laboratories.

137. A person must not recklessly or negligently act in a manner likely to endanger an aircraft, or any person in an aircraft.

Lights liable to endanger

221.

(1) A person must not exhibit in the United Kingdom any light which—

(a) by reason of its glare is liable to endanger aircraft taking off from or landing at an Airport; or

(b) by reason of its liability to be mistaken for an aeronautical ground light is liable to endanger aircraft.

(2) If any light which appears to the CAA to be a light described in paragraph (1) is exhibited, the CAA may direct the person who is the occupier of the place where the light is exhibited or who has charge of the light, to take such steps within a reasonable time as are specified in the direction—

(a) to extinguish or screen the light; and

(b) to prevent in the future the exhibition of any other light which may similarly endanger aircraft.

(3) The direction may be served either personally or by post, or by affixing it in some conspicuous place near to the light to which it relates.

(4) In the case of a light which is or may be visible from any waters within the area of a general lighthouse authority, the power of the CAA under this article must not be exercised except with the consent of that authority.

Lights which dazzle or distract

222. A person must not in the United Kingdom direct or shine any light at any aircraft in flight so as to dazzle or distract the pilot of the aircraft.'

The document states that no 'light', 'dazzle' or 'glare' should be produced which will create a detrimental impact upon aircraft safety.

APPENDIX B – OVERVIEW OF GLINT AND GLARE STUDIES

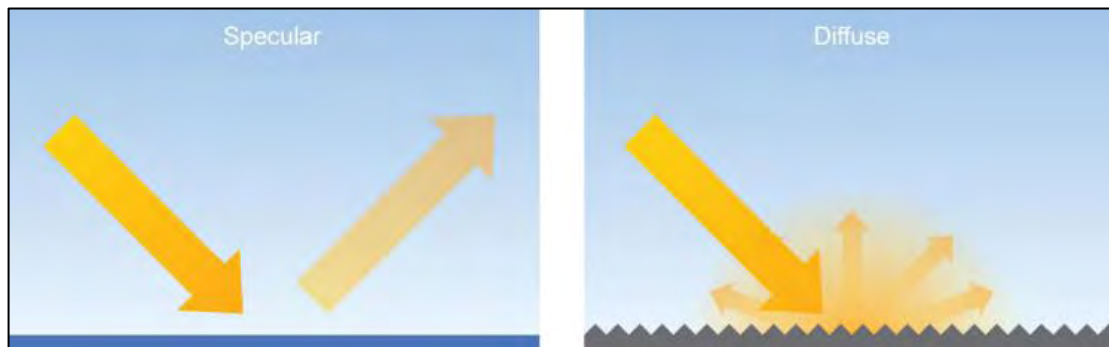
Overview

Studies have been undertaken assessing the type and intensity of solar reflections from various surfaces including solar panels and glass. An overview of these studies is presented below.

The guidelines presented are related to aviation safety. The results are applicable for the purpose of this analysis.

Reflection Type from Solar Panels

Based on the surface conditions reflections from light can be specular and diffuse. A specular reflection has a reflection characteristic similar to that of a mirror; a diffuse will reflect the incoming light and scatter it in many directions. The figure below, taken from the FAA guidance⁵⁹, illustrates the difference between the two types of reflections. Because solar panels are flat and have a smooth surface most of the light reflected is specular, which means that incident light from a specific direction is reradiated in a specific direction.



Specular and diffuse reflections

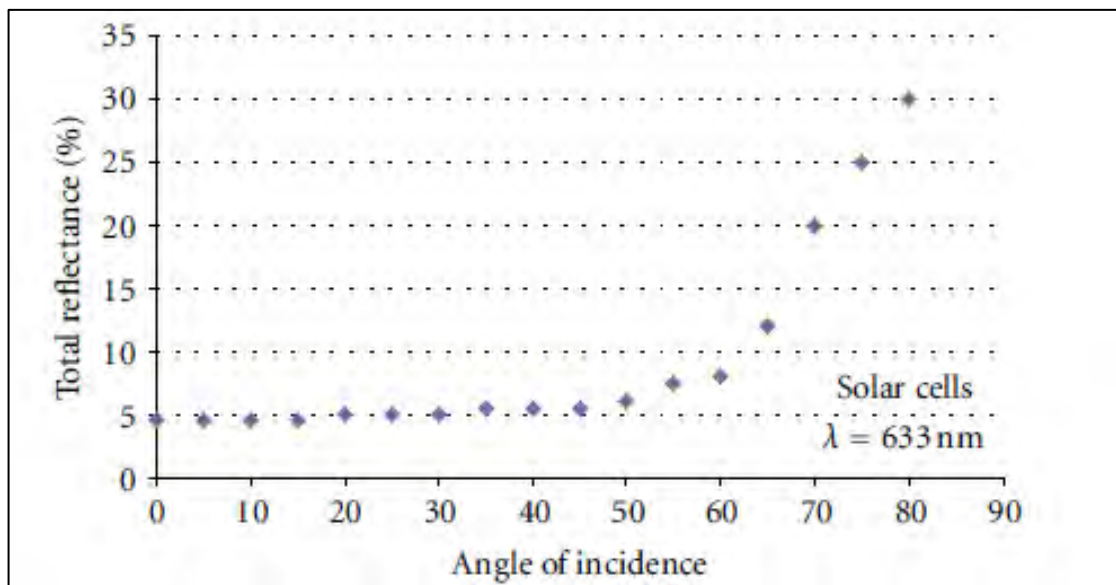
⁵⁹Technical Guidance for Evaluating Selected Solar Technologies on Airports, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), date: 04/2018, accessed on: 20/03/2019.

Solar Reflection Studies

An overview of content from identified solar panel reflectivity studies is presented in the subsections below.

Evan Riley and Scott Olson, “A Study of the Hazardous Glare Potential to Aviators from Utility-Scale Flat-Plate Photovoltaic Systems”

Evan Riley and Scott Olson published in 2011 their study titled: *A Study of the Hazardous Glare Potential to Aviators from Utility-Scale Flat-Plate Photovoltaic Systems*⁶⁰. They researched the potential glare that a pilot could experience from a 25 degree fixed tilt PV system located outside of Las Vegas, Nevada. The theoretical glare was estimated using published ocular safety metrics which quantify the potential for a postflash glare after-image. This was then compared to the postflash glare after-image caused by smooth water. The study demonstrated that the reflectance of the solar cell varied with angle of incidence, with maximum values occurring at angles close to 90 degrees. The reflectance values varied from approximately 5% to 30%. This is shown on the figure below.



Total reflectance % when compared to angle of incidence

The conclusions of the research study were:

- The potential for hazardous glare from flat-plate PV systems is similar to that of smooth water;
- Portland white cement concrete (which is a common concrete for runways), snow, and structural glass all have a reflectivity greater than water and flat plate PV modules.

⁶⁰ Evan Riley and Scott Olson, “A Study of the Hazardous Glare Potential to Aviators from Utility-Scale Flat-Plate Photovoltaic Systems,” *ISRN Renewable Energy*, vol. 2011, Article ID 651857, 6 pages, 2011. doi:10.5402/2011/651857

FAA Guidance – “Technical Guidance for Evaluating Selected Solar Technologies on Airports”⁶¹

The 2010 FAA Guidance included a diagram which illustrates the relative reflectance of solar panels compared to other surfaces. The figure shows the relative reflectance of solar panels compared to other surfaces. Surfaces in this figure produce reflections which are specular and diffuse. A specular reflection (those made by most solar panels) has a reflection characteristic similar to that of a mirror. A diffuse reflection will reflect the incoming light and scatter it in many directions. A table of reflectivity values, sourced from the figure within the FAA guidance, is presented below.

Surface	Approximate Percentage of Light Reflected ⁶²
Snow	80
White Concrete	77
Bare Aluminium	74
Vegetation	50
Bare Soil	30
Wood Shingle	17
Water	5
Solar Panels	5
Black Asphalt	2

Relative reflectivity of various surfaces

Note that the data above does not appear to consider the reflection type (specular or diffuse).

An important comparison in this table is the reflectivity compared to water which will produce a reflection of very similar intensity when compared to that from a solar panel. The study by Riley and Olsen study (2011) also concludes that still water has a very similar reflectivity to solar panels.

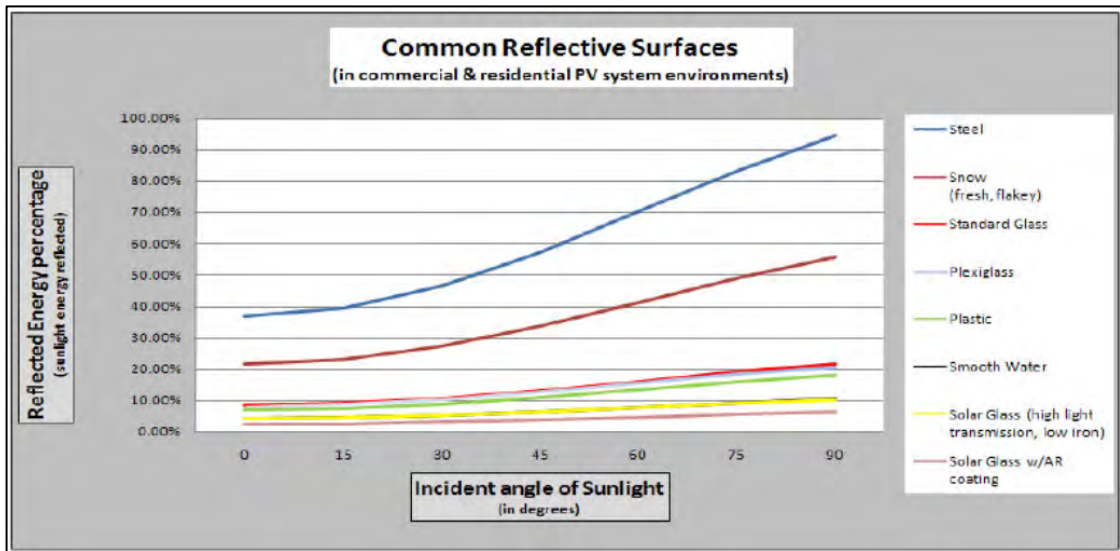
⁶¹ [Technical Guidance for Evaluating Selected Solar Technologies on Airports](#), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), date: 04/2018, accessed on: 20/03/2019.

⁶² Extrapolated data, baseline of 1,000 W/m² for incoming sunlight.

SunPower Technical Notification (2009)

SunPower published a technical notification⁶³ to ‘increase awareness concerning the possible glare and reflectance impact of PV Systems on their surrounding environment’.

The figure presented below shows the relative reflectivity of solar panels compared to other natural and manmade materials including smooth water, standard glass and steel.



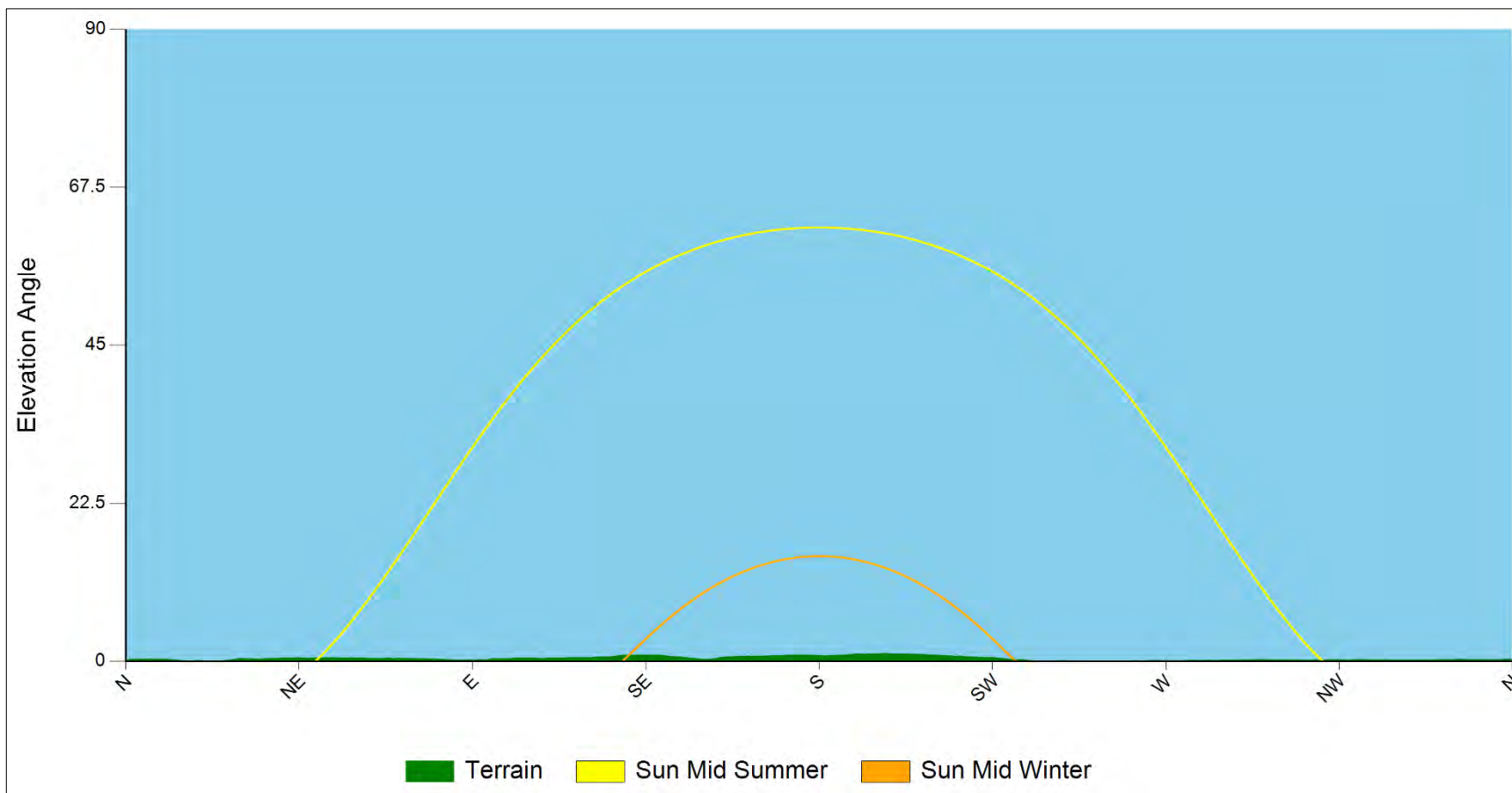
Common reflective surfaces

The results, similarly to those from Riley and Olsen study (2011) and the FAA (2010), show that solar panels produce a reflection that is less intense than those of ‘standard glass and other common reflective surfaces’.

With respect to aviation and solar reflections observed from the air, SunPower has developed several large installations near airports or on Air Force bases. It is stated that these developments have all passed FAA or Air Force standards with all developments considered “No Hazard to Air Navigation”. The note suggests that developers discuss any possible concerns with stakeholders near proposed solar farms.

⁶³ Source: Technical Support, 2009. SunPower Technical Notification – Solar Module Glare and Reflectance.

Terrain Sun Curve - From lon: -0.324437 lat: 51.661118



APPENDIX D – GLINT AND GLARE IMPACT SIGNIFICANCE

Overview

The significance of glint and glare will vary for different receptors. The following section presents a general overview of the significance criteria with respect to experiencing a solar reflection.

Impact Significance Definition

The table below presents the recommended definition of ‘impact significance’ in glint and glare terms and the requirement for mitigation under each.

Impact Significance	Definition	Mitigation Requirement
No Impact	A solar reflection is not geometrically possible or will not be visible from the assessed receptor.	No mitigation required.
Low	A solar reflection is geometrically possible however any impact is considered to be small such that mitigation is not required e.g. intervening screening will limit the view of the reflecting solar panels.	No mitigation required.
Moderate	A solar reflection is geometrically possible and visible however it occurs under conditions that do not represent a worst-case.	Whilst the impact may be acceptable, consultation and/or further analysis should be undertaken to determine the requirement for mitigation.
Major	A solar reflection is geometrically possible and visible under conditions that will produce a significant impact. Mitigation and consultation is recommended.	Mitigation will be required if the proposed development is to proceed.

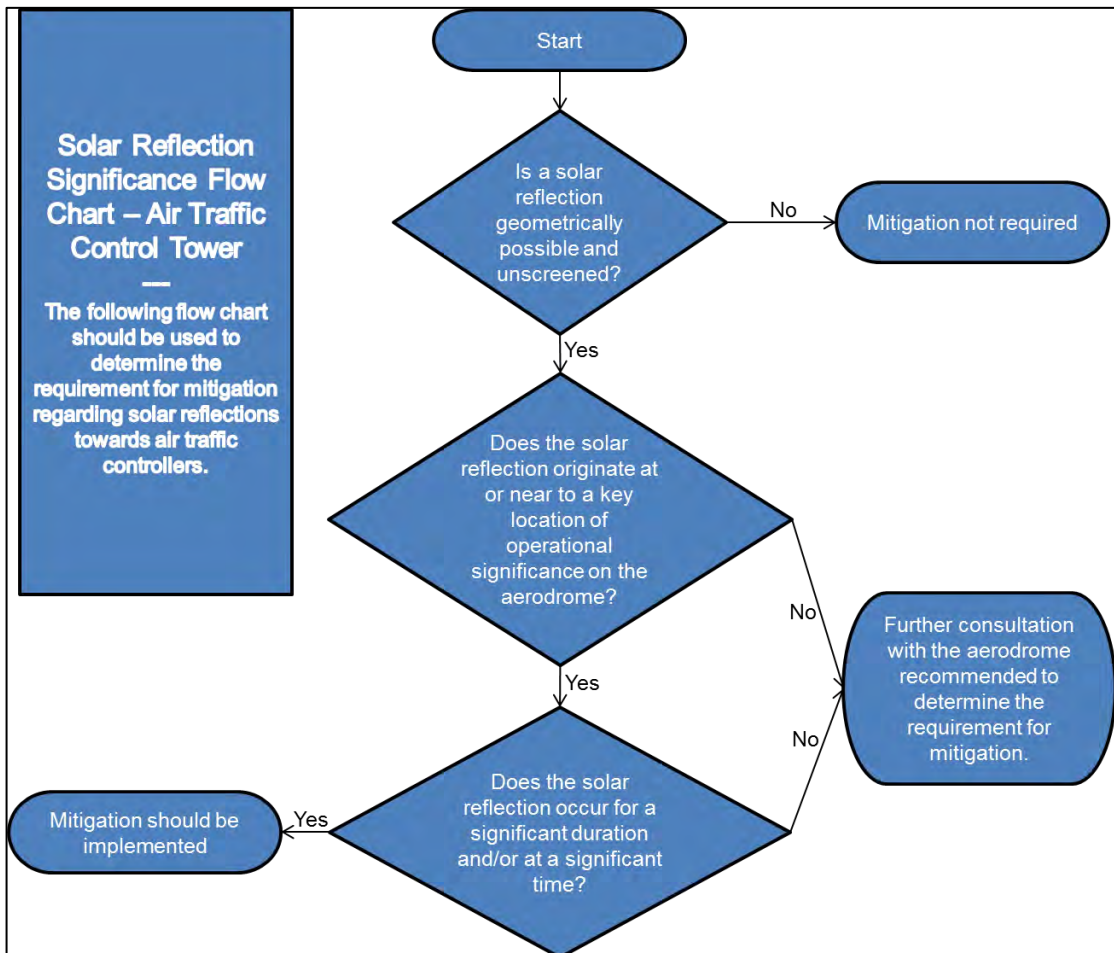
Impact significance definition

The flow charts presented in the following sub-sections have been followed when determining the mitigation requirement for the assessed aviation receptors.

We would consider the impact significant and either moderate or major impact due to the possibility of after image to the pilots and the findings of this report be discussed with Elstree Aerodrome as to whether mitigation is required.

Assessment Process – ATC Tower

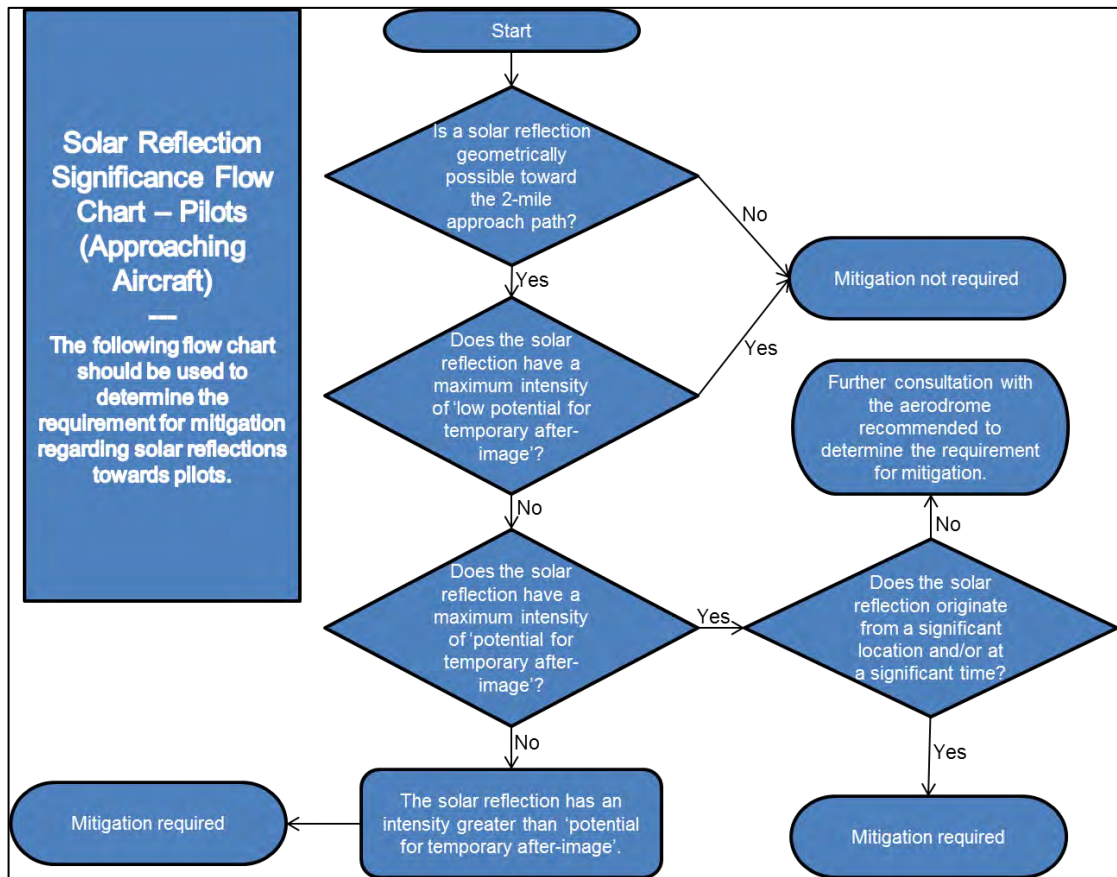
The charts relate to the determining the potential impact upon the ATC Tower.



ATC Tower mitigation requirement flow chart

Assessment Process – Approaching Aircraft

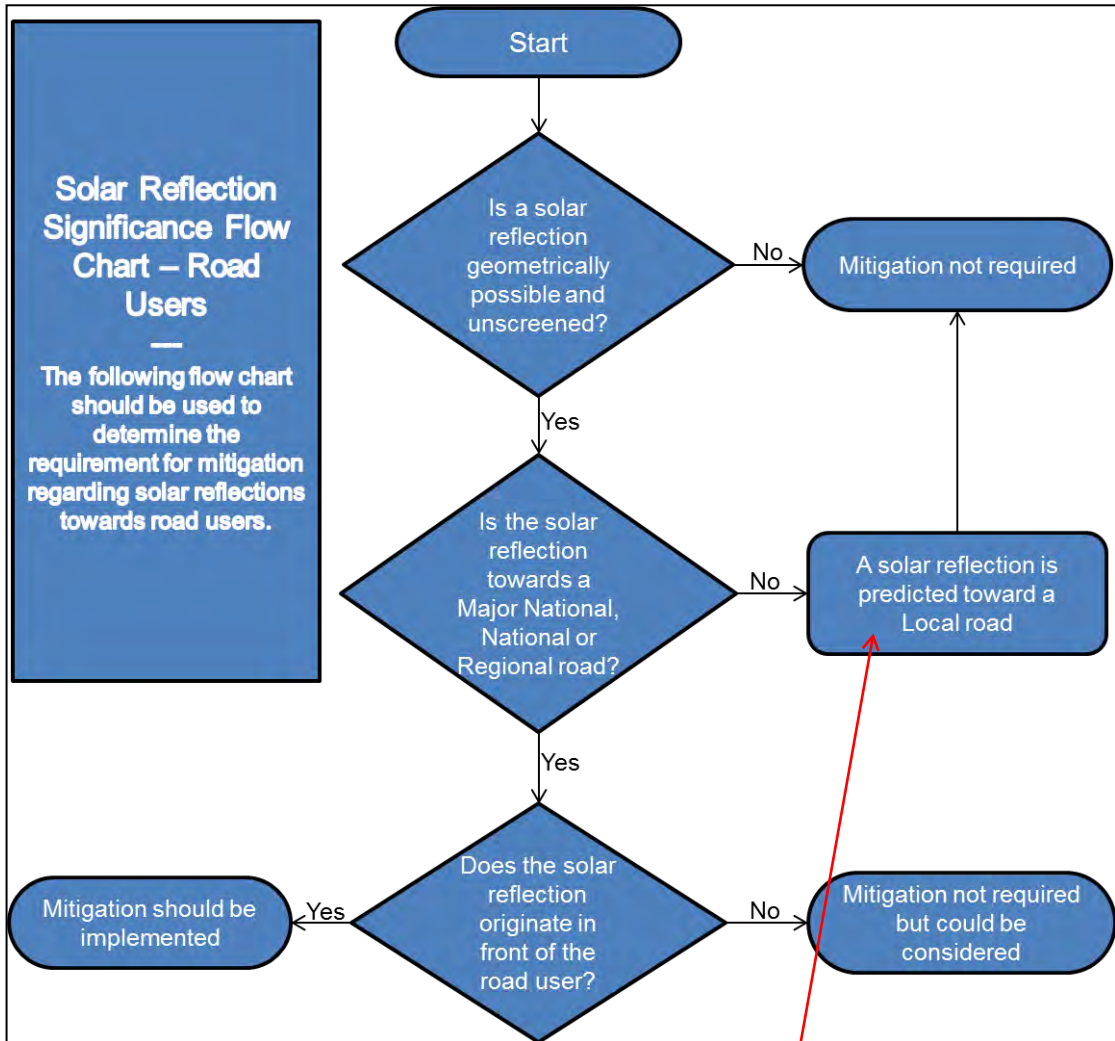
The charts relate to the determining the potential impact upon approaching aircraft.



Approaching aircraft receptor mitigation requirement flow chart

Assessment Process – Road Users

The flow chart presented below has been followed when determining the mitigation requirement for road receptors.

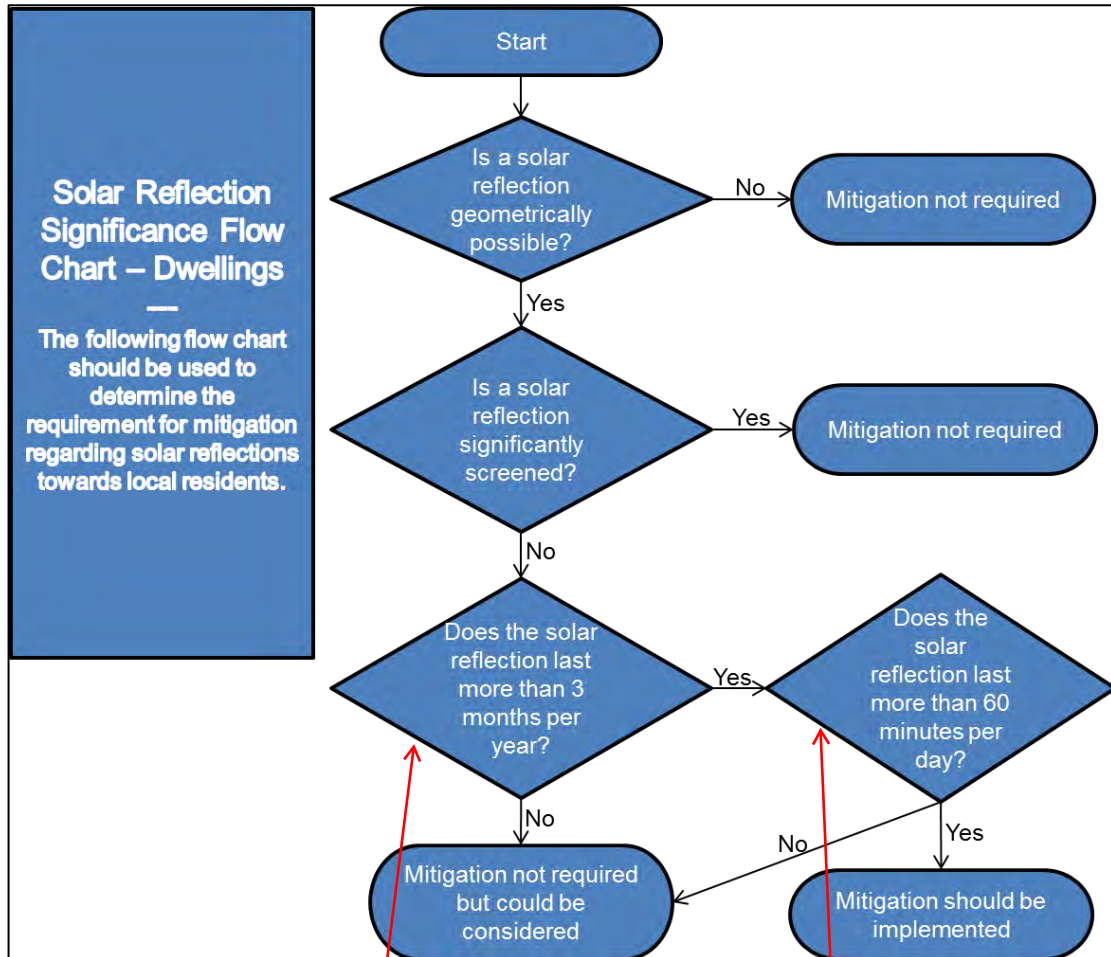


Road receptor mitigation requirement flow chart

do not agree with this flow box because Highways England cites local roads as having the most accidents.

Assessment Process – Dwellings

The flow chart presented below has been followed when determining the mitigation requirement for dwelling receptors.



Dwelling receptor mitigation requirement flow chart

Why 3 months, a week could be significant ?

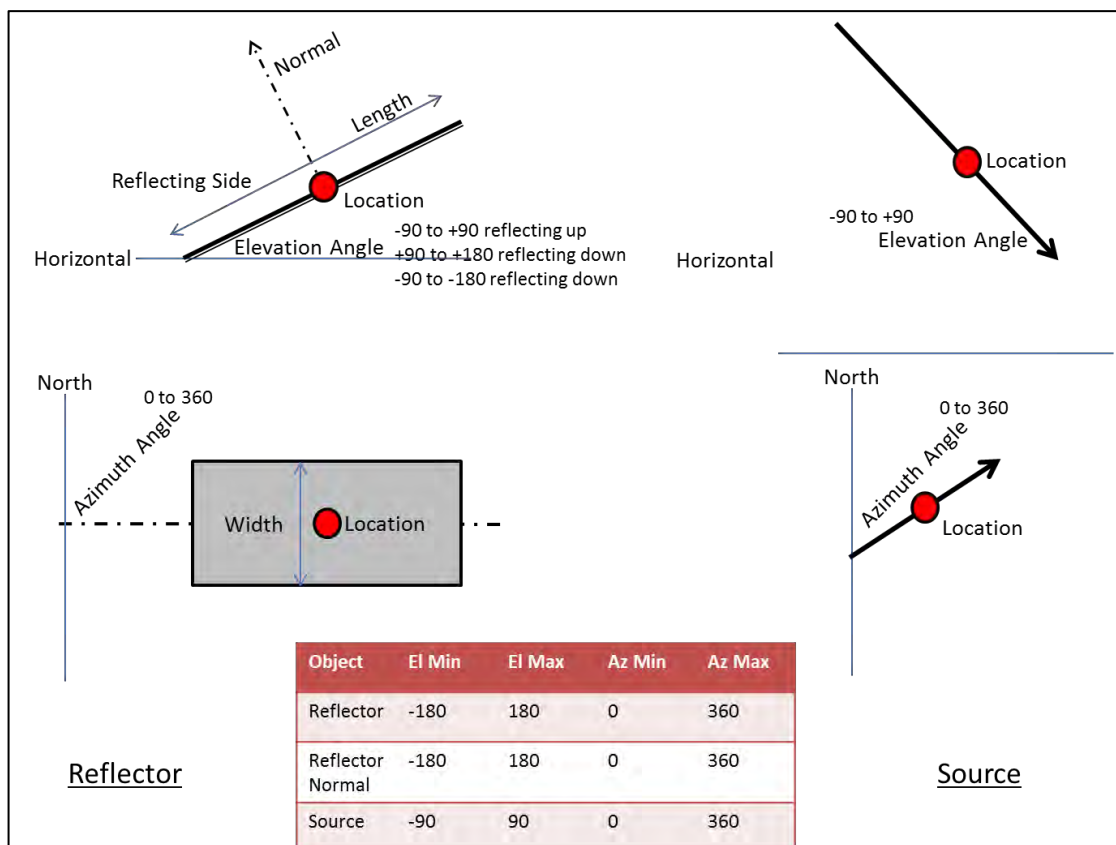
Why 60 mins, it only takes 10 minutes to wake someone with sunlight ?

APPENDIX E – PAGER POWER’S REFLECTION CALCULATIONS METHODOLOGY

The calculations are three dimensional and complex, accounting for:

- The Earth’s orbit around the Sun;
- The Earth’s rotation;
- The Earth’s orientation;
- The reflector’s location;
- The reflector’s 3D Orientation.

Reflections from a flat reflector are calculated by considering the normal which is an imaginary line that is perpendicular to the reflective surface and originates from it. The diagram below may be used to aid understanding of the reflection calculation process.



The following process is used to determine the 3D azimuth and elevation of a reflection:

- Use the Latitude and Longitude of reflector as the reference for calculation purposes;
- Calculate the Azimuth and Elevation of the normal to the reflector;

- Calculate the 3D angle between the source and the normal;
- If this angle is less than 90 degrees a reflection will occur. If it is greater than 90 degrees no reflection will occur because the source is behind the reflector;
- Calculate the Azimuth and Elevation of the reflection in accordance with the following:
 - The angle between source and normal is equal to angle between normal and reflection;
 - Source, Normal and Reflection are in the same plane.

APPENDIX F – ASSESSMENT LIMITATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS

Pager Power's Model

It is assumed that the panel elevation angle provided by the developer represents the elevation angle for all of the panels within the solar development unless otherwise stated.

It is assumed that the panel azimuth angle provided by the developer represents the azimuth angle for all of the panels within the solar development unless otherwise stated.

Only a reflection from the face of the panel has been considered. The frame or the reverse of the solar panel has not been considered as it does not contribute to the model over and above the predominant source of reflection for assessment which is the face of the panel.

The model assumes that a receptor can view the face of every panel within the proposed development area whilst in reality this, in the majority of cases, will not occur. Therefore any predicted reflection from the face of a solar panel that is not visible to a receptor will not occur.

A finite number of points within the proposed development are chosen based on an assessment resolution so we can build a comprehensive understanding of the entire development. This will determine whether a reflection could ever occur at a chosen receptor. The calculations do not incorporate all of the possible panel locations within the development outline.

A single reflection point on the panel has been chosen for the geometric calculations. This will suitably determine whether a reflection can be experienced at a location and the general time of year and duration of this reflection. Increased accuracy could be achieved by increasing the number of heights assessed however this would only marginally change the results and is not considered significant.

we do not consider this acceptable for judging shielding

Whilst line of sight to the development from receptors has been considered, **only available street view imagery and satellite mapping has been used. In some cases this imagery may not be up to date and may not give the full perspective of the installation from the location of the assessed receptor.**

Any screening in the form of trees, buildings etc. that may obstruct the Sun from view of the solar panels is not considered unless stated.

Sandia National Laboratories' (SGHAT) Model

The following text is taken from the Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool (SGHAT) Technical Reference Manual⁶⁴ which was previously freely available. The following is presented for reference.

3. Assumptions and Limitations

Below is a list of assumptions and limitations of the models and methods used in SGHAT:

- The software currently only applies to flat reflective surfaces. For curved surfaces (e.g., focused mirrors such as parabolic troughs or dishes used in concentrating solar power systems), methods and models derived by Ho et al. (2011) [1] can be used and are currently being evaluated for implementation into future versions SGHAT.
- When enabled, PV array single- or dual-axis tracking does not account for backtracking or the effects of panel shading and blocking.
- SGHAT does not rigorously represent the detailed geometry of a system; detailed features such as gaps between modules, variable height of the PV array, and support structures may impact actual glare results. However, we have validated our models against several systems, including a PV array causing glare to the air-traffic control tower at Manchester-Boston Regional Airport and several sites in Albuquerque, and the tool accurately predicted the occurrence and intensity of glare at different times and days of the year.
- SGHAT assumes that the PV array is aligned with a plane defined by the total heights of the coordinates outlined in the Google map. For more accuracy, the user should perform runs using minimum and maximum values for the vertex heights to bound the height of the plane containing the solar array. Doing so will expand the range of observed solar glare when compared to results using a single height value.
- SGHAT does not consider obstacles (either man-made or natural) between the observation points and the prescribed solar installation that may obstruct observed glare, such as trees, hills, buildings, etc.
- The variable direct normal irradiance (DNI) feature (if selected) scales the user-prescribed peak DNI using a typical clear-day irradiance profile. This profile has a lower DNI in the mornings and evenings and a maximum at solar noon. The scaling uses a clear-day irradiance profile based on a normalized time relative to sunrise, solar noon, and sunset, which are prescribed by a sun-position algorithm [2] and the latitude and longitude obtained from Google maps. The actual DNI on any given day can be affected by cloud cover, atmospheric attenuation, and other environmental factors.
- The ocular hazard predicted by the tool depends on a number of environmental, optical, and human factors, which can be uncertain. We provide input fields and typical ranges of values for these factors so that the user can vary these parameters to see if they have an impact on the results. The speed of SGHAT allows expedited sensitivity and parametric analyses.

⁶⁴ https://share-ng.sandia.gov/glare-tools/references/SGHAT_Technical_Reference-v6.pdf

APPENDIX G – RECEPTOR AND REFLECTOR AREA DETAILS


ATC Tower Receptor Details

The details are presented in the table below.

Longitude (°)	Latitude (°)	Ground Height (m amsl)	ATC Tower Cabin Height (m agl)	Overall Assessed Height (m amsl)
-0.32358	51.65467	95.31	5.00	100.31

ATC Tower receptor details

see previous
comment about
height



The Approach Path for Aircraft Landing on Runway 08

Table 2 below presents the data for the assessed locations for aircraft on approach to runway 08. The altitude of the aircraft is based on a 3-degree descent path referenced to 50 feet (15.2m) above the runway threshold.

No.	Longitude (°)	Latitude (°)	Distance from Runway Threshold (m)	Assessed Altitude (m amsl)
1	-0.33048	51.65530	Threshold	115.82
2	-0.33278	51.65504	0.1 miles	124.25
3	-0.33507	51.65478	0.2 miles	132.67
4	-0.33737	51.65452	0.3 miles	141.09
5	-0.33967	51.65426	0.4 miles	149.51
6	-0.34196	51.65400	0.5 miles	157.94
7	-0.34426	51.65374	0.6 miles	166.36
8	-0.34656	51.65348	0.7 miles	174.78
9	-0.34885	51.65322	0.8 miles	183.21
10	-0.35115	51.65296	0.9 miles	191.63
11	-0.35345	51.65270	1.0 mile	200.05
12	-0.35574	51.65244	1.1 miles	208.47
13	-0.35804	51.65218	1.2 miles	216.90
14	-0.36034	51.65192	1.3 miles	225.32
15	-0.36263	51.65166	1.4 miles	233.74
16	-0.36493	51.65140	1.5 miles	242.16
17	-0.36723	51.65114	1.6 miles	250.59
18	-0.36952	51.65088	1.7 miles	259.01
19	-0.37182	51.65062	1.8 miles	267.43
20	-0.37412	51.65036	1.9 miles	275.85
21	-0.37641	51.65010	2.0 miles	284.28

Assessed receptor (aircraft) locations on the approach path for runway 08

The Approach Path for Aircraft Landing on Runway 26

Table 3 below presents the data for the assessed locations for aircraft on approach to runway 26. The altitude of the aircraft is based on a 3-degree descent path referenced to 50 feet (15.2m) above the runway threshold.

No.	Longitude (°)	Latitude (°)	Distance from Runway Threshold (m)	Assessed Altitude (m amsl)
22	-0.32122	51.65635	Threshold	106.98
23	-0.31893	51.65661	0.1 miles	115.41
24	-0.31663	51.65687	0.2 miles	123.83
25	-0.31433	51.65713	0.3 miles	132.25
26	-0.31204	51.65739	0.4 miles	140.68
27	-0.30974	51.65765	0.5 miles	149.10
28	-0.30744	51.65791	0.6 miles	157.52
29	-0.30515	51.65817	0.7 miles	165.94
30	-0.30285	51.65843	0.8 miles	174.37
31	-0.30055	51.65869	0.9 miles	182.79
32	-0.29826	51.65895	1.0 mile	191.21
33	-0.29596	51.65921	1.1 miles	199.63
34	-0.29366	51.65947	1.2 miles	208.06
35	-0.29137	51.65973	1.3 miles	216.48
36	-0.28907	51.65999	1.4 miles	224.90
37	-0.28677	51.66025	1.5 miles	233.32
38	-0.28448	51.66051	1.6 miles	241.75
39	-0.28218	51.66076	1.7 miles	250.17
40	-0.27988	51.66102	1.8 miles	258.59
41	-0.27758	51.66128	1.9 miles	267.02
42	-0.27529	51.66154	2.0 miles	275.44

Assessed receptor (aircraft) locations on the approach path for runway 26

has this descent path been checked with Elstree ? The actual descent path should be used.

Dwelling Receptor Details

The details are presented in the table below.

No.	Longitude (°)	Latitude (°)	Assessed Altitude (m) (amsl)
0	-0.34798	51.65958	74.57
1	-0.34792	51.65953	74.77
2	-0.34775	51.65943	74.91
3	-0.34749	51.65942	75.40
4	-0.34679	51.65921	75.81
5	-0.34680	51.65900	74.70
6	-0.34614	51.65847	73.80
7	-0.34581	51.65557	80.88
8	-0.34573	51.65538	81.25
9	-0.34620	51.65121	92.80
10	-0.34463	51.65029	91.80
11	-0.34438	51.65011	91.80
12	-0.34359	51.64994	90.34
13	-0.34327	51.64994	90.31
14	-0.34342	51.64969	90.80
15	-0.34365	51.64945	90.80
16	-0.34386	51.64934	91.28
17	-0.34401	51.64917	91.63
18	-0.34419	51.64896	91.80
19	-0.34446	51.64870	92.06
20	-0.34482	51.64854	93.47
21	-0.34517	51.64835	93.80
22	-0.34540	51.64805	94.98
23	-0.33476	51.65070	89.80
24	-0.33659	51.65202	82.35

No.	Longitude (°)	Latitude (°)	Assessed Altitude (m) (amsl)
25	-0.33598	51.65313	91.65
26	-0.33640	51.65323	91.01
27	-0.33990	51.65524	82.33
28	-0.33891	51.65545	82.84
29	-0.34667	51.64775	96.19
30	-0.34710	51.64739	97.24
31	-0.34705	51.64714	98.51
32	-0.34640	51.64705	97.80
33	-0.34689	51.64687	98.50
34	-0.34696	51.64671	98.65
35	-0.34677	51.64656	98.90
36	-0.34673	51.64639	99.21
37	-0.34665	51.64627	99.51
38	-0.34656	51.64609	99.82
39	-0.34642	51.64593	100.19
40	-0.34625	51.64565	100.32
41	-0.34623	51.64549	100.57
42	-0.34613	51.64532	100.65
43	-0.34602	51.64517	100.94
44	-0.34589	51.64510	100.99
45	-0.34445	51.64548	99.20
46	-0.34432	51.64541	99.41
47	-0.34417	51.64531	99.58
48	-0.34414	51.64523	100.34
49	-0.34403	51.64519	100.32
50	-0.34400	51.64510	100.50
51	-0.34388	51.64504	100.60

No.	Longitude (°)	Latitude (°)	Assessed Altitude (m) (amsl)
52	-0.34381	51.64495	101.10
53	-0.34370	51.64489	101.54
54	-0.34365	51.64481	101.76
55	-0.34357	51.64470	102.21
56	-0.34341	51.64463	102.84
57	-0.34329	51.64458	102.99
58	-0.34326	51.64450	103.38
59	-0.34318	51.64442	103.90
60	-0.33249	51.66971	90.64
61	-0.33388	51.66875	86.82
62	-0.33429	51.66846	85.81
63	-0.33472	51.66821	85.60
64	-0.33493	51.66799	84.73
65	-0.33501	51.66781	83.33
66	-0.33519	51.66768	82.99
67	-0.33486	51.66747	81.62
68	-0.33513	51.66724	81.06
69	-0.33516	51.66705	80.58
70	-0.33487	51.66691	80.33
71	-0.33429	51.66678	80.80
72	-0.33466	51.66643	80.00
73	-0.33390	51.66608	80.09
74	-0.33388	51.66576	79.90
75	-0.33196	51.66568	79.80
76	-0.33237	51.66560	79.80
77	-0.33302	51.66533	79.80
78	-0.33313	51.66513	79.80

No.	Longitude (°)	Latitude (°)	Assessed Altitude (m) (amsl)
79	-0.33100	51.66456	83.23
80	-0.32990	51.66432	85.90
81	-0.32664	51.66433	92.71
82	-0.32720	51.66357	92.80
83	-0.32755	51.66325	92.80
84	-0.32708	51.66280	92.80
85	-0.32662	51.66268	92.80
86	-0.32508	51.66299	91.93
87	-0.32566	51.66267	91.80
88	-0.32491	51.66213	91.80
89	-0.32399	51.66107	90.80
90	-0.32270	51.66122	89.80
91	-0.32221	51.66038	89.98
92	-0.31770	51.65878	91.80
93	-0.31777	51.65854	91.80
94	-0.31857	51.65793	90.80
95	-0.32024	51.65505	93.80
96	-0.31944	51.65512	92.91
97	-0.31658	51.65849	91.80
98	-0.31601	51.65881	91.66
99	-0.30743	51.66482	86.80
100	-0.30768	51.66520	86.17
101	-0.30795	51.66539	85.06
102	-0.30785	51.66560	85.06
103	-0.30833	51.66798	82.80
104	-0.31391	51.66997	83.80
105	-0.31430	51.66987	83.66

No.	Longitude (°)	Latitude (°)	Assessed Altitude (m) (amsl)
106	-0.31461	51.67011	83.80
107	-0.31502	51.67023	84.15

Assessed receptor (dwellings) locations

Road Receptor Details

The details are presented in the table below.

M1

No.	Longitude (°)	Latitude (°)	Assessed Altitude (m) (amsl)
0	-0.34728	51.66034	76.12
1	-0.34595	51.65927	76.63
2	-0.34498	51.65809	76.55
3	-0.34433	51.65680	80.00
4	-0.34391	51.65549	80.66
5	-0.34364	51.65412	82.21
6	-0.34336	51.65280	84.51
7	-0.34281	51.65149	86.44
8	-0.34194	51.65023	88.31
9	-0.34072	51.64910	90.50
10	-0.33917	51.64816	91.50
11	-0.33743	51.64739	93.78
12	-0.33545	51.64677	97.74
13	-0.33356	51.64638	102.57
14	-0.33140	51.64599	107.03
15	-0.32938	51.64549	112.03
16	-0.32741	51.64486	114.48
17	-0.32562	51.64413	116.39

Assessed receptor (road) locations for M1

A41

No.	Longitude (°)	Latitude (°)	Assessed Altitude (m) (amsl)
18	-0.34509	51.65431	82.50
19	-0.34360	51.65333	83.32
20	-0.34211	51.65235	84.50
21	-0.34064	51.65137	85.69
22	-0.33915	51.65039	91.70
23	-0.33764	51.64940	92.50
24	-0.33617	51.64842	92.21
25	-0.33453	51.64754	95.78
26	-0.33269	51.64685	100.44
27	-0.33066	51.64641	105.43

Assessed receptor (road) locations for A41

Hilfield Lane

No.	Longitude (°)	Latitude (°)	Assessed Altitude (m) (amsl)
28	-0.34484	51.65935	78.88
29	-0.34361	51.65824	77.85
30	-0.34216	51.65723	79.50
31	-0.34081	51.65622	80.18
32	-0.33957	51.65516	82.23
33	-0.33879	51.65392	82.05
34	-0.33787	51.65264	81.22
35	-0.33658	51.65159	83.13
36	-0.33522	51.65050	89.96
37	-0.33432	51.64934	91.03
38	-0.33365	51.64810	94.32
39	-0.33325	51.64703	98.80

Assessed receptor (road) locations for Hilfield Lane

Aldenham Road

No.	Longitude (°)	Latitude (°)	Assessed Altitude (m) (amsl)
40	-0.33451	51.66592	79.50
41	-0.33315	51.66495	79.50
42	-0.33128	51.66424	82.76
43	-0.32957	51.66343	90.10
44	-0.32763	51.66283	92.50
45	-0.32571	51.66223	91.50
46	-0.32386	51.66147	90.10
47	-0.32217	51.66073	88.50
48	-0.32062	51.65968	88.57
49	-0.31957	51.65853	88.50
50	-0.31854	51.65739	90.50

Assessed receptor (road) locations for Aldenham Road

Butterfly Road

No.	Longitude (°)	Latitude (°)	Assessed Altitude (m) (amsl)
51	-0.31874	51.65765	90.50
52	-0.31717	51.65861	91.50
53	-0.31535	51.65934	90.50
54	-0.31353	51.66008	91.50
55	-0.31170	51.66081	91.50
56	-0.30989	51.66154	90.50
57	-0.30807	51.66224	91.41
58	-0.30597	51.66289	91.03

Assessed receptor (road) locations for Butterfly Road

A5183

No.	Longitude (°)	Latitude (°)	Assessed Altitude (m) (amsl)
59	-0.31118	51.67251	81.95
60	-0.31046	51.67129	78.75
61	-0.30981	51.66997	79.08
62	-0.30920	51.66864	80.39
63	-0.30843	51.66742	82.09
64	-0.30773	51.66615	84.22
65	-0.30703	51.66487	86.68
66	-0.30632	51.66360	88.36
67	-0.30560	51.66228	91.13
68	-0.30496	51.66106	91.50

Assessed receptor (road) locations for A5183

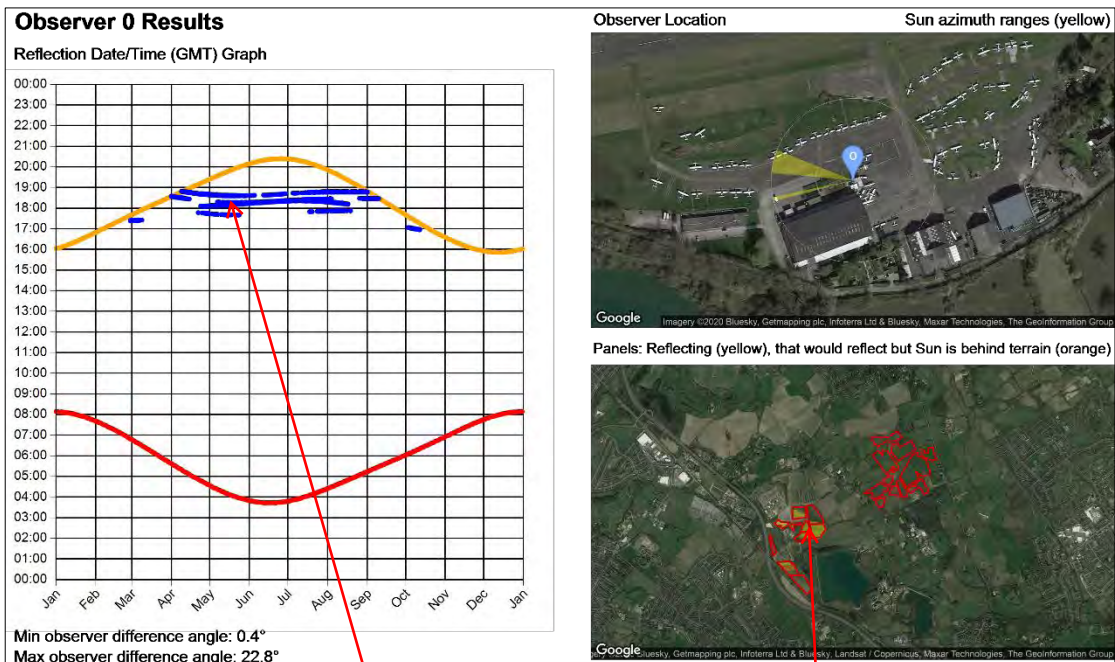
APPENDIX H – GEOMETRIC CALCULATION RESULTS – PAGER POWER RESULTS

Where a solar reflection has been found, a chart is produced. Each chart shows:

- The receptor (observer) location – top right image. This also shows the azimuth range of the Sun itself at times when reflections are possible. If sunlight is experienced from the same direction as the reflecting panels, the overall impact of the reflection is reduced as discussed within the body of the report;
- The reflecting areas – bottom right image. The reflecting area is shown in yellow. If the yellow panels are not visible from the observer location, no issues will occur in practice. Additional obstructions which may obscure the reflector area from view are considered separately within the analysis;
- The reflection date/time graph – left hand side of the page. The blue line indicates the dates and times at which geometric reflections are possible. This relates to reflections from the yellow areas only;
- The red and yellow lines show the sunrise and sunset times respectively throughout the year.

Aviation

ATC Tower



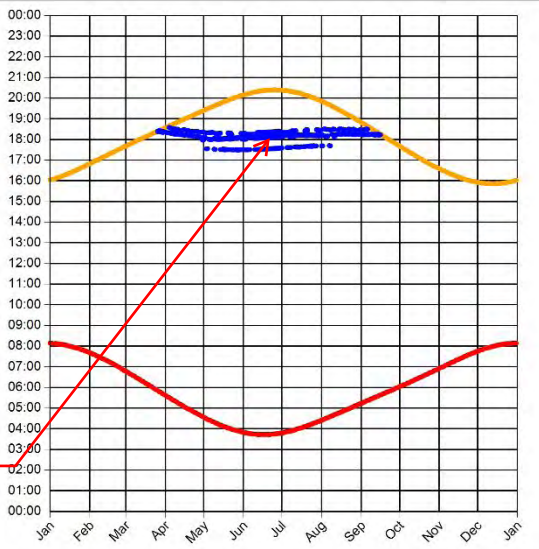
reflections seem almost constant between April and September at 18-19:00 how does this equate to the time duration results mentioned in the text

are these the yellow areas, it is not clear ?

Approach 08

Observer 1 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 4.1°
Max observer difference angle: 30°

reflections seem almost constant between April and September at 17.30-19:00

Observer Location Sun azimuth range is 274.7° - 288.5° (yellow)

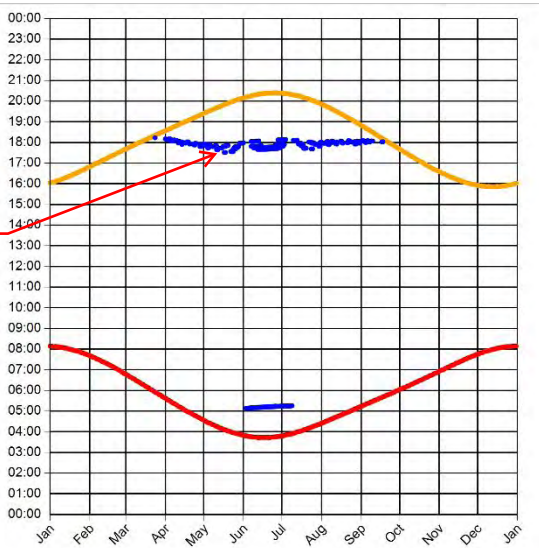


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 2 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 8.8°
Max observer difference angle: 36°

reflections seem almost constant between April and September at 17.00-18:00

Observer Location Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

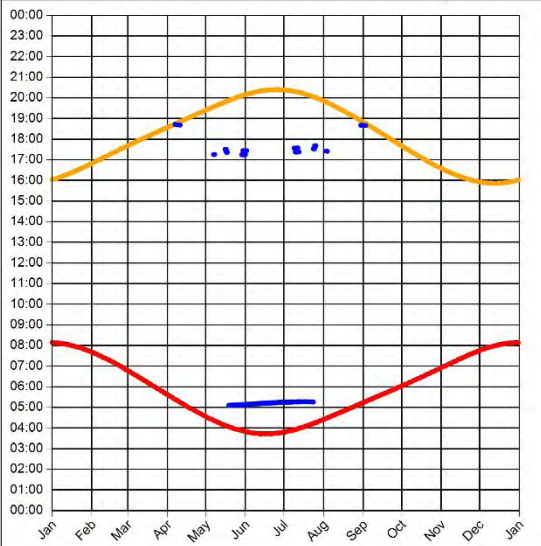


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 3 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 5.4°
Max observer difference angle: 44.9°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

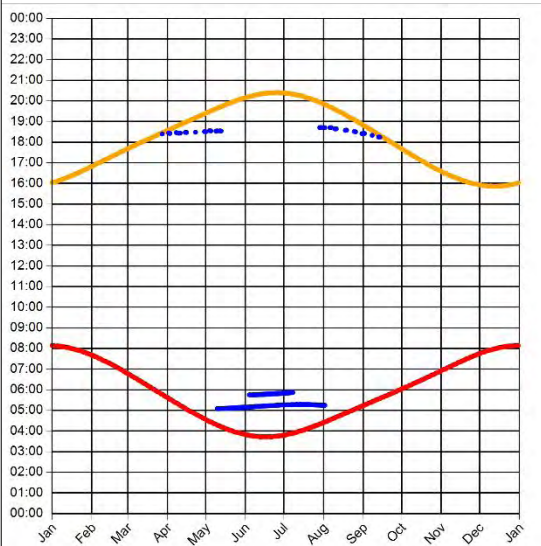


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 4 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 9.6°
Max observer difference angle: 18.5°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

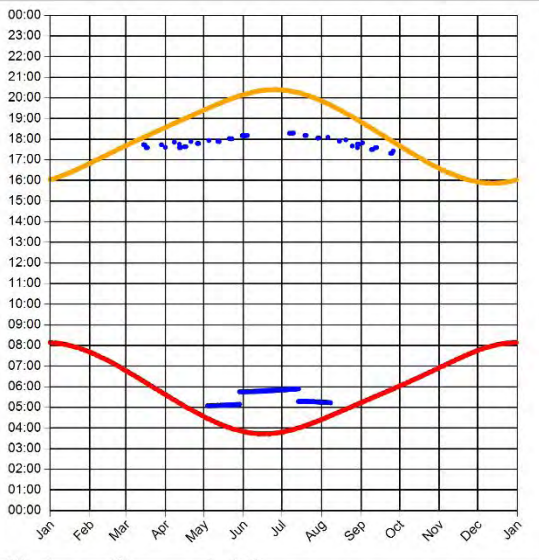


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 5 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 8.1°
Max observer difference angle: 34.6°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

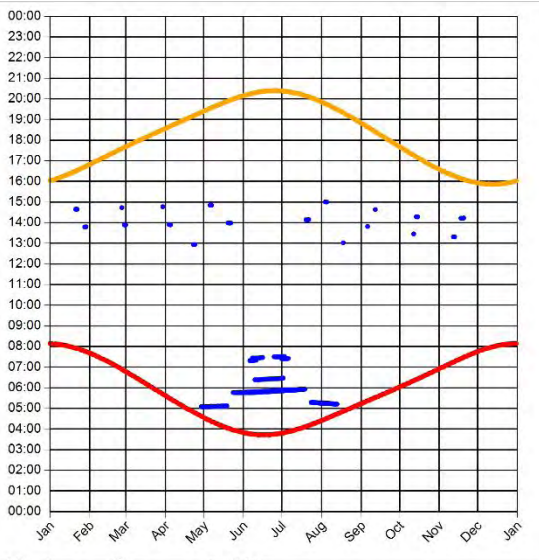


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 6 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 6.9°
Max observer difference angle: 98.5°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

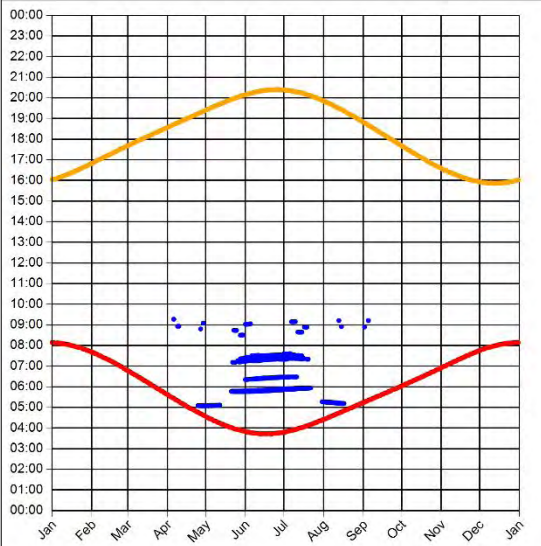


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 7 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 5.9°
Max observer difference angle: 86.4°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

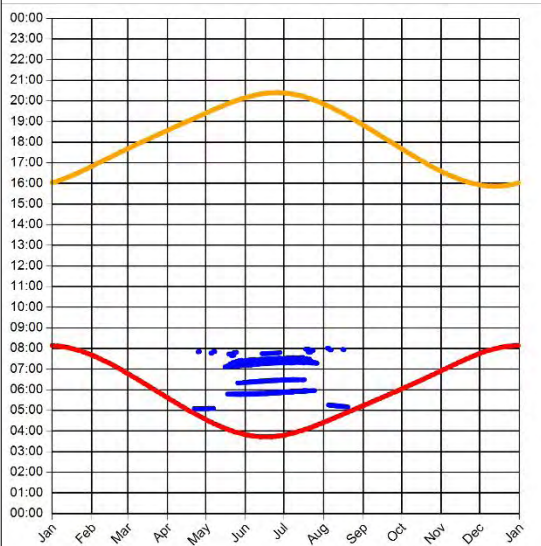


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 8 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 5°
Max observer difference angle: 54.6°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

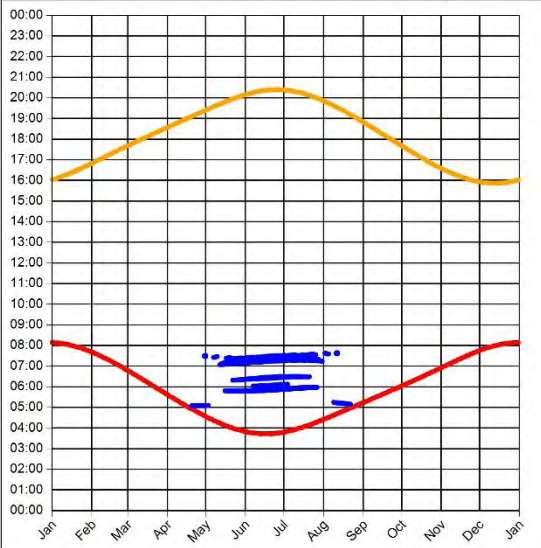


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 9 Results

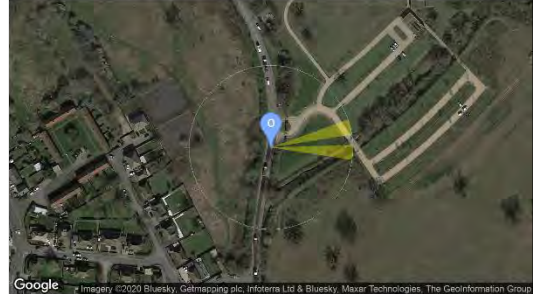
Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 4.3°
Max observer difference angle: 45.8°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

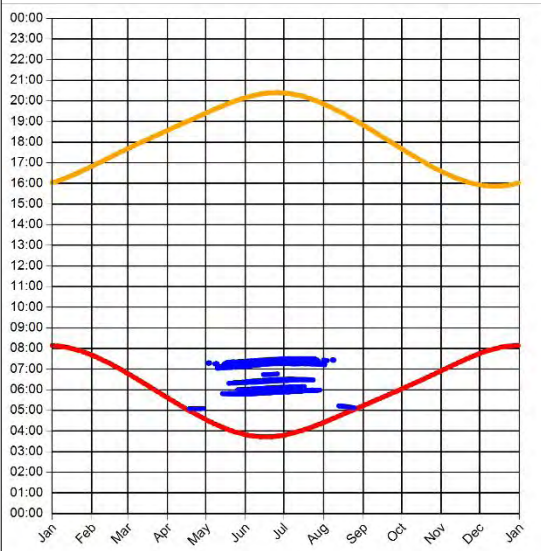


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 10 Results

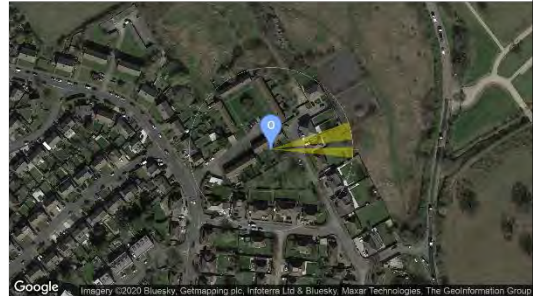
Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 3.6°
Max observer difference angle: 41.6°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

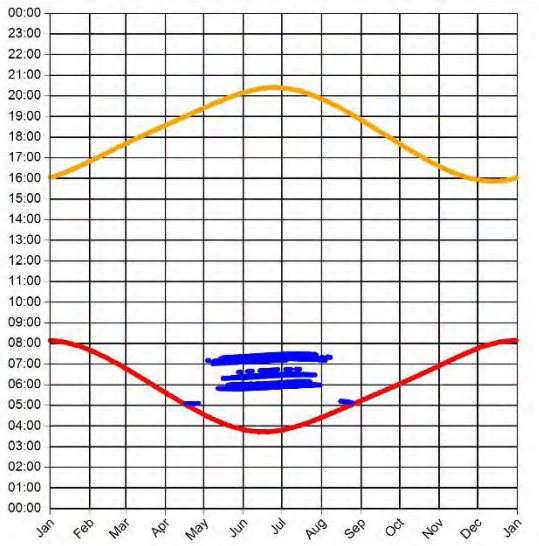


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 11 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 3.5°
Max observer difference angle: 40.2°

Observer Location Sun azimuth range is 71.1° - 94° (yellow)

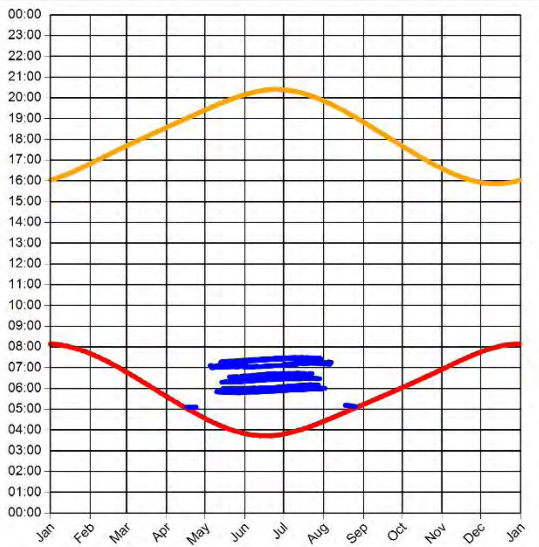


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 12 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 3.4°
Max observer difference angle: 40°

Observer Location Sun azimuth range is 71.5° - 93.7° (yellow)

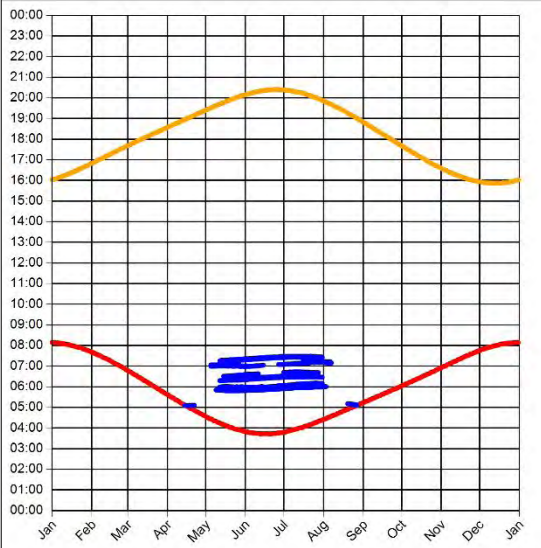


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 13 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 2.9°
Max observer difference angle: 39.9°

Observer Location Sun azimuth range is 71.8° - 93.6° (yellow)

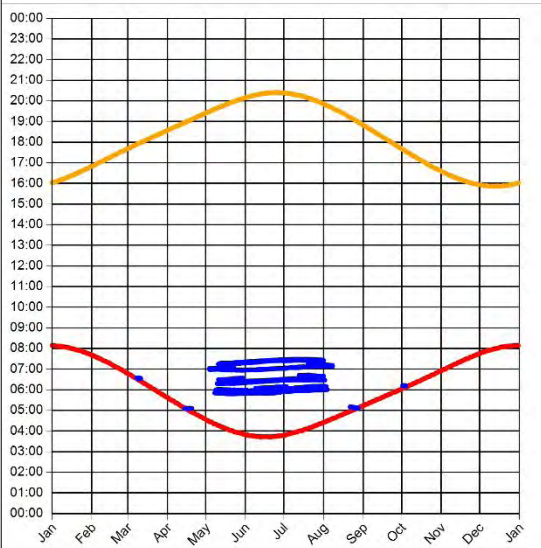


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 14 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 2.8°
Max observer difference angle: 39.6°

Observer Location Sun azimuth range is 72.1° - 97.3° (yellow)

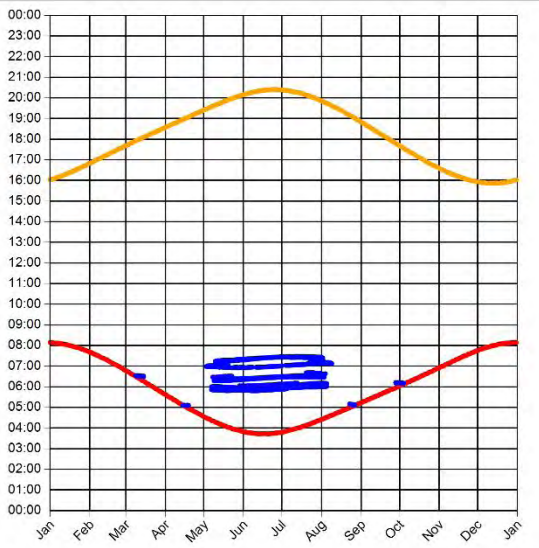


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 15 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 3.1°
Max observer difference angle: 39.3°

Observer Location Sun azimuth range is 72.4° - 96.8° (yellow)

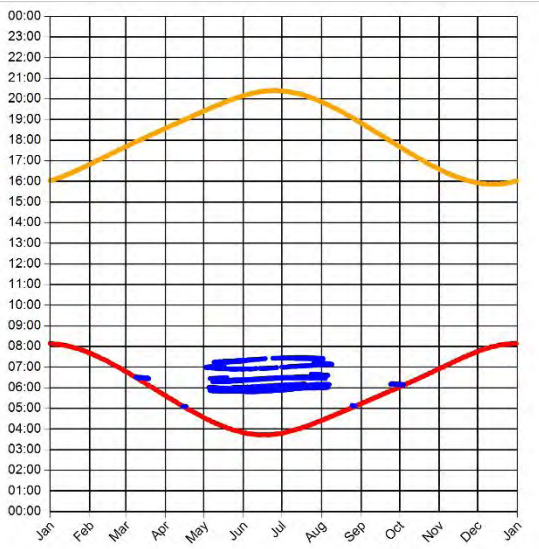


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 16 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 3°
Max observer difference angle: 39.2°

Observer Location Sun azimuth range is 72.6° - 96.6° (yellow)

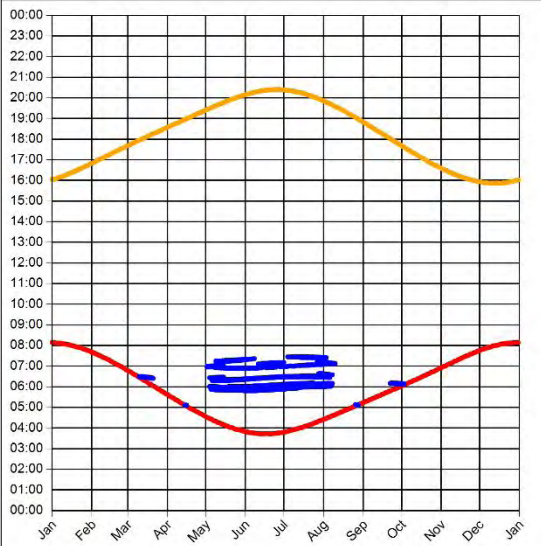


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 17 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 2.9°
 Max observer difference angle: 38.5°

Observer Location Sun azimuth range is 72.7° - 96° (yellow)

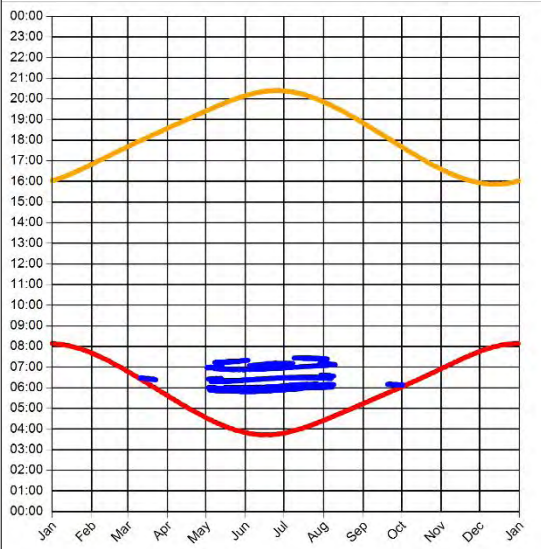


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 18 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 4.5°
 Max observer difference angle: 37.9°

Observer Location Sun azimuth range is 72.8° - 95.7° (yellow)

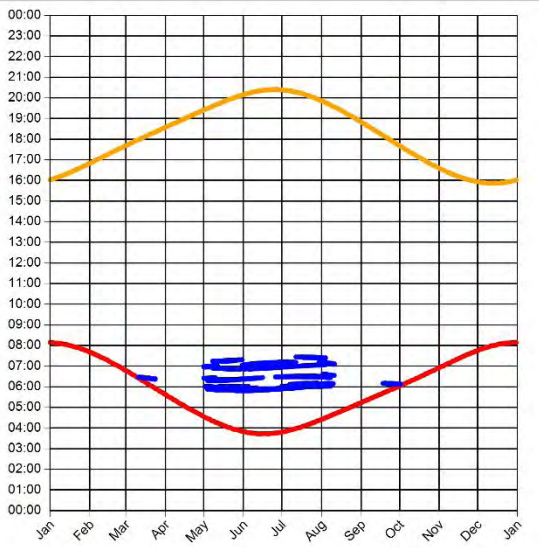


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 19 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 4.6°
 Max observer difference angle: 37.4°

Observer Location Sun azimuth range is 72.8° - 95.6° (yellow)

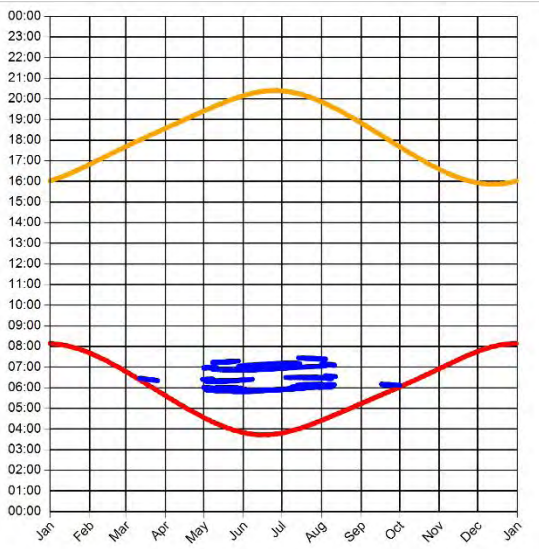


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 20 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 4.6°
 Max observer difference angle: 37°

Observer Location Sun azimuth range is 73° - 95.3° (yellow)

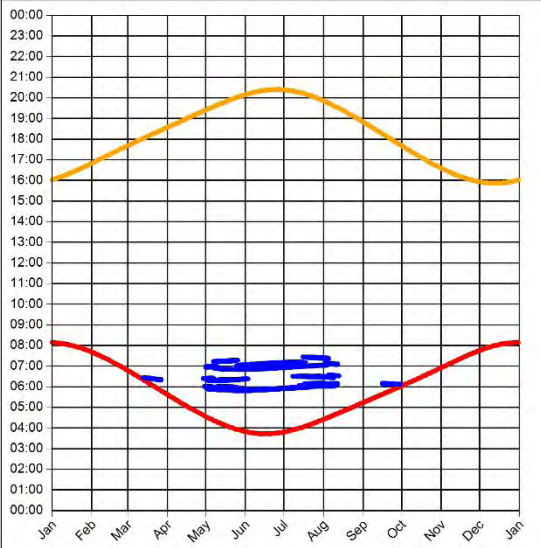


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 21 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 4.8°
 Max observer difference angle: 36.9°

Observer Location Sun azimuth range is 72.9° - 94.9° (yellow)



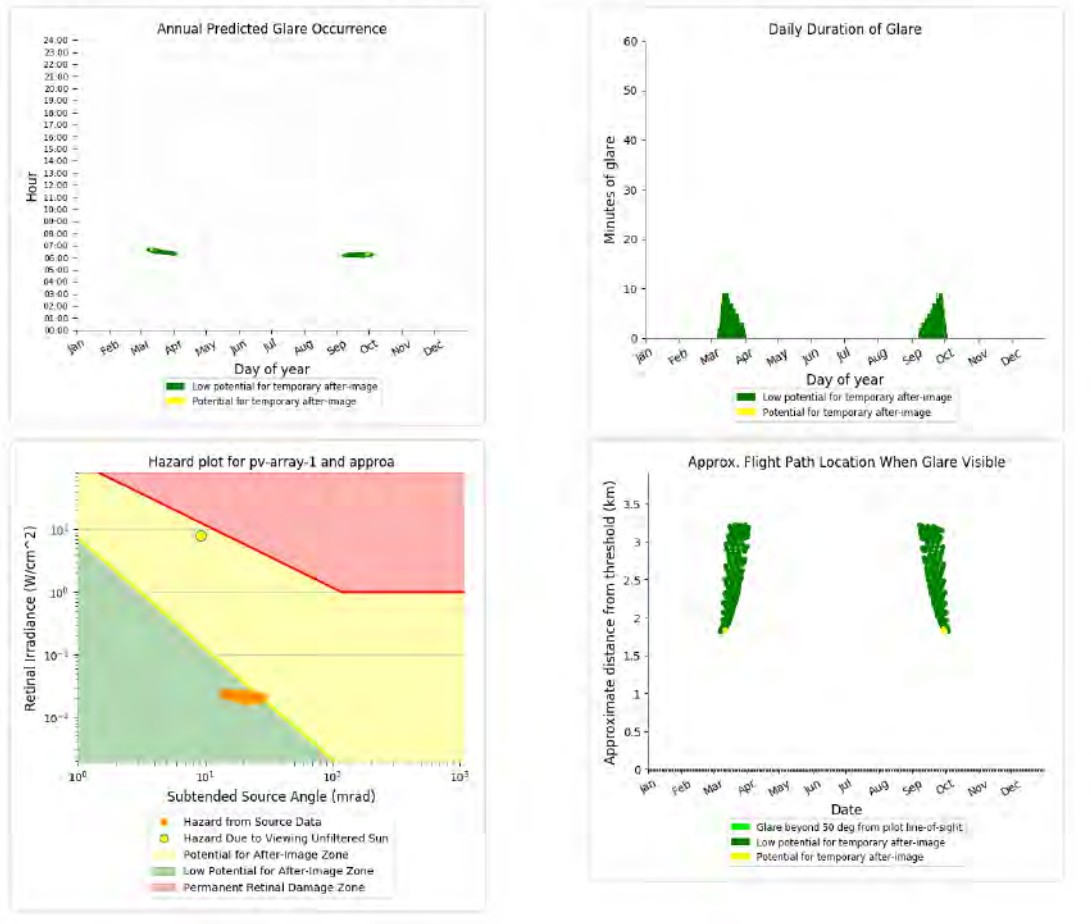
Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



PV array 1 - Receptor (Approach 08)

PV array is expected to produce the following glare for observers on this flight path:

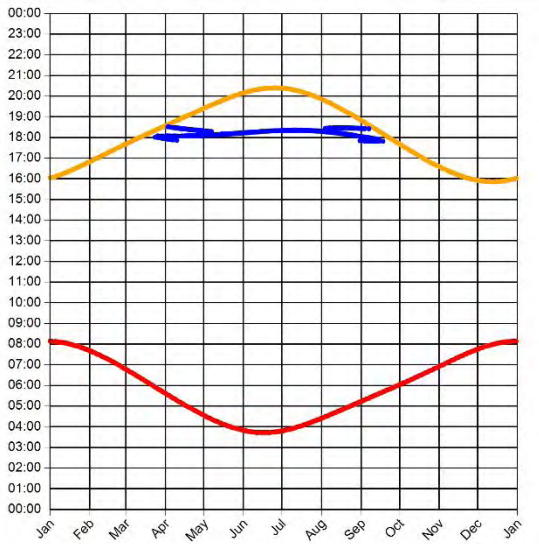
- 290 minutes of "green" glare with low potential to cause temporary after-image.
- 3 minutes of "yellow" glare with potential to cause temporary after-image.



Approach 26

Observer 22 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 2.4°
Max observer difference angle: 17.9°

Observer Location Sun azimuth range is 269.8° - 287.9° (yellow)

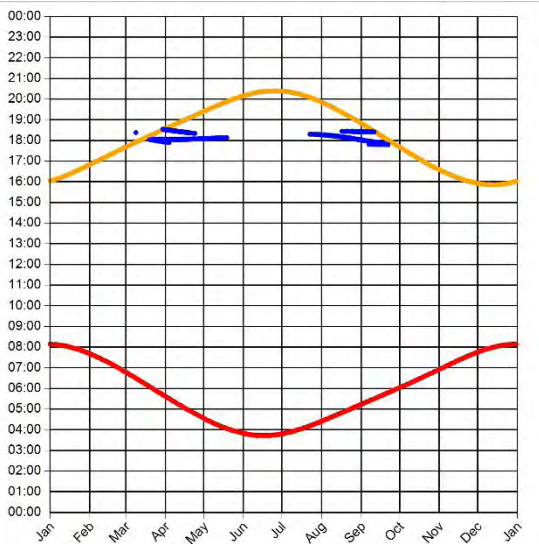


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 23 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 1.4°
Max observer difference angle: 16.2°

Observer Location Sun azimuth range is 268.8° - 284.6° (yellow)

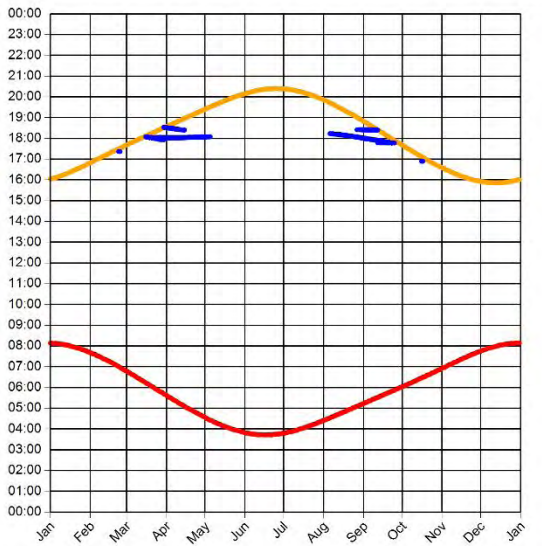


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 24 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 1.5°
 Max observer difference angle: 14.2°

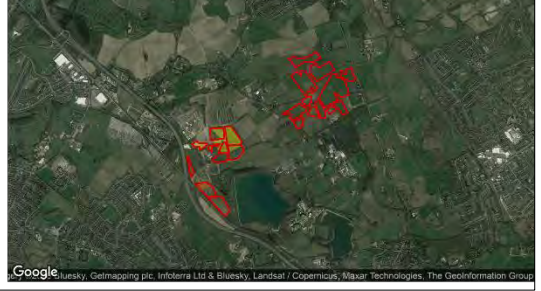
Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)



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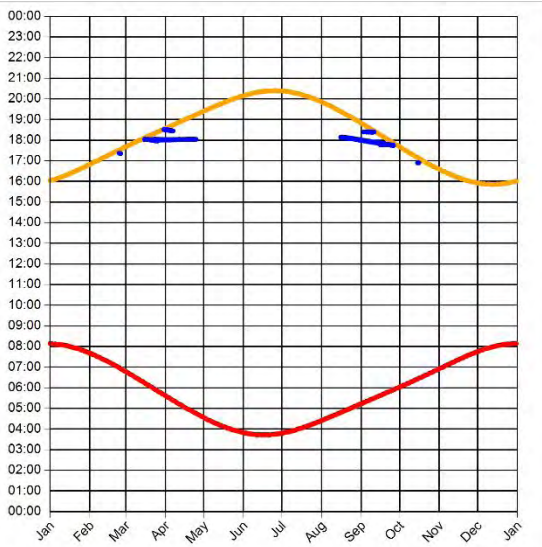
Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



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Observer 25 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 2°
 Max observer difference angle: 12.6°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)



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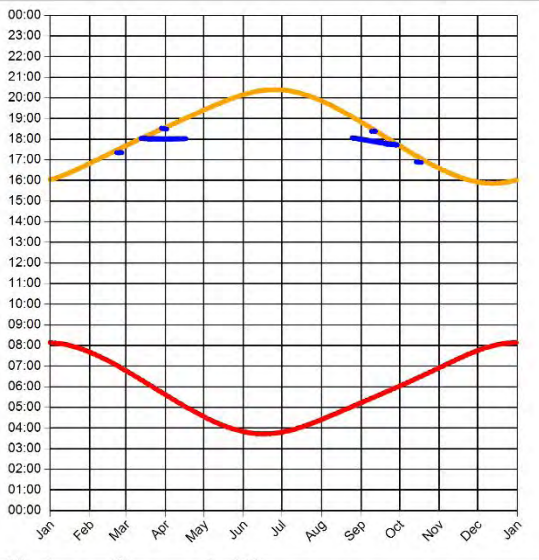
Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



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Observer 26 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 1.6°
Max observer difference angle: 10.8°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

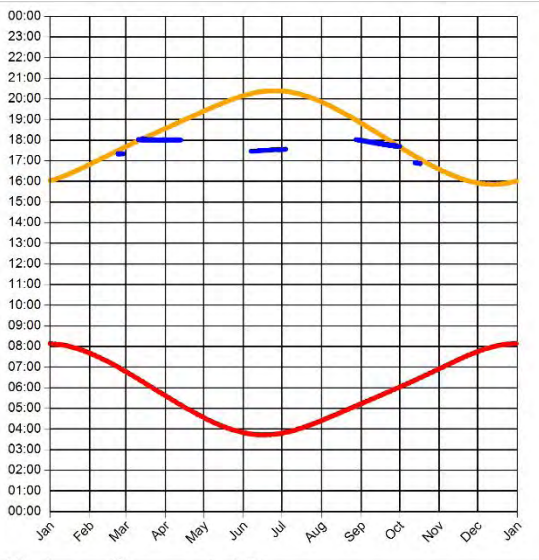


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 27 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 1.5°
Max observer difference angle: 30.7°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

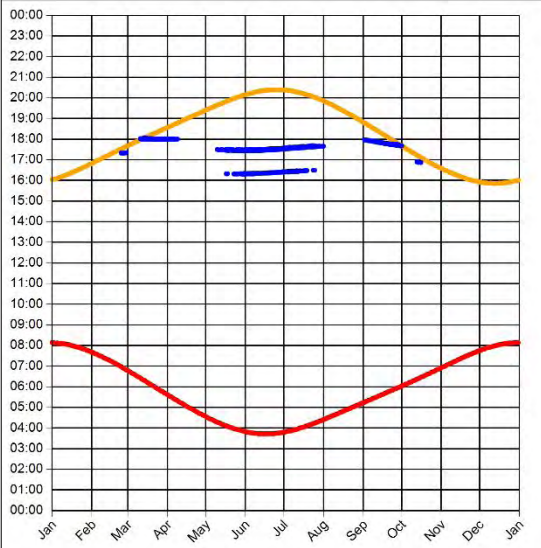


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 28 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 1.7°
Max observer difference angle: 42.9°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

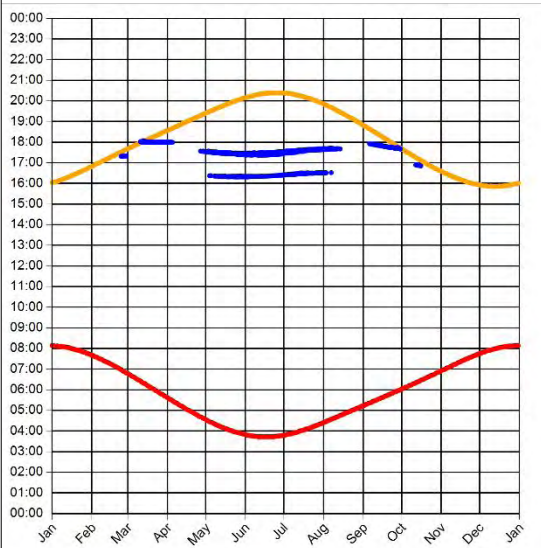


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 29 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 1.8°
Max observer difference angle: 42.8°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

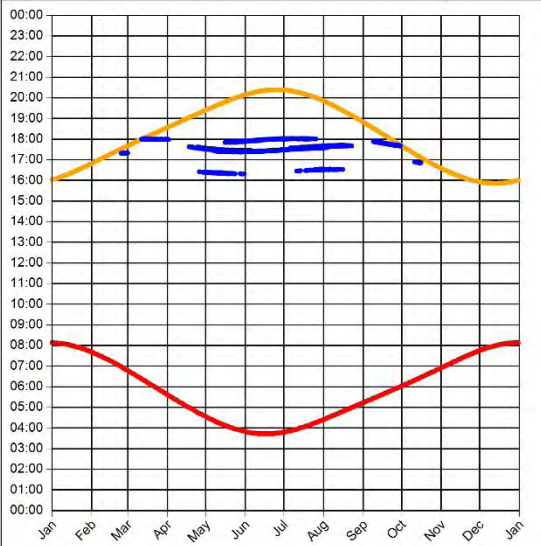


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 30 Results

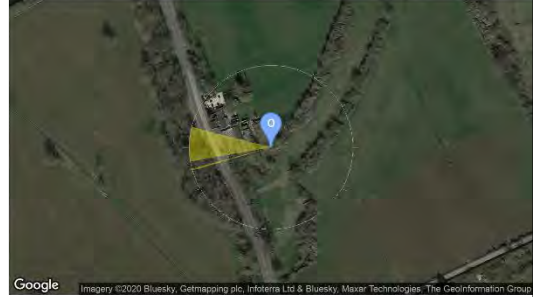
Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 2.1°
Max observer difference angle: 41.3°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)



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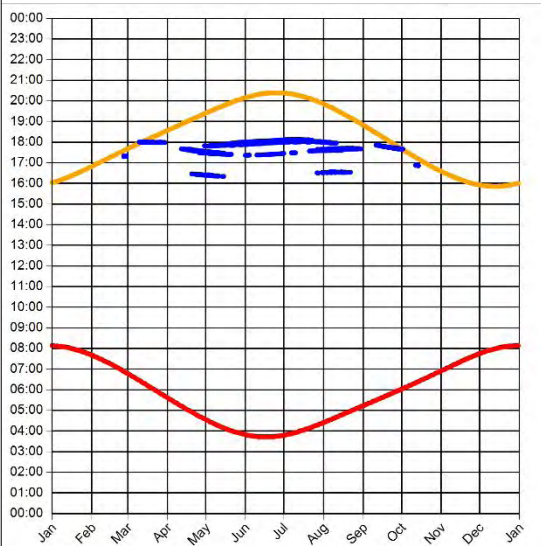
Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



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Observer 31 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 1.8°
Max observer difference angle: 38.4°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)



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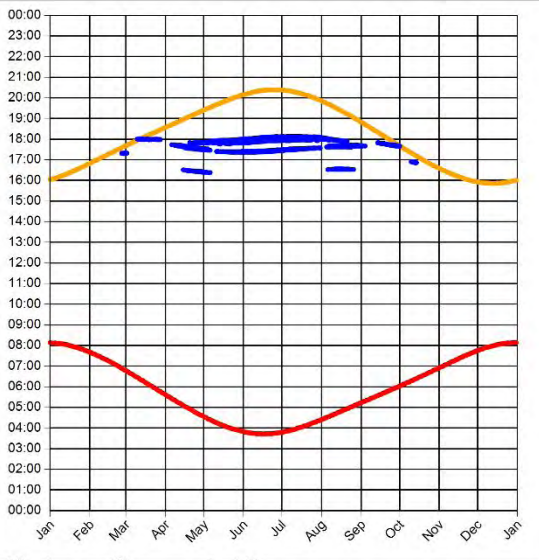
Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



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Observer 32 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 1.9°
Max observer difference angle: 36.1°

Observer Location Sun azimuth range is 253.9° - 285.7° (yellow)

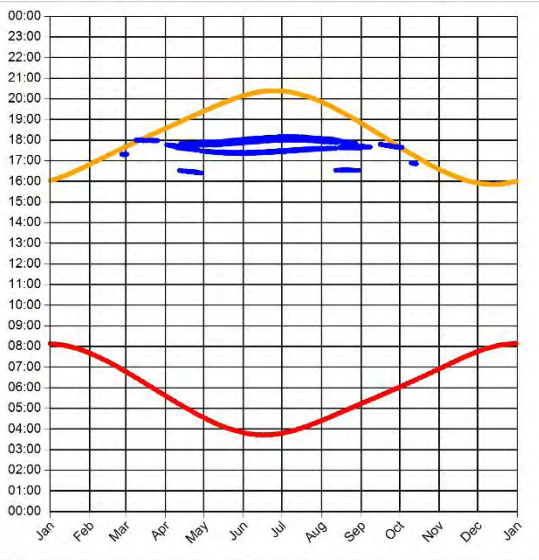


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 33 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 1.6°
Max observer difference angle: 34.1°

Observer Location Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

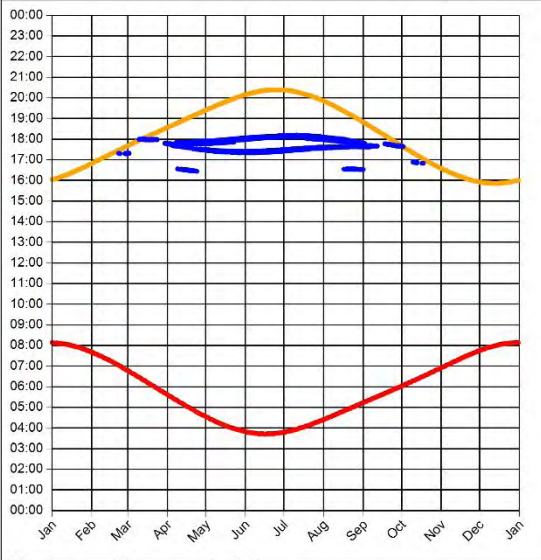


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 34 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 2.1°
 Max observer difference angle: 34.2°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

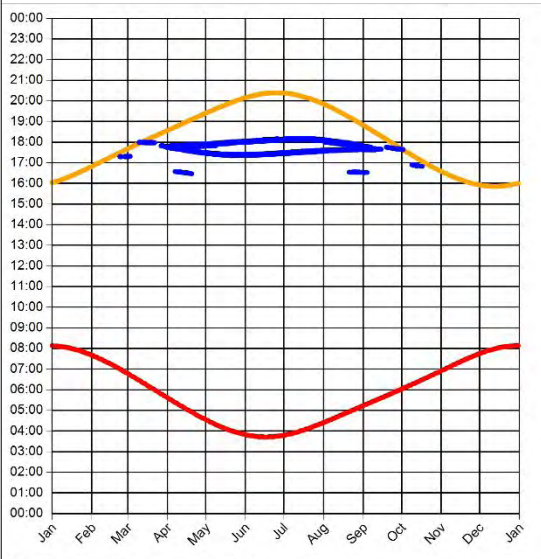


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 35 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 2.1°
 Max observer difference angle: 33.5°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

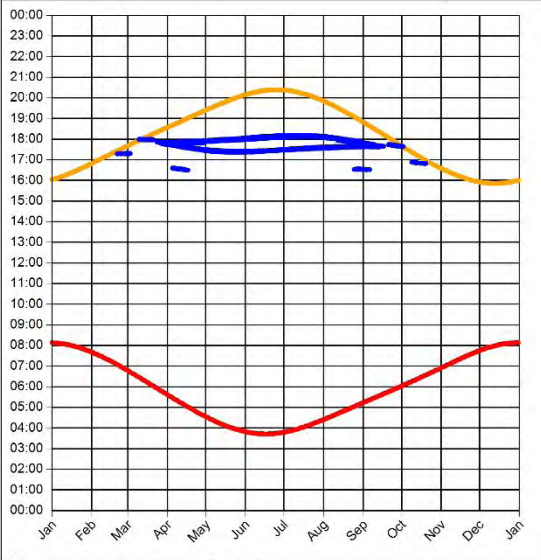


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 36 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 2.1°
Max observer difference angle: 32.6°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

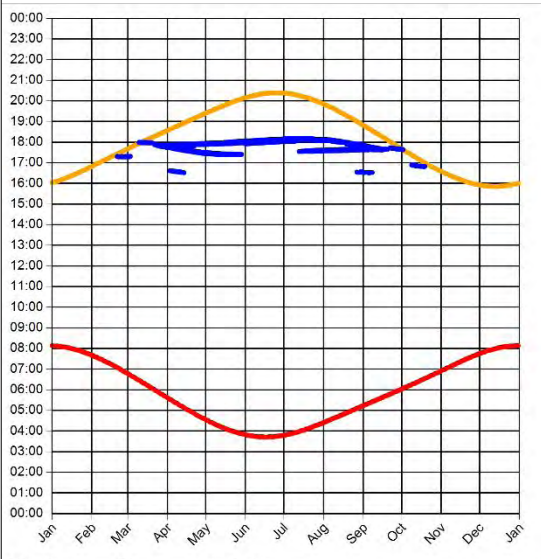


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 37 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 2.2°
Max observer difference angle: 30.5°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

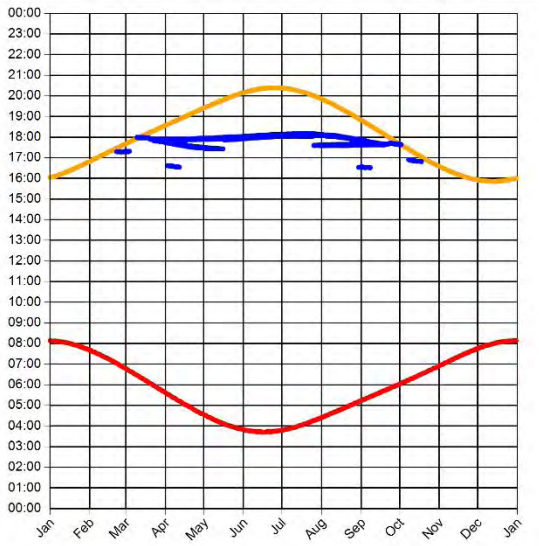


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 38 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 2.1°
Max observer difference angle: 28°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

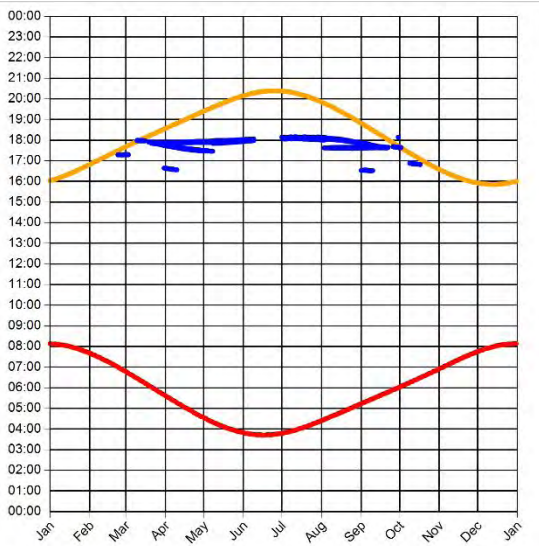


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 39 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 2.1°
Max observer difference angle: 27.2°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

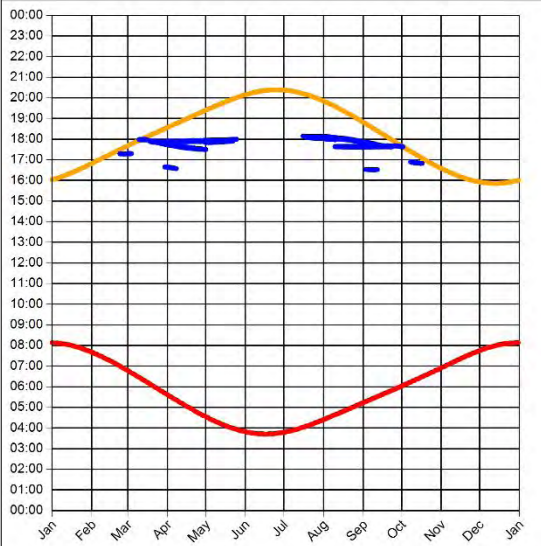


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 40 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 2.4°
Max observer difference angle: 26.5°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

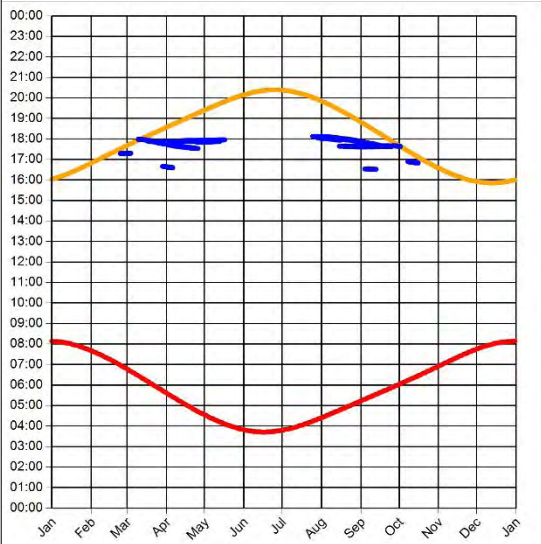


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 41 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 2.3°
Max observer difference angle: 25.9°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

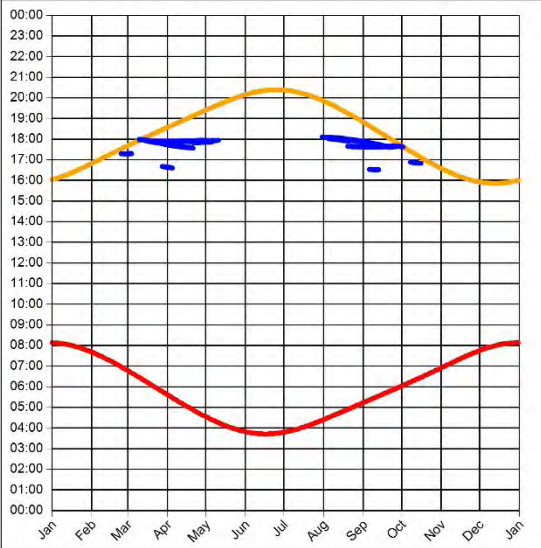


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 42 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 2.3°
 Max observer difference angle: 25.3°

Observer Location



Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

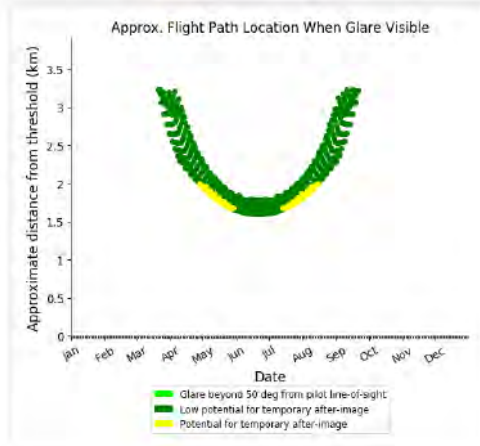
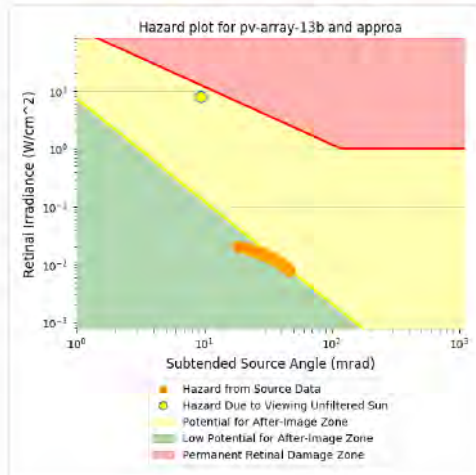
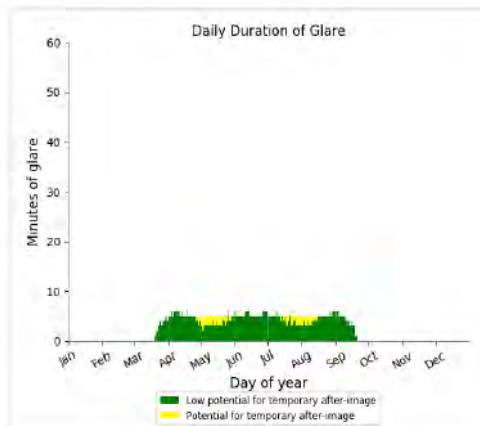
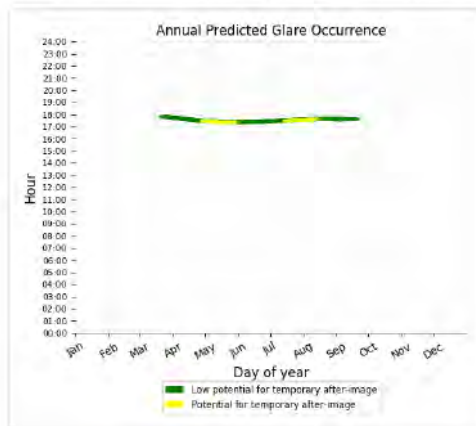
Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



PV array 13b - Receptor (Approach 26)

PV array is expected to produce the following glare for observers on this flight path:

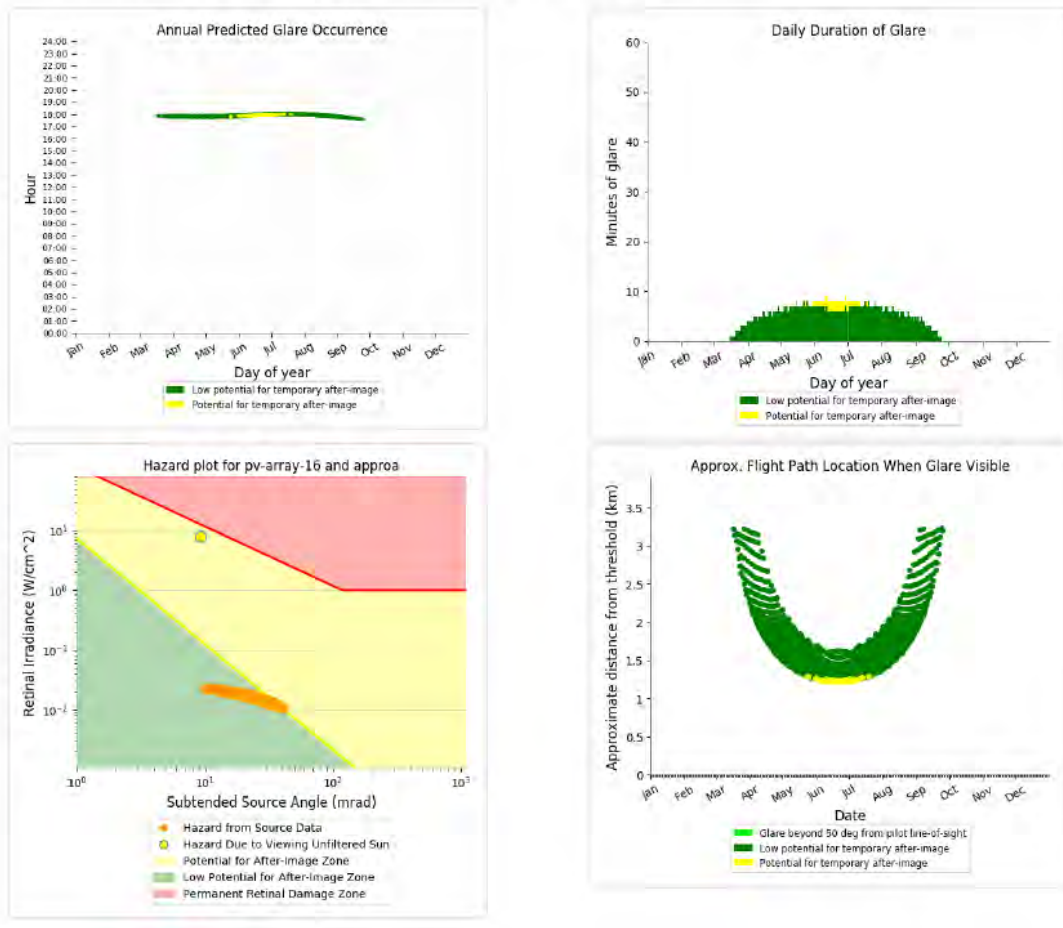
- 805 minutes of "green" glare with low potential to cause temporary after-image.
- 102 minutes of "yellow" glare with potential to cause temporary after-image.



PV array 16 - Receptor (Approach 26)

PV array is expected to produce the following glare for observers on this flight path:

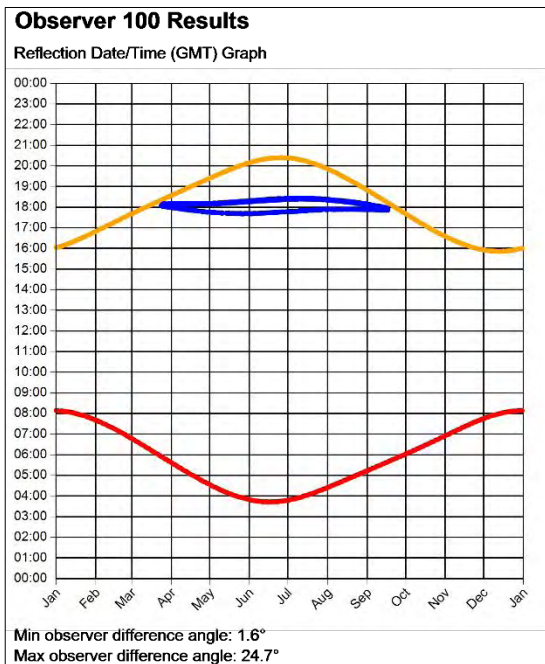
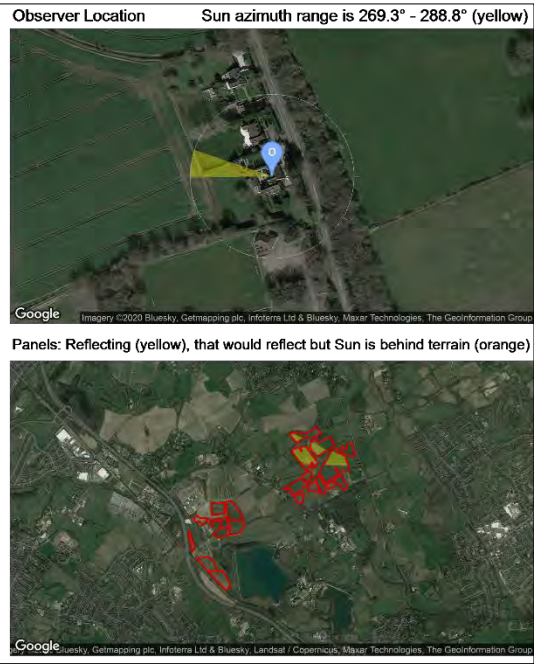
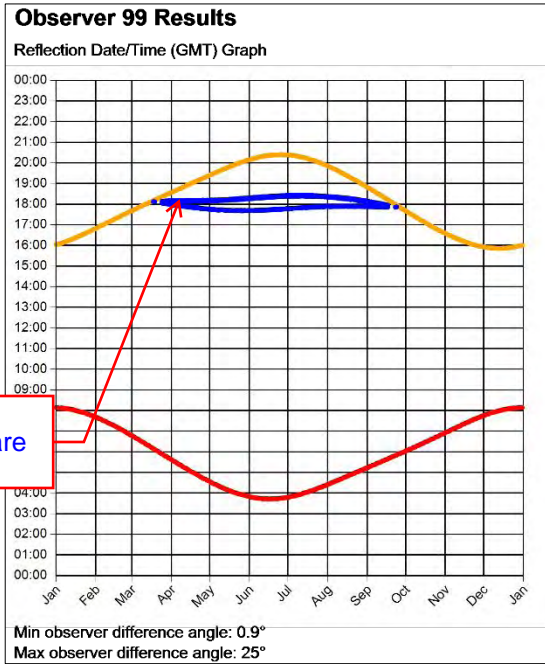
- 1,067 minutes of "green" glare with low potential to cause temporary after-image.
- 70 minutes of "yellow" glare with potential to cause temporary after-image.



Dwellings

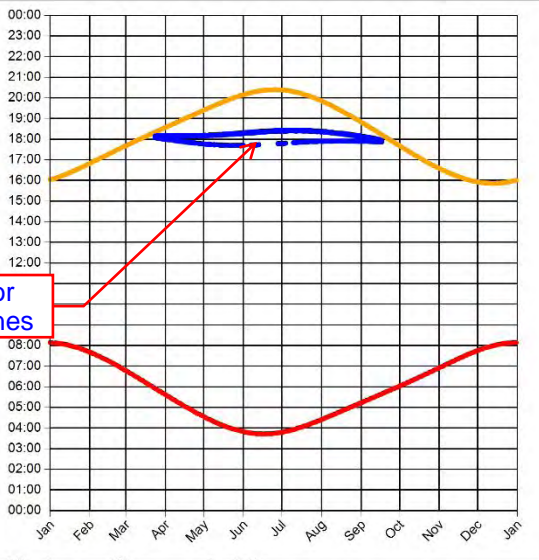
Only the reflection charts of dwelling experiencing moderate impact are presented below. Other can be provided upon request.

what is the time duration of the glare each day.



Observer 101 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



explain reasons for the gaps in the lines

Min observer difference angle: 1.4°
Max observer difference angle: 24.4°

Observer Location Sun azimuth range is 270.4° - 289° (yellow)

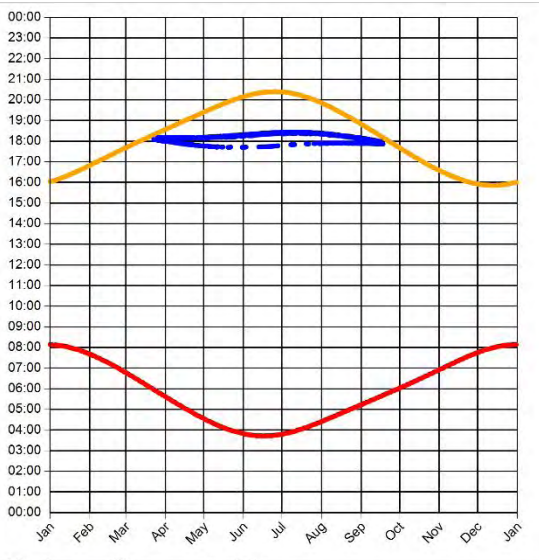


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 102 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 1.4°
Max observer difference angle: 24.7°

Observer Location Sun azimuth range is 270.3° - 289° (yellow)



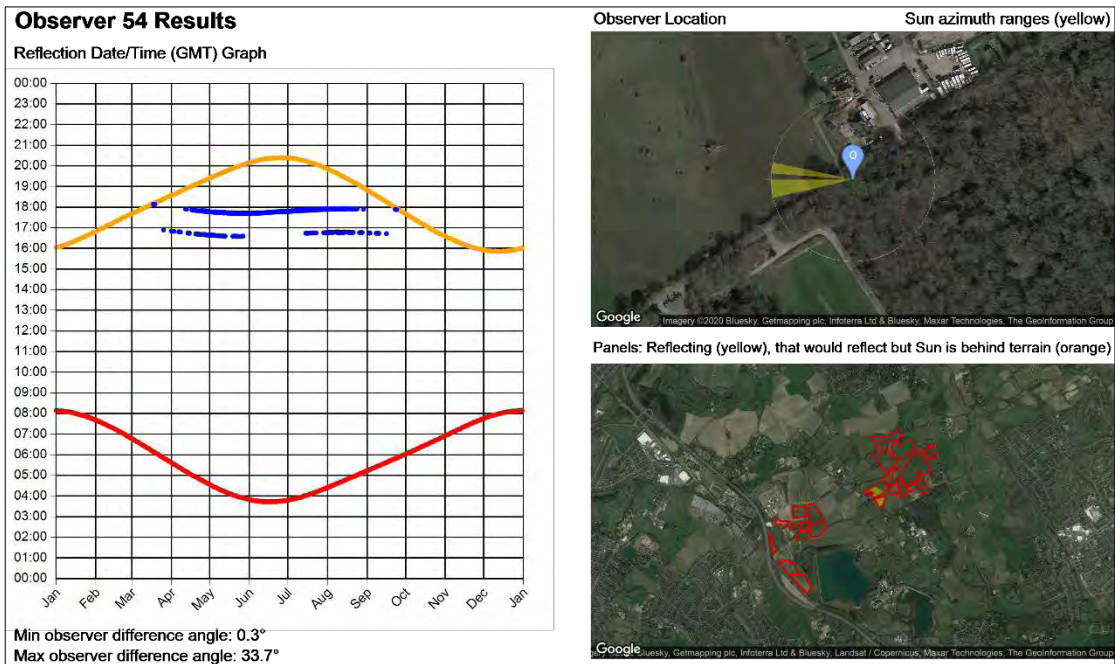
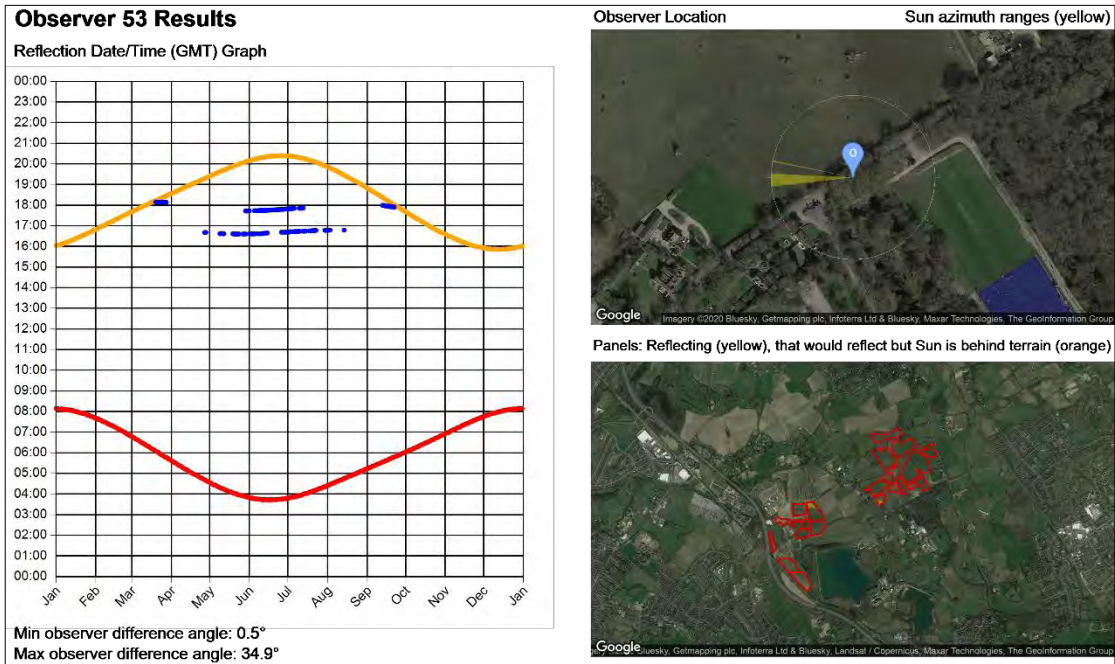
Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Roads

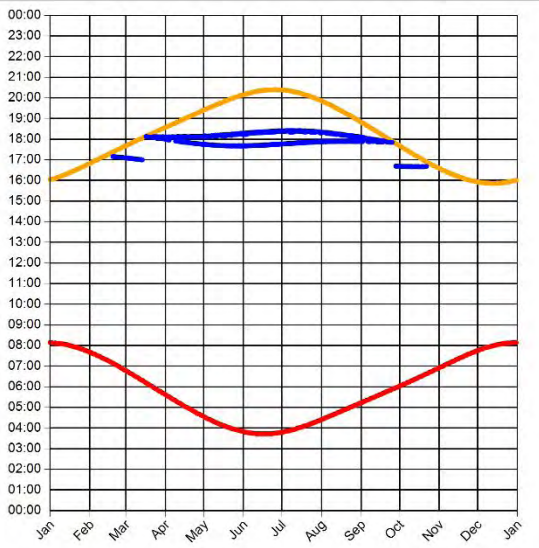
Butterfly lane

Only the reflection charts of road receptors experiencing moderate impact are presented below. Other can be provided upon request



Observer 57 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 0.6°
 Max observer difference angle: 25.4°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

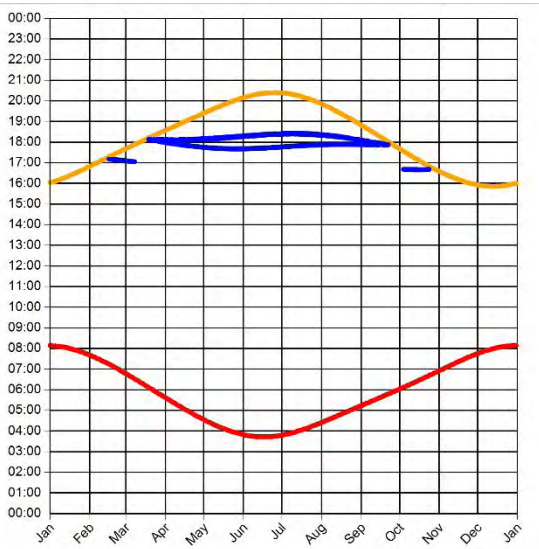


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



Observer 58 Results

Reflection Date/Time (GMT) Graph



Min observer difference angle: 1.1°
 Max observer difference angle: 25.3°

Observer Location

Sun azimuth ranges (yellow)

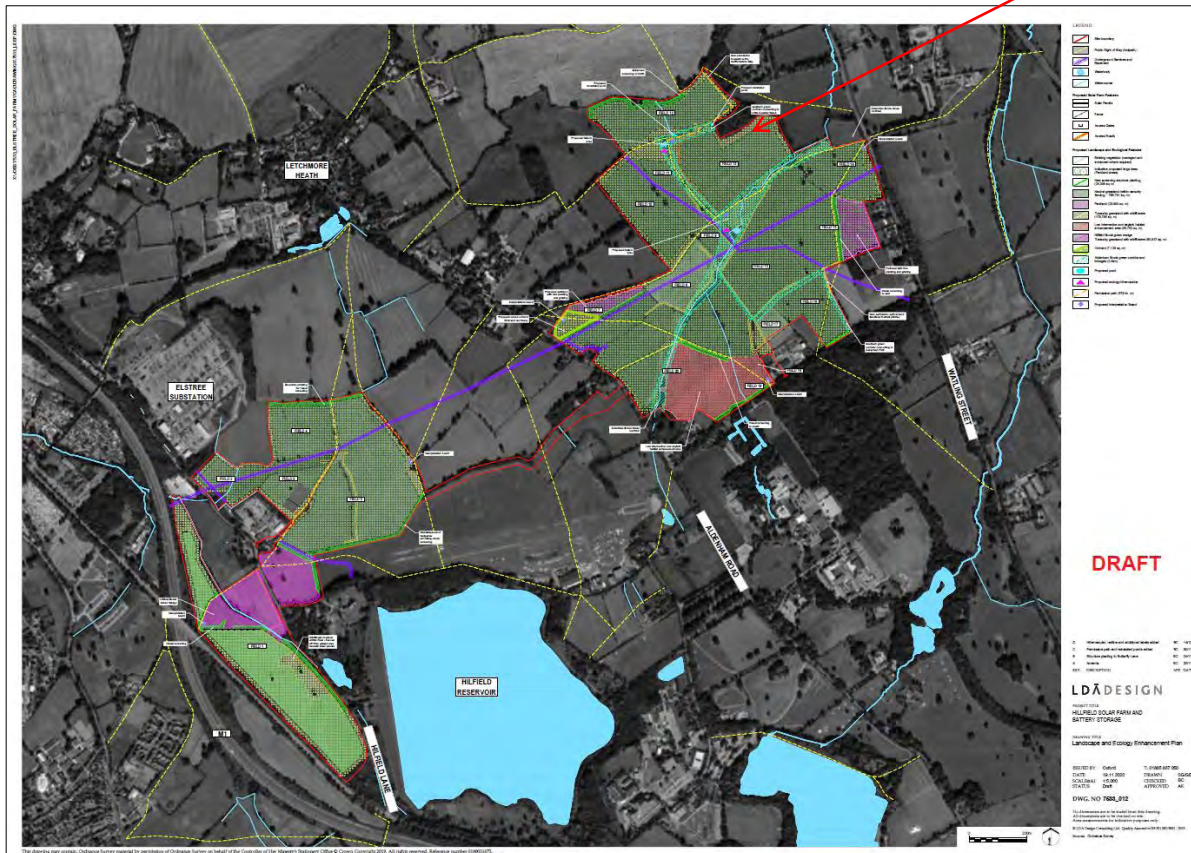


Panels: Reflecting (yellow), that would reflect but Sun is behind terrain (orange)



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