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# **Glint and Glare ASSESSMENT**

Lidl Ireland GMBH Lidl Store Fortunestown Lane, Saggart, Dublin 24 Co. Dublin, D24 XR74.

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## **1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1. This aviation Glint and Glare assessment has been produced to send together with the Planning Application in The South Dublin County Council. This aviation Glint and Glare assessment has been undertaken in relation to the instalment of a solar array on a roof on lands approximately 19 km Southwest of Dublin Airport
- 1.2. There is no guidance or policy available across Ireland in relation to the assessment of glint and glare from Proposed Development. However, as identified by UK policy, it is recognised as a potential impact which needs to be considered for a proposed solar development.
- 1.3. A 30km study area is chosen for receptors. 4 aviation assets are located within 30km of the Proposed Development: Weston Airport, Casement Aerodrome, Dublin Airport and Tallaght Hospital Helipad. The receptor/s mentioned will require a detailed assessment due to the Proposed Development falling within their respective safeguarding buffer zones outlined in paragraph 4.19.
- 1.4. Geometric analysis was conducted for Weston Airport (2 Runways and 1 ATCT), Casement Aerodrome (4 Runways and 1 ATCT), Dublin Airport (6 Runways and 2 ATCT) and Tallaght Hospital Helipad (8 Runways),
- 1.5. The assessment concludes that:
  - Weston Airport: No impact predicted
  - **Casement Aerodrome:** Green Glare (Low potential for after-image) was predicted at FP 04, which is an acceptable impact according to the FAA guidelines for the runways and can be deemed not significant. Upon review of the ground elevation profile between the Proposed Development and Weston Airport, it was found that the Proposed Development would not be visible from the ATCT and the impact would therefore reduce to **None**.
  - Dublin Airport: Green Glare (Low potential for after-image) was predicted at FP 08, FP 10, ATCT new tower, ATCT old tower, which is an acceptable impact according to the FAA guidelines for the runways and can be deemed not significant. Upon review of the ground elevation profile between the Proposed Development and Weston Airport, it was found that the Proposed Development would not be visible from the ATCT and the impact would therefore reduce to None.
  - Tallaght Hospital Helipad: Green Glare (Low potential for after-image) was predicted at FP 13, FP 14, FP 15, FP 16, FP 19, which is an acceptable impact according to the FAA guidelines for the runways and can be deemed not significant.
  - Overall impacts on aviation receptors are acceptable and not significant.

## 2. INTRODUCTION

#### BACKGROUND

- 2.1. MOVEO S.A. has been appointed by Enerpower (the "Applicant") to undertake a Glint and Glare Assessment for a proposed solar array development (the "Proposed Development") on the roof of Proposed Solar Panels at Lidl Store Fortunestown Lane, Saggart, Dublin 24,Co.Dublin. This aviation Glint and Glare assessment has been undertaken in relation to the instalment of a solar array on a roof on lands approximately 19 km Southwest of Dublin Airport (the "Application Site"). This is to be sent together with the Planning Application to The South Dublin County Council.
- 2.2. Please see Figure 2: Appendix A for site Layout Map with PV Solar Panels.

#### **DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION**

2.3. The Proposed Development comprises a 831.40m2 roof mounted solar array being installed on the roof of Proposed Solar Panels at Lidl Store Fortunestown Lane Saggart, Dublin 24 Co.Dublin, D24 XR74.

#### **SCOPE OF REPORT**

- 2.4. Although there may be small amounts of Glint and Glare from the metal structures associated with the solar array, the main source of Glint and Glare will be from the panels themselves and this will be the focus of this assessment.
- 2.5. Solar panels are designed to absorb as much light as possible and not to reflect it. However, glint can be produced as a reflection of the sun from the surface of the solar PV panel. This can also be described as a momentary flash. This may be an issue due to visual impact and viewer distraction on ground-based receptors and on aviation.
- 2.6. Glare is significantly less intense in comparison to Glint and can be described as a continuous source of bright light, relative to diffused lighting. This is not a direct reflection of the sun, but a reflection of the sky around the sun.
- 2.7. This report will concentrate on the impacts of Glint and Glare and their effects on aviation assets and will be supported with the following Appendices:

- APPENDIX A :
  - APPENDIX A: FIGURE 1 Site Layout Plan
  - APPENDIX A: FIGURE 2 Site Layout Map with PV Solar Panels
  - APPENDIX A: FIGURE 3 Proposed Solar PV Elevations 1
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- APPENDIX C: AVIATION RECEPTOR GLARE RESULTS
- APPENDIX D: SOLAR MODULE GLARE AND REFLECTANCE TECHNICAL MEMO

#### **STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY**

2.8. This Glint and Glare Assessment has been produced by MOVEO S.A. Founding Partner director Maria Florencia Garcia having completed an architecture degree in 2012. She has been working on various technical assessments including Glint and Glare reports for numerous solar farms in Ireland.

#### DEFINITIONS

- 2.9. This study examined the potential hazard and nuisance effects of Glint and Glare in relation to aviation-based receptors. The Federal Aviation Guidance (FAA) in their *"Technical Guidance for Evaluating Selected Solar Technologies on Airports"*<sup>1</sup> have defined the terms 'Glint' and 'Glare' as meaning;
  - Glint "A momentary flash of bright light"
  - Glare "A continuous source of bright light" li

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Harris, Miller, Miller & Hanson Inc. (November 2010). Technical Guidance for Evaluating Selected Solar Technologies on Airports; 3.1.2 Reflectivity. Technical Guidance for Evaluating Selected Solar Technologies on Airports. Available at: https://www.faa.gov/airports/environmental/policy\_guidance/media/airport-solar-guide.pdf

2.10. Glint and Glare are essentially the unwanted reflection of sunlight from reflective surfaces. This study used a multi-step process of elimination to determine which receptors had the potential to experience the effects of Glint and Glare. It then examined, using a computer generated geometric model, the times of the year and the times of the day such effects could occur. This is based on the relative angles between the sun, the panels, and the receptor throughout the year.

### Time Zones / Datum's

2.11. Locations in this report were given in Eastings and Northings using the 'OSNI 1952 Irish National Grid' grid reference system unless otherwise stated. Ireland uses Irish Standard Time (IST, UTC+01:00) in the summer months and Greenwich Mean Time (UTC+0) in the winter period. For the purposes of this report all time references were in GMT, however if reference was made to a time which falls within the IST then this was outlined in the report.

## 3. LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE

### PLANNING POLICY

- 3.1. The National Planning Framework (NPF) was adopted by the Irish Government on the 29th of May 2018. However, this policy document provides no current provision within the Irish Planning System for the requirement of Glint and Glare Assessments to support applications for the installation of ground mounted solar PV systems. It is therefore considered appropriate to defer to extant policy guidance within the UK planning system; the National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG) on Renewable and Low Carbon Energy2<sup>2</sup>.
- 3.2. Paragraph 013 sets out planning considerations that relate to large scale ground-mounted solar PV farms. This determines that 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. Considerations to be taken into account by local planning authorities are;
  - "the proposal's visual impact, the effect on landscape of Glint and Glare 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."

## INTERIM CAA GUIDANCE – SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS (2010)

3.3. There is little guidance on the assessment of Glint and Glare from solar arrays with regards to aviation safety. The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has published interim guidance on 'Solar Photovoltaic Systems<sup>3</sup>', they also intend to undertake a review of the potential impacts of solar PV developments upon aviation, however this is yet to be published.

<sup>3</sup> CAA (2010) Interim CAA Guidance – Solar Photovoltaic Systems. Available at:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> NPPG Renewable and Low Carbon Energy. Available at:

http://planningguidance.communities.gov.uk/blog/guidance/renewable-and-low-carbon-energy/particular-planningconsiderations-for-hydropower-active-solar-technology-solar-farms-and-wind-turbines/#paragraph\_012

http://www.enstoneflyingclub.co.uk/files/caa\_view\_on\_solar\_panel\_instalations.pdf?PHPSESSID=8900a41db8a205da84f ca7bbc14eae69

- 3.4. The interim guidance identifies the key safety issues with regards to aviation, including *"glare, dazzling pilots leading them to confuse reflections with aeronautical lights."* It is outlined that solar farm developers should be aware of the requirements to comply with the Air Navigation Order (ANO), published in 2009. In particular, developers should take cognisant of the following articles of the ANO<sup>4</sup>, including:
  - "Article 137 Endangering safety of an aircraft A person must not recklessly or negligently act in a manner likely to endanger an aircraft, or any person in an aircraft."
  - Article 221 Lights liable to endanger "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 or from landing at an aerodrome; or

- b) by reason of its liability to be mistaken for an aeronautical ground light liable to endanger aircraft"

- Article 222 Lights which dazzle or distract "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."
- 3.5. These Articles are considered within the assessment of Glint and Glare of the Proposed Development.

### US FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION POLICY

**3.6.** The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in their Solar Guide (Federal Aviation Authority, 2010)<sup>5</sup> incorporates a chapter on the impact and assessment of glint from solar panels. It concludes that (although subject to revision):

"...evidence suggests that either significant glare is not occurring during times of operation or if glare is occurring, it is not a negative effect and is a minor part of the landscape to which pilots and tower personnel are exposed."

<sup>\*</sup> CAA (2015) Air Navigation: The Order and Regulations. Available at:

http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/docs/33/CAP%20393%20Fourth%20edition%20Amendment%201%20April%202015.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> FAA (2010), Technical Guidance for Evaluating Selected Solar Technologies on Airports. Available at: https://www.faa.gov/airports/environmental/policy\_guidance/media/airport-solar-guide-print.pdf

- 3.7. The current policy (Federal Register, 2013)<sup>6</sup> demands that an ocular impact assessment must be assessed at 1-minute intervals from when the sun rises above the horizon until the sun sets below the horizon. Specifically, the developer must use the 'Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool' (SGHAT) tool specifically and reference its results as this was developed by the FAA and Sandia National Laboratories as a standard and approved methodology for assessing potential impacts on aviation interests, although it notes other assessment methods may be considered. The SGHAT tool has since been licensed to a private organisation who were also involved in its development and it is the software model used in this assessment.
- 3.8. Crucially, the policy provides a quantitative threshold which is lacking in the UK guidance. This outlines that a development will not automatically receive an objection on glint grounds if low intensity glint is visible to pilots on final approach. In other words, low intensity glint with a low potential to form a temporary after-image would be considered acceptable under US guidance. Due to the lack of legislation and guidance within the UK, this US document has been utilised as guidance for this report.
- 3.9. The FAA guidance states that for a solar PV (and therefore any reflective surface) development to obtain FAA approval or to receive no objection, the following two criteria must be met:
  - No potential for glint or glare in the existing or planned Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT); and
  - No potential for glare (glint) or "low potential for after-image" along the final approach path for any existing or future runway landing thresholds (including planned or interim phases), as shown by the approved layout plan (ALP). The final approach path is defined as 2 miles from 50 feet above the landing threshold using a standard 3-degree glide path.
- 3.10. The geometric analysis included later in this report, which defines the extent and time at which Glint and Glare may occur, is required by the FAA as the methodology to be used when assessing Glint and Glare impacts on aviation receptors. This report follows the methodology required by the FAA as it offers the most robust assessment method currently available.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> FAA (2013), Interim Policy, FAA Review of Solar Energy System Projects on Federally Obligated Airports. Available at: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2013/10/23/2013-24729/interim-policy-faa-review-of-solar-energy-system-p rojects-on-federally-obligated-airports

#### THE SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

- 3.11. The South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 was made on 22nd June 2022 and came into effect on 3rd August 2022.
- 3.12. The South Dublin County Development Plan sets out the framework to guide future development with the focus placed on the places we live, the places we work, and how we interact and move between these places while protecting our environment. The aim is to progress to a more sustainable development pattern for South Dublin in the immediate and long-term future up to 2040 and beyond.

Chapter 10's introduction reads:

'The '2021 Climate Action Plan' represents the Government's all of society approach, aimed at enabling Ireland to meet the EU targets to reduce carbon emissions by 51 per cent between 2021 and 2030, and lays the foundations for achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Within that context South Dublin County Council through its strategic County Development Plan seeks to exceed those targets or meet them earlier, creating reliable, robust and efficient energy systems which enable growth across all sectors, and which supports the future development of the County. In line with the LGMAs Delivering on Climate Action 2030, the Council will continue to make every effort to increase energy efficiency and unlock renewable energy potential in the County. '

In the same chapter, the E7 solar power policy states one of the objectives:

' Promote the development of solar energy infrastructure in the County, including the building of integrated and commercial-scale solar projects subject to a viability assessment and environmental safeguards including the protection of natural or built heritage features, biodiversity and views and prospects.'

## 4. METHODOLOGY

4.1. A desk-based assessment was undertaken to identify when and where Glint and Glare may be visible at aviation receptors within the vicinity of the Proposed Development, throughout the day and the year.

## SUN POSITION AND REFLECTION MODEL

### Sun Data Model

4.2. The calculations in the solar position calculator are based on equations from Astronomical Algorithms<sup>7</sup>. The sunrise and sunset results are theoretically accurate to within a minute for locations between +/- 72° latitude, and within 10 minutes outside of those latitudes. However, due to variations in atmospheric composition, temperature, pressure, and conditions, observed values may vary from calculations.

## Solar Reflection Model

- **4.3.** The position of the sun is calculated at one-minute intervals of a typical year, in this instance the year assessed is 2022.
- 4.4. To determine if a reflection will reach a receptor, the following variables are required:
  - Sun position;
  - Observer location; and
  - Tilt, orientation, and extent of the modules in the solar array.
- 4.5. The model assumes that the azimuth and horizontal angle of the sun is the same across the whole solar farm. This is considered acceptable due to the distance of the sun from the Proposed Development and the miniscule differences in location of the sun over the Proposed Development.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Jean Meeus, Astronomical Algorithms (Second Edition), 1999

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4.6. Once the position of the sun is known for each time interval, a vector reflection equation determines the reflected sun vector, based on the normal vector of the solar array panels.

This assumes that the angle of reflection is equal to the angle of incidence reflected across a normal plane. In this instance, the plane being the vector which the solar panels are facing.

- 4.7. On knowing the vector of the solar reflection, the azimuth is calculated and the horizontal reflection from multiple points within the solar farm. These are then compared with the azimuth and horizontal angle of the receptor from the solar farm to determine if it is within range to receive solar reflections.
- 4.8. The solar reflection in the model is considered to be specular as a worst-case scenario. In practice, the light from the sun will not be fully reflected as solar panels are designed to absorb light rather than reflect it. The previous text and **Appendix D** outline the reflective properties of solar glass and compares it to other reflective surfaces. Although the exact figures in this report are not conclusive, it is included as a visual guide and it agrees with most other reports, in that solar glass has less reflective properties than other types of glass and that the amount of reflective energy decreases as the angle of incidence decreases.
- 4.9. Most modern panels have a slight surface texture which should have a small effect on diffusing the solar radiation further; although, this has not been modelled to conform with the worst-case scenario assessment.

#### **Determination of Ocular Impact**

- 4.10. The software used for this assessment is based on the Sandia Laboratories Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool (SGHAT). This tool is specifically mentioned in the FAA guidance as the software which should be used in this type of assessment.
- 4.11. Determination of the ocular impact requires knowledge of the direct normal irradiance, PV module reflectance, size and orientation of the array, optical properties of the PV module, and ocular parameters. These values are used to determine the retinal irradiance and subtended source angle used in the ocular hazard plot.

- 4.12. The ocular impact<sup>8</sup> of viewed glare can be classified into three levels based on the retinal irradiance and subtended source angle: low potential for after-image (green), potential for after-image (yellow), and potential for permanent eye damage (red).
- 4.13. Green glare can be ignored when looking at ground based and some aviation receptors. Green glare does not cause temporary flash blindness and happens at an instant with very slight disturbance. As per FAA guidelines mitigation is only required for green glare when affecting an Air Traffic Control Tower, but not for when affecting pilots. Therefore, it can be assumed that green glare is acceptable for ground-based receptors.
- 4.14. The subtended source angle represents the size of the glare viewed by an observer, while the retinal irradiance determines the amount of energy impacting the retina of the observer. Larger source angles can result in glare of high intensity, even if the retinal irradiance is low.

#### **Relevant Parameters of the Proposed Development**

**1.1.** For an easier understanding, solar panels have been grouped into one group as shown in figure 1.



figure 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ho, C.K., C.M. Ghanbari, and R.B. Diver, 2011, Methodology to Assess Potential Glint and Glare Hazards From Concentrating Solar Power Plants: Analytical Models and Experimental Validation, Journal of Solar Energy Engineering-Transactions of the Asme, 133(3).

The photovoltaic (PV) panels are oriented in eastwards and westwards direction, (as seen in the box below), to align with the undulation of the roof and will remain in a fixed position throughout the day and during the year (i.e. they will not rotate to track the movement of the sun). The panels will be analysed considering the following conditions:

NAME	ORIENTATION	TILT	AREA
PV1	80.000	4	831.40

4.15. The maximum height of the building is 6.98m, so this will be the height that is used to determine the worst-case scenario for potential Glint and Glare.

## **IDENTIFICATION OF RECEPTORS**

#### **Aviation**

- 4.16. Glint is only considered to be an issue with regards to aviation safety when the solar development lies within proximity to a runway, particularly when the aircraft is descending to land. En-route activities are not considered an issue as the flight will most likely be at a higher altitude than the solar reflection.
- 4.17. Should a solar development be proposed within the safeguarded zone of an aerodrome, a full geometric study may be required (depending on the orientation from the Proposed Development) which would determine if there is potential for Glint and Glare at key locations, most likely on the descent to land. This assessment has been produced in response to The South Dublin County Council Council's request for a Glint and Glare assessment to be undertaken.
- 4.18. Buffer zones to identify aviation assets vary depending on the safeguarding criteria of that asset. All aerodromes within 30km will be identified, however generally the detailed assessments are only required within: 20km for large international aerodromes, 10km for military aerodromes and 5km for small aerodromes.

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#### Moving Receptors (Aviation)

#### Approach Paths

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- 4.19. Each final approach path which has the potential to receive glint is assessed using the Solar Glare Hazard Analysis Tool (SGHAT) model. The model assumes an approach bearing on the runway centreline, a 3-degree glide path with the origin 50ft (15.24m) above the runway threshold.
- 4.20. The computer model considers the pilot's field of view. The azimuthal field of view ("AFOV") or horizontal field of view ("HFOV") as it is sometimes referred to, refers to the extents of the pilot's horizontal field of view measured in degrees left and right from directly in front of the cockpit. The vertical field of view ("VFOV") refers to the extent of the pilot's vertical field of view measured in degrees from directly in front of the cockpit. The HFOV is modelled at 90 degrees left and right from the front of the cockpit whilst the VFOV is modelled at 30 degrees.
- 4.21. The FAA guidance states that there should be no potential for glare or "low potential for after image" at any existing or future planned runway landing thresholds in order for the proposed Development to be acceptable.

#### Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT)

- 4.22. An air traffic controller uses the visual control room to monitor and direct aircraft on the ground, approaching and departing the aerodrome. It is essential that air traffic controllers have a clear and unobstructed view of aviation activity. The key areas on an aerodrome are the views towards the runway thresholds, taxiways, and aircraft bays.
- 4.23. The FAA guidance states that no solar reflection towards the ATCT should be produced by a proposed solar development, however this should be assessed on a site by site basis and will depend on the operations at a particular aerodrome.
- 4.24. In order to determine the impact on the ATCT, the location and height of the tower will need to be fed into the SGHAT model and where there is a potential for 'low potential for After Image' or more, then mitigation measures will be required.

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## **ASSESSMENT LIMITATIONS**

- 4.25. Below is a list of assumptions and limitations of the model and methods used within this report:
  - The model 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 model 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;
  - Due to variations in atmospheric composition, temperature, pressure and conditions, observed values may vary slightly from calculated positions; and
  - The model does not account for the effects of diffraction; however, buffers are applied as a factor of safety.

## 5. BASELINE CONDITIONS

#### **Aviation Receptors**

5.1. Aerodromes within 30km of the proposed solar development can be found in Table 5-1.

Airfield	Distance (km)	Use
Weston Airport	8.60	Airport
Casement Aerodrome	2.83	Military Aerodrome
Dublin Airport	18.95	Airport
Tallaght Hospital Helipad	2.86	HelipaD
Millicent Airfield	17.72	Airfield
Gowran Grange Aerodrome	18.57	Aerodrome
Allenwood Airstrip	28.21	Airstrip
Kilbrook Airstrip	28.42	Airstrip
Dunshaughlin Airstrip	28.50	Airstrip
Moyglare Airstrip	19.59	Airstrip
Dolly's Grove Airfield	17.42	Airfield
Ellistown Airstrip	29.80	Airstrip
Ballyboughal Aerodrome	27.00	Aerodrome

Table 5-1: Airfields within 20km of the Proposed Development

- 5.2. The Proposed Development is located within the safeguarding buffer zones of 4 aviation assets. Weston Airport, Casement Aerodrome, Dublin Airport and Tallaght Hospital Helipad, require a detailed assessment.
- 5.3. As Millicent airfield, Gowran Grange aerodrome, Allenwood airstrip, Kilbrook airstrip, Dunshaughlin airstrip, Moyglare airstrip, Dolly's Grove airfield, Ellistown airstrip and Ballyboughal aerodrome are not large and do not fall within 5km of the Proposed Development, there is no need for a detailed assessment. This is in accordance with what was outlined in the methodology chapter above.

#### **Tallaght Hospital Helipad**

5.4. Tallaght Hospital Helipad is used primarily by the hospital for the transportation of patients into the hospital. Due to the random nature at which a helicopter can approach a helipad, all directions will be assessed in detail. Each direction that is mentioned in **Table 5-2** is the direction in which the helicopter will approach the helipad from. I.e. North will mean that the helicopter is travelling from north to south

Helipad Approach	Bearing (°)
North	180.00
Northeast	225.00
East	270.00
Southeast	315.00
South	360.00
Southwest	045.00
West	090.00
Northwest	135.00

#### Table 5-2: Tallaght Hospital Helipad Approach paths

5.5. Each direction will be assessed as a 2-mile flight path to ensure that every possible approach into the helipad can be assessed.

#### Casement Aerodrome

- 5.6. Casement Aerodrome (ICAO code EIME) is designated as a Military Aerodrome. It is located approximately 7NM (13 km) southwest of the city of Dublin. For the Casement Aerodrome Chart See Figure 2: Appendix A.
- 5.7. The elevation of the aerodrome at the Aerodrome Reference Point (ARP) is 319ft (97.23m). It has two asphalt strip runways, details of which are given in Table 5-3.

Runway Designation	True Bearing (°)	Length (m)	Width (m)
04	040.93	1462	45
10 .	101.93	1828	45
22	220.93	1462	45
28	281.93	1828	45

#### Table 5-3: Runways at Casement Aerodrome

5.8. The threshold locations and heights of the runways at Casement Aerodrome are given in **Table 5-4.** 

#### Table 5-4: Runway Threshold Locations and Heights

Runway Designation	Threshold Latitude	Threshold Longitude	Height AOD (m)
04	53° 17′ 36.90″ N	006° 27′ 13.73″ W	96.93
10	53° 18′ 16.88″ N	006° 28' 07.75″ W	97.23
22	53° 18′ 12.63″ N	006° 26′ 22.02″ W	92.66
28	53° 18′ 05.85″ N	006° 26′ 40.68″ W	96.01

- 5.9. The Airfield Reference Point (ARP) is located at the midpoint of the main runway. The actual location of the ARP is given in Table **5-5**. This table also shows the location and height of the ATCT.
- 5.10. The overall height above local ground level of the Control Tower Building has been estimated as 15m using photographs of the installation as a guide and referencing them to everyday objects.

	Latitude	Longitude	Eastings	Northings
ARP	53° 18′ 11″ N	006° 27′ 19′′ W	103277	387719
ATCT	53° 18′ 20″ N	006° 26′ 30″ W	104192	387932

#### Table 5-5: Casement Aerodrome Airfield Reference Point

#### Weston Aerodrome

- 5.11. Weston Aerodrome (ICAO code EIWT) is designated as a Civil Aerodrome. It is located approximately 8NM (14.82 km) west of the city of Dublin. For the Weston Aerodrome Chart See Figure 3: Appendix A.
- 5.12. The elevation of the aerodrome at the Aerodrome Reference Point (ARP) is 155ft (47.24m). It has two asphalt strip runways, details of which are given in **Table 5-6**.

Runway Designation	True Bearing (°)	Length (m)	Width (m)
07	063.30	924	24
25	243.27	924	25

#### Table 5-6: Runways at Weston Aerodrome

5.13. The threshold locations and heights of the runways at Weston Airport are given in Table 5-7.

**Table 5-7: Runway Threshold Locations and Heights** 

Runway Designation	Threshold Latitude	Threshold Longitude	Height AOD (m)
07	53° 21' 01.48'' N	006° 29′ 40.17″ W	47.24
25	53° 21' 15.03'' N	006° 28′ 55.66″ W	46.33

- 5.14. The Airfield Reference Point (ARP) is located at the midpoint of the main runway. The actual location of the ARP is given in **Table 5-8**. This table also shows the location and height of the ATCT.
- 5.15. The overall height above local ground level of the Control Tower Building has been estimated as 15m using photographs of the installation as a guide and referencing them to everyday objects.

	Latitude	Longitude	Eastings	Northings
ARP	53° 21′ 08″ N	006° 29' 17'' W	101420	393329
ATCT	53° 21′ 20″ N	006° 29' 22'' W	101370	393704

#### Table 5-8: Weston Aerodrome Airfield Reference Point

#### **Dublin Airport**

- 5.16. Dublin Airport (ICAO code EIDW) is designated as an International Civil Aerodrome. It is located approximately 5.3NM (10 km) north of the city of Dublin, Ireland. For the Dublin Airport Aerodrome Chart See Figure 4: Appendix A.
- 5.17. The elevation of the aerodrome at the Aerodrome Reference Point (ARP) is 242ft (73.76m). It has four asphalt strip runways, details of which are given in **Table 5-9**.
- 5.18. Work has already been finalised on the construction of a new ATCT at Dublin Airport. The new tower is required in order to provide clear sightlines to the planned parallel Northern Runway (which will be designated 10L and 28R, with the existing 10-28 runway being re-designated 10R and 28L). The new runway and ATCT, as well as all the existing ones have been considered in this assessment.

Runway Designation	True Bearing (°)	Length (m)	Width (m)
10L	095.24	3,110	45
10R	095.24	2,637	45
28L	275.27	2,637	45
28R	275.27	3,110	45
16	156.58	2,072	61
34	336.59	2,072	61

#### Table 5-9: Runways at Dublin Airport

5.19. The threshold locations and heights of the runways at Dublin Airport are given in Table 5-10.

Runway Designation	Threshold Latitude	Threshold Longitude	Height AOD (m)
10L	53° 26′ 13.811″ N	006° 16' 49,010'' W	71.94
10R	53° 25′ 20.75″ N	006° 17′ 24.27″ W	73.76
28L	53° 25′ 12.94″ N	006° 15' 02.08" W	61.57

#### Table 5-10: Runway Threshold Locations and Heights

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28R	53° 26′ 6.191″ N	006° 14′ 45.479′′ W	63.44
16	53° 26′ 13.16″ N	006° 15′ 43.12″ W	66.14
34	53° 25′ 11.66″ N	006° 14' 58.54'' W	61.57

- 5.20. The Airfield Reference Point (ARP) is located at the midpoint of the main runway. The actual location of the ARP is given in **Table 5-11**. This table also shows the locations of the old and new ATCTs.
- 5.21. The overall height above local ground level of the old ATCT is 22m and the new ATCT is going to be 86.9m tall.

#### Table 5-11: Dublin Airport Airfield Reference Point

	Latitude	Longitude	Eastings	Northings
ATCT(New)	53° 25′ 44″ N	006° 15′ 52′′ W	116820	400930
ATCT	53° 25′ 42″ N	006° 15' 43'' W	116983	400858
ARP	53° 25′ 17″ N	006° 16′ 12″ W	116402	400118

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## 6. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1. Following the methodology outlined earlier in this report, geometrical analysis comparing the azimuth and horizontal angle of the receptors from the Proposed Development and the solar reflection was conducted. Although this assessment did not consider obstructions such as intervening vegetation and buildings, discussion on the potentially impacted receptors is provided where necessary.

#### **AVIATION RECEPTORS**

1.1. **Table 6-1** shows a summary of the modelling results for each of the runway approach paths as well at the ATCT whilst the detailed results and ocular impact charts can be viewed in **Appendix C**.

#### Table 6-1: Summary of Component Glare Results

	Results Predicted reflection times (GMT)					
Runway Approach			Glare Type			Remarks
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FP 01 Casement	-	-				No impact predicted
FP 02 Casement	×.	-				No impact predicted
FP 03 Casement	8			-		No impact predicted
FP 04 Casement		15:30 to 16:30	Low .			Green Glare
FP 05 Weston		-				No impact predicted
FP 06 Weston		-		-		No impact predicted
FP 07 Dublin		-				No impact predicted
FP 08 Dublin	ři ÷	15:30 to 16:30	Low			Green Glare
FP 09 Dublin		-		-		No impact predicted
FP 10 Dublin	2	15:30 to	Low	-		Green Glare

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-		16:30			143 - 144
FP 11 Dublin	-	-		-	No impact predicted
FP 12 Dublin	-	-		-	No impact predicted
FP 13 Tallaght		15:00 to 16:30	Low		Green Glare
FP 14 Tallaght	2	16:30 to 18:00	Low		Green Glare
FP 15 Tallaght	•	17:30 to 18:00	Low	-	Green Glare
FP 16 Tallaght		17:30 to 19:30	Low		Green Glare
FP 17 Tallaght	-	-		-	No impact predicted
FP 18 Tallaght	Ť.	-			No impact predicted
FP 19 Tallaght	09:00 to 10:00	5	Low		Green Glare
FP 20 Tallaght		-			No impact predicted
ATCT 1 Dublin new tower		14:30 to 15:15	Low	-	Green Glare
ATCT 2 Dublin old tower		14:30 to 15:15	Low	÷	Green Glare
ATCT 3 Weston	-	-			No impact predicted
ATCT 4 Casement	a -	-		æ	No impact predicted

1.2. As can be seen in Table 6-1, only green glare is expected to impact the runways, FP 04 at Casement Aerodrome; FP 08, FP 10, ATCT new tower, ATCT old tower at Dublin Airport; and FP 13, FP 14, FP 15, FP 16, FP 19 at Tallaght Hospital Helipad. Green glare is described as 'Low Potential for After Image' which is an acceptable impact when pilots are approaching runways/helipads, according to the FAA guidance. The impact on approach at those runways is therefore deemed as not significant.

- 1.3. The impact on Dublin New ATCT, has been assessed and it shows that there will be 7.5 hours of green glare impact predicted per year on the ATCT. (this number represents 0.084% of the total amount of hours in a year). The FAA guidance advises that glare towards the ATC Tower is not acceptable. This guidance is not applicable globally, but it is commonly referenced. Upon review of the ground elevation between the Proposed Development and the ATCT, there is a considerable difference in ground levels. This difference will block all views into the Proposed Development from the ATCT, this will block all views into the Proposed Development from the ATCT. Therefore, the impact is reduced to None and not significant. See Appendix A Figure 7
- 1.4. The impact on Dublin Old ATCT, has been assessed and it shows that there will be 7.7 hours of green glare impact predicted per year on the ATCT. (this number represents 0.087% of the total amount of hours in a year). The FAA guidance advises that glare towards the ATC Tower is not acceptable. This guidance is not applicable globally, but it is commonly referenced. Upon review of the ground elevation between the Proposed Development and the ATCT, there is a considerable difference in ground levels. This difference will block all views into the Proposed Development from the ATCT, this will block all views into the Proposed Development from the ATCT. Therefore, the impact is reduced to None and not significant. See Appendix A Figure 7
- 1.5. Is valid to add as well that as the Proposed Development is located circa 19 km away from the ATCTs and within an area where there are other industrial rooftops, of which many look to have reflective properties, the Proposed Development's glare is not anticipated to be distinguishable. Therefore, the impacts can be reduced to None and Not Significant.
- 1.6. Ireland normally gets between 1100 and 1600 hours of sunshine each year. The sunniest months are May and June. During these months, sunshine duration averages between 5 and 6.5 hours per day over most of the country. The extreme southeast gets the most sunshine, averaging over 7 hours a day in early summer. In this Case both ATCT'S in Dublin Airport, green glare is expected to impact only in december and january. Therefore, the impacts can be reduced to None and Not Significant.
- 1.7. It must be emphasised at this point that all results, whether from FAA endorsed SGHAT software or our own proprietary software, are theoretical by default, in that they assume that the sun is always shining and at full intensity. The results do not account for climate and inherent weather patterns that occur across the island of Ireland. According to the Met Eireann website (https://www.met.ie/), the monthly averages of daily duration of sunshine are approximately **44% of daylight hours (5,3 hours)** in the vicinity of the site. While we cannot correlate the exact periods of sunlight with our predicted periods of potential glare, it is clear that the figures for the periods and duration of glare listed in this report are

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conservative and would likely be subject to a substantial reduction in reality. Therefore, the impact is reduced to **None** and **not significant**.

1.8. Also, The user manual for SGHAT also points out that "to minimise unexpected glare, windows of air traffic control towers and airplane cockpits are coated with anti-reflective glazing and operators will wear polarised eyewear." This also helps to reduce the impact to **None** and **not significant**.

## 7. SUMMARY

- 7.1. This aviation Glint and Glare assessment has been produced to send together with the Planning Application in The South Dublin County Council. This aviation Glint and Glare assessment has been undertaken in relation to the instalment of a solar array on a roof on lands approximately 19 km Southwest of Dublin Airport
- 7.2. There is no guidance or policy available across Ireland in relation to the assessment of glint and glare from Proposed Development. However, as identified by UK policy, it is recognised as a potential impact which needs to be considered for a proposed solar development.
- 7.3. A 30km study area is chosen for receptors. 4 aviation assets are located within 30km of the Proposed Development: Weston Airport, Casement Aerodrome, Dublin Airport, Tallaght Hospital Helipad. The receptor/s mentioned will require a detailed assessment due to the Proposed Development falling within their respective safeguarding buffer zones outlined in paragraph 4.19.
- 7.4. Geometric analysis was conducted for Dublin Airport (6 Runways and 2 ATCT), Casement Aerodrome (4 Runways and 1 ATCT), Tallaght Hospital Helipad (8 Runways), Weston Airport (2 Runways and 1 ATCT)
- 7.5. The assessment concludes that:
  - Weston Airport: No impact predicted
  - Casement Aerodrome: Green Glare (Low potential for after-image) was predicted at FP 04, which is an acceptable impact according to the FAA guidelines for the runways and can be deemed not significant. Upon review of the ground elevation profile between the Proposed Development and Weston Airport, it was found that the Proposed Development would not be visible from the ATCT and the impact would therefore reduce to None.
  - Dublin Airport: Green Glare (Low potential for after-image) was predicted at FP 08, FP 10, ATCT new tower, ATCT old tower, which is an acceptable impact according to the FAA guidelines for the runways and can be deemed not significant. Upon review of the ground elevation profile between the Proposed Development and Weston Airport, it was found that the Proposed Development would not be visible from the ATCT and the impact would therefore reduce to None.

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- Tallaght Hospital Helipad: Green Glare (Low potential for after-image) was predicted at FP 13, FP 14, FP 15, FP 16, FP 19, which is an acceptable impact according to the FAA guidelines for the runways and can be deemed not significant.
- Overall impacts on aviation receptors are acceptable and not significant.

## 8. APPENDICES

#### **APPENDIX A: FIGURES**

- APPENDIX A: FIGURE 1 Site Layout Plan
- APPENDIX A: FIGURE 2 Site Layout Map with PV Solar Panels
- APPENDIX A: FIGURE 3 Proposed Solar PV Elevations
- APPENDIX A: FIGURE 4 Dublin Airport Chart
- APPENDIX A: FIGURE 5 Weston Airport Chart
- APPENDIX A: FIGURE 6 Casement Aerodrome Chart
- APPENDIX A: FIGURE 7 Ground elevation profile

## **APPENDIX B: GLARE ANALYSIS REPORT RESULTS**

#### **APPENDIX C: AVIATION RECEPTOR GLARE RESULTS**

APPENDIX D: SOLAR MODULE GLARE AND REFLECTANCE TECHNICAL MEMO

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# ELEVATION PROFILE BETWEEN PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND DUBLIN AIRPORT ATCT OLD TOWER



Dublin Airport ATCT old tower

Proposed Development

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# ELEVATION PROFILE BETWEEN PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND DUBLIN AIRPORT ATCT NEW TOWER



Dublin Airport ATCT New tower

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# FORGESOLAR GLARE ANALYSIS

### Project: Lidl Fortunestown Lane Site configuration: LIDL Fortunestown Lane

### Client: Lidl Ireland GMBH

Created 18 Aug, 2022 Updated 29 Aug, 2022 Time-step 1 minute Timezone offset UTC0 Site ID 74302.13111 Category 100 to 500 kW DNI peaks at 1.000.0 W/m²2 Ocular transmission coefficient 0.5 Pupil diameter 0.002 m Eye focal length 0.017 m Sun subtended angle 9.3 mrac Methodology V2



# Summary of Results Glare with low potential for temporary after image predicted

PV Array	Tilt	Orient	Annual Gro	een Glare	Annual Ye	llow Glare	Energy
	0	6	min	hr	min	hr	kWh
PV array 1	4.0	80.0	16.093	268.2	0	0.0	

Total annual glare received by each receptor, may include duplicate times of giare from multiple reflective surfaces

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
FP 01 Casement	0	0.0	0	0.0
FP 02 Casement	0	0.0	0	0.0
FP 03 Casement	0	0.0	0	0.0
Fp 04 Casement	568	9.5	0	0.0
Fp 05 Weston	0	0,0	0	0.0
Fp 06 Weston	Ō	0.0	0	0.0
FF 07 Dublin	C'	0.0	Û	0.G
FF 08 Dublin	428	7-1	0	0.0
FP 09 Dublin		0.0	0	о с
PP 10 Dublin	663	11 d. P		0.0
FP 11 Dublin	0	0.0		0.00
FP 12 Dublis	0	0.0	0	6.0
FP 13 Tallaght	3 584	59.7	G	0.0
FP 14 Tallaght	2 521	42.0	0	0.0
FP 15 Tallaght	1 020	17.0	0	0.0



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Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare	
	min	hr	min	hr
FP 16 Tallaght	3,927	65.5	0	0.0
FP 17 Tallaght	0	0.0	0	0.0
FP 18 Tallaght	0	0.0	0	0.0
FP 19 Tallaght	2,466	41.1	0	0.0
FP 20 Tailaght	0	0.0	0	0.0
1-ATCT	453	7.5	0	0.0
2-ATCT	463	7.7	0	0.0
3-ATCT	0	0.0	0	0.0
4-ATCT	0	0.0	0	0.0



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# **Component Data**

# **PV Arrays**

Name: PV array 1 Axis tracking: Fixed (no rotation) Till: 4.0° Orientation: 80.0° Rated power: -Panel material: Smooth glass without AR coating Reflectivity: Vary with sun Slope error: correlate with material



Verlex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
1	53.285925	6,418237	117.00	6,98	123,98
2	53,285951	-6.417998	117.00	5.76	122.76
3	53 285492	-6,417864	117.00	5.76	122 76
4	53.285463	-6.418098	117.00	6.98	123.98

# Flight Path Receptors

Name FP 01 Casement Description: Threshold height, 15 m Direction: 42.8<sup>t</sup> Glide slope: 3.0<sup>t</sup> Pilot view restricted? Yes Vertical view: 30.0<sup>r</sup> Azimuthal view: 50.0<sup>rr</sup>



Point	Latituce (*)	Longitude (*)	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshold	53,293640	€ 453752	99. <sup>-</sup> 2	-E 24	113.22
Two-mlie	55.272426	-£ 48665£	149 60	132 27	0281.91



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Name: FP 02 Casement Description. Threshold height 15 m Direction: 104.9° Glide slope 3.0° Pllot view restricted? Yes Vertical view: 30.0° Azimuthal view: 50.0°



Point	Latitude (*)	Longitude (*)	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshold	53.304690	-6.468754	86.14	15.24	101.38
Two-mile	53.312130	-6.515564	71.41	198.65	270.07

Name: FP 03 Casement Description: Threshold height 15 m Direction: 223 1° Glide slope: 3 0° Pilot view restricted? Yes Vertical view: 50 0° Azimuthal view: 50.0°



Point	Latitude (*)	Longitude (*)	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshold	53 303472	-6 439537	93.10	15.24	108.34
Two-mile	53,324587	-6.406446	63.96	213.06	277.02

Name IFp 04 Casement Description Threshold height 15 m Direction 282.5 Glide slope 2.5 Pilot view restricted? Nos Vertical view 30 L Column that view 55



Point	Latitude (	Longitude	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshold	50 301646	6 444699	96.06	15.24	711.20
Two-mile	55 295492	-6.397371	106.16	173.82	275.98



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Name: Fp 05 Weston Description Threshold height: 15 m Direction: 244.1° Glide slope 3.0° Pilot view restricted? Yes Vertical view: 30.0° Azimuthal view: 50.0°



Point	Latitude (*)	Longitude (*)	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshold	53.354181	-6.482160	46.73	15.24	61.97
Two-mile	53.366805	6.438530	28.64	202.02	230.66

Name Ep 06 Weston Description: Threshold height 15 m Direction 63.0° Gilde slope: 3.0° Pilot view restricted? Yes Vertical view: 50.0° Azimuthal view: 50.0°



Point	Latitude (*)	Longituae (°)	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshold	53.350448	-6.494423	47.63	15.24	62.87
Two-mile	53.337322	-6.537630	50.76	180.80	231.56

Name: FP 07 Dublin Description Threshold height 15 m Direction 95 6° Glide slope 3 0° Pilot view restricted? Vict Vertical view 30.0 Azimutha view



Point	Latitude	Longituot	Ground elevation (m	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshold	53 437361	0 2845.4	72.91	16.24	88.15
Two-mile	53,440188	6 332953	77.82	179.01	256.83



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Name: FP 08 Dublin Description: Threshold height 15 m Direction: 275.3\* Glide slope: 3.0\* Pilot view restricted? Yes Vertical view: 30.0\* Azimuthal view: 50.0\*



Point	Latitude (')	Longitude (*)	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshold	53,434817	6.238454	67.69	15.24	82.93
Two-mile	53 432 66	-6.190069	31.98	219.63	251.61

Namel FP 09 Dublin Description Threshold height 15 m Direction \$5.0° Glide slope 3.0 Pilot view restricted? Yes Vertical view: 30.0° Azimuthal view: 50.0°



Point	Latitude (*)	Longitude (*)	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshold	53,422438	-6,289965	74.08	15.24	89.32
Two-mile	53,424968	6.338353	80.26	177.75	258.01

Name FP 10 Dublin Description Threshold height 15 m Direction 2.15.35 Glide slope 3.0 Pilot view restricted? Yes Vertical view 30 C Azimuthal view 30 0



Point	Latitude 🔕	Longitude ()	Ground elevation (m	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Thieshold	53,420311	6.251006	61.98	15.24	77.22
Two-mile	53 417625	-6 202643	41.28	204 53	245,91



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Name: FP 11 Dublin Description: Threshold height 15 m Direction: 339.8° Glide slope: 3.0\* Pilot view restricted? Yes Vertical view: 30.0° Azimuthal view: 50.0\*



Point	Latitude (*)	Longitude (*)	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshold	53.420011	-6.249632	62.25	15.24	77.49
Two-mile	53.392882	-6.232836	51.17	195.01	246.17

Name: FP 12 Dublin Description: Threshold height 15 m Direction, 157.6° Glide slope: 3.0° Pilot view restricted? Yes Vertical view: 30.0° Azimuthal view: 50.0°



Point	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshold	53.435682	-6.261042	66.05	15.24	81.29
Two-mile	53 462421	-6.279527	68.26	181.72	249.98

Name, FP 13 Tallaght Description Threshold height 15 m Direction 160.01 Glide slope 2.01 Pilot view restricted? Yes Vertical view 3.3 c Azimuthal view 5.5 c



Point	Latitude 📳	Longituae (1)	Ground elevation (n)	Heigh above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshold	53.289506	5.376776	102.74	16.24	178.98
Two-mile	53.318418	-6.276775	80.29	207.26	287.67



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Name: FP 14 Tallaght Description. Threshold height: 15 m Direction: 225.0° Glide slope: 3.0° Pilot view restricted? Yes Vertical view: 30.0° Azimuthal view: 50.0°



Point	Latitude (*)	Longitude (*)	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshold	53.289508	-6.376776	103.74	15.24	118.98
Two-mile	53.309952	6.342535	66.97	220.70	287.67

Name: FP 15 Tallaont Description: Threshold height: 15 m Direction: 270.0° Glide slope: 3.0° Pilot view restricted? Yes Vertical view: 30 0° Azimuthal view: 50.0°



Point	Latitude (*)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshola	53,289507	-6,376774	103.74	15.24	118.98
Two-mile	53.289507	6.328350	68-03	219.64	287.67

Name FP 16 Tallaght Description Threshold height 16 m Direction 215.01 Glide slope 20 Pilot view restricted" 100 Vertical view 5101 Azimuthal view 100



Point	Latitude (1)	Longitude 👘	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshold	53.289506	-6.376778	102.74	15.24	116.96
Two-mile	53 269061	-6 342537	100.15	187.52	287.67



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Name: FP 17 Tallaght Description. Threshold height: 15 m Direction: 0.0° Glide slope: 3.0° Pilot view restricted? Yes Vertical view: 30.0° Azimuthal view: 50.0°



Point	Latitude (*)	Longitude (*)	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshold	53.289504	-6.376775	103.75	15.24	118.99
Two-mile	53.260591	6.376775	161.86	125 82	287.68

Name: FP 18 Tallaght Description: Threshold height: 15 m Direction: 45.0° Gilde slope: 3.0 Pilot view restricted? Yes Vertical view; 30.0° Azimuthal view; 50.0°



Point	Latitude (*)	Longitude (*)	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshold	53.289505	-6.376774	103,75	15.24	118.99
Two-mile	53.269060	-6.411015	207.32	80.36	287.68

Name: FP 19 Taliagh Description: Threshold height 115 m Direction 90.06 Glide slope 2.06 Pilot view restricted? Too Vertical view 30.0 Azimuthal view 5.00



Polni	Latitude ( )	Longitude (	Ground elevation (m)	Height above pround (m)	Total elevation (m)
Thieshold	53.289506	6.376778	103.74	15.24	118.98
Two-mile	53.289506	-6.425202	1.0.05	177.62	287.67



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Name: FP 20 Tallaght Description: Threshold height: 15 m Direction: 135.0° Glide slope: 3.0° Pilot view restricted? Yes Vertical view: 30.0° Azimuthal view: 50.0°

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Point	Latitude (*)	Longitude (*)	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
Threshold	53.289506	-6.376778	103.74	15.24	118.98
Two-mile	53.309951	-6.411019	80.98	206.69	287.67

# **Discrete Observation Point Receptors**

Name	ID	Latitude (*)	Longitude (*)	Elevation (m)	Height (m)
1-ATCT	1	53 429083	-6.264286	65.41	87.00
2 ATCT	2	53.428547	-6.262177	65.68	22.00
3-ATCT	э	53.355628	-6.489512	49.5*	15.00
4-ATCT	4	53.305511	-6.441794	93 49	15.00

Map image of 1-ATCT



Man mane of 2. ATC



Map image of 2-ATCT









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# **Glare Analysis Results**

Summary of Ro	esults G	lare with lov	v potential for	temporary aft	er-image predic	ted	
PV Array	Tilt	Orient	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare		Energy
	6	e	min	hr	min	hr	kWh
PV array 1	4.0	80.0	16,093	268.2	0	0.0	

Total annual glare received by each receptor; may include duplicate times of glare from multiple reflective surfaces.

Receptor	Annual Gr	een Glare	Annual Yellow Glare		
	min	hr	min	hr	
FP 01 Casement	0	0.0	0	0.0	
FP 02 Casement	0	0.0	0	0.0	
FP 03 Casement	0	0.0	0	0.0	
Fp 04 Casement	568	9.5	0	0.0	
Fp 05 Weston	0	0.0	0	0.0	
Fp 06 Weston	0	0.0	0	0.0	
FP 07 Dublin	0	0.0	0	0.0	
FP 08 Dublin	428	7.1	0	0.0	
FP 09 Dublin	0	0.0	0	0.0	
FP 10 Dublin	663	11.1	0	0.0	
FP 11 Dublin	0	0.0	0	0.0	
FP 12 Dublin	0	0.0	0	0.0	
FP 13 Tallaght	3,584	59.7	0	0.0	
FP 14 Tallaght	2.521	42.0	0	0.0	
FP 15 Tallaght	1,020	17.0	0	0.0	
FP 16 Tallaght	3.927	65.5	0	0.0	
FP 17 Tallaght	0	0.0	0	0.0	
FP 18 Tallaght	0	0.0	0	0.0	
FP 19 Tallaght	2.466	41.1	0	0.0	
FP 20 Tallaght	0	0.0	:0	0.0	
1-ATCT	453	7.5	Q	0.0	
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Receptor results ordered by category of glare

Receptor	Annual Green Glare		Annual Yellow Glare		
	min	hr	min	hr	
Fp 04 Casement	568	9.5	0	0.0	
FP 08 Dublin	428	7.1	0	0.0	
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FP 07 Dublin	0	0.0	0	0.0	
FP 09 Dublin	0	0.0	0	0.0	
FP 11 Dublin	0	0.0	0	0.0	
FP 12 Dublin	0	0.0	0	0.0	
FP 17 Tallaght	0	0.0	0	0.0	
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### PV array 1 and Fp 04 Casement

Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path 0 minutes of yellow glare 568 minutes of green glare



Sampled Annual Glare Reflections on PV Footprint







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### PV array 1 and FP 08 Dublin

Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path 0 minutes of yellow glare 428 minutes of green glare









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## PV array 1 and FP 10 Dublin

Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path 0 minutes of yellow glare 663 minutes of green glare











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## PV array 1 and FP 13 Tallaght

Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path 0 minutes of yellow glare 3,584 minutes of green glare



Sampled Annual Glare Repections on PV Footprint







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### PV array 1 and FP 14 Tallaght

Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path 0 minutes of yellow glare 2,521 minutes of green glare









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# PV array 1 and FP 15 Tallaght

Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path 0 minutes of yellow glare 1,020 minutes of green glare









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### PV array 1 and FP 16 Tallaght

Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path 0 minutes of yellow glare 3,927 minutes of green glare











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### PV array 1 and FP 19 Tallaght

Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path 0 minutes of yellow glare 2,466 minutes of green glare











# PV array 1 and FP 01

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Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path No glare found

### PV array 1 and FP 03

### Casement

Receptor type 2-mile Flight Path No glare found

### PV array 1 and FP 02

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Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path No glare found

### PV array 1 and Fp 05 Weston

Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path No glare found

### PV array 1 and Fp 06 Weston

Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path No glare found

### PV array 1 and FP 07 Dublin

Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path No glare found

### PV array 1 and FP 11 Dublin

Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path No glare found

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### PV array 1 and FP 17 Tallaght

Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path No glare found

### PV array 1 and FP 20 Tallaght

Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path No glare found

# PV array 1 and FP 09 Dublin

Bisciptor type: 2-mile Flight Path No glare found

### PV array 1 and FP 12 Dublin

Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path No glare found

### PV array 1 and FP 18 Tallaght

Receptor type: 2-mile Flight Path No glare found



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## PV array 1 and 1-ATCT

Receptor type: Observation Point 0 minutes of yellow glare 453 minutes of green glare



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## PV array 1 and 2-ATCT

Receptor type: Observation Point 0 minutes of yellow glare 463 minutes of green glare







## PV array 1 and 3-ATCT

Receptor type Chservation Phint No glare found

## PV array 1 and 4-ATCT

Receptor type: Observation Parine No glare found



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Defaillt glare analysis parameters and observer eye characteristics for reference only):

- Analy is time interval if minute
- Ocular transmission coefficient, 0.5.
- Pupil drameter: 0.002 meters.
- Eye focal length 0 017 meter
- Sut subtended angle P6 millaradiaris

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# FORGESOLAR GLARE ANALYSIS

Project: Lid! Fortunestown Lane Site configuration: LIDL Fortunestown Lane

Client: Lid! Ireland GMBH

Created 18 Aug, 2022 Updated 29 Aug, 2022 Time-step 1 minute Timezone offset UTC0 Site ID 74302,13111 DNI peaks at 1,000.0 W/m\*2 Ocular transmission coefficient 0.5 Pupil diameter 0,002 m Eye focal length 0,017 m Sun subtended angle 9.3 mrac Methodology ¥2



# **Glare Policy Adherence**

The following table estimates the policy achievence of this glare analysis according to the 2021 U.S. Federal Aviation Administration Policy

## Review of Solar Energy System Projects on Federally-Obligated Airports

This policy may require the following criteria be met for solar energy systems on airport property:

- · No glare of any kind for Air Traffic Control Tower(s) ("ATCT") at cab height.
- · Default analysis and observer characteristics, including 1-minute time step

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COMPONENT	STATUS	DESCRIPTION
Analysis parameters	PASS	Analysis time interval and eye characteristics used are acceptable
ATCT(s)	FAIL	Receptor(s) marked as ATCT receive green and/or yellow glare

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# **Component Data**

This report includes results for PV arrays and Observation Point ("OP") receptors marked as ATCTs. Components that are not pertinent to the policy, such as routes. flight paths, and vertical surfaces, are excluded.

# **PV Arrays**

Name: PV array 1 Axis tracking: Fixed (no rotation) Tilt 4.0° Orientation 80.0° Rated power: -Panel material: Smooth glass without AR coating Reflectivity: Vary with sun Slope error: correlate with material



Verlex	Latitude (°)	Longitude (°)	Ground elevation (m)	Height above ground (m)	Total elevation (m)
1	53.285925	-6.418237	117.00	6.98	123.98
2	53.285951	-6.417998	117.00	5.76	122.76
з	53.285492	-6.417864	117.00	5.76	122.76
4	53 285463	-6.418098	117,00	6 98	123.98



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# **Observation Point ATCT Receptors**

Name	ID	Latitude (*)	Longitude (°)	Elevation (m)	Height (m)
1-ATCT	1	53.429083	-6.264286	65.41	87.00
2-ATCT	2	53.428547	-6.262177	65.68	22.00
3-ATCT	3	53.355628	-6.489512	49.51	15.00
4-ATCT	4	53.305511	-6.441794	93.49	15.00

Map image of 1-ATCT



Map image of 3-ATCT



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Map image of 4-ATCT





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# **Glare Analysis Results**

Summary of F	Results G	lare with lov	v potential for	temporary aft	er-image predic	ted	
PV Array	Tilt	Orient	Annual G	reen Glare	Annual Yel	low Glare	Energy
	٥	0	min	hr	min	hr	kWh
PV array 1	4.0	80.0	916	15.3	0	0.0	

Total annual glare received by each receptor; may include duplicate times of glare from multiple reflective surfaces

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# Appendix D Solar Module Glare and Reflectance Technical Memo

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# **Technical Notification**

TITLE: SunPower Solar Module Glare and Reflectance AUTHORS: Technical Support APPLICATION: Residential/ Commercial SCOPE: SunPower Modules

## SUMMARY:

The objective of this document is to increase awareness concerning the possible glare and reflectance impact of PV Systems on their surrounding environment.

The glare and reflectance levels from a given PV system are decisively lower than the glare and reflectance generated by the standard glass and other common reflective surfaces in the environments surrounding the given PV system. Concerning random glare and reflectance observed from the air: SunPower has several large projects installed near airports or on air force bases. Each of these large projects has passed FAA or Air Force standards and all projects have been determined as "No Hazard to Air Navigation". Although the possible glare and reflectance from PV systems are at safe levels and are usually decisively lower than other standard residential and commercial reflective surfaces, SunPower suggests that customers and installers discuss any possible concerns with the neighbors/cohabitants near the planned PV system installation.

## **DETAILED EXPLANATION:**

In general, since the whole concept of efficient solar power is to absorb as much light as possible while reflecting as little light as possible, standard solar module produces less glare and reflectance than standard window glass. This is pointed out very well in US Patent #6359212 which explains the differences in the refraction and reflection of solar module glass versus standard window glass. Solar modules use "high-transmission, low iron glass" which absorbs more light, producing small amounts of glare and reflectance than normal glass.

In the graph below, we show the reflected energy percentages of sunlight, of some common residential and commercial surfaces. The legend and the graph lists the items from top to bottom in order of the highest percentage of reflected energy.

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It should be noted that the reflected energy percentage of Solar Glass is far below that of a standard glass and more on the level of smooth water. Also, below are the ratios of the common reflective surfaces:



Light beam physics resolves that the least amount of light is reflected when the beam is the normal, in other words, least light energy is reflected when the beam is at 0 degrees to the normal. The chart below is a result of light beam physics calculations:

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Common Reflective Surfaces (HTRUSTOLING environments for PV operand)		Incident angle in degrees							
		0	45	50	45	. 60	15	мΩ	
	Steel	36.73%	39.22%	46.34%	57.115;	70.02%	83 15%	94.40%	
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	Plexiglass	8.00%	8.54%	10.00%	12.6655	15.25%	18.11%	20.56%	
	Plastic	p. 444-5	7 49-14	я н2%	10 K754	Se see	158394	12.475	
	Smooth Water	4.07-1	4.25%	5.244	6.2349	2.264	요.요구나	10.074	
	Soler Glass Intel IIger reaction	5.995×	4 Jack	5 055-	n 20ti	7 m112	હા () મુસ્ત	10.265	
	Solet Glass w/AR costing	2.42%	2.64.5	201219	3.845	4.7 <u>2</u> 11	5.59%	6.5572	

(Note: Index of refraction values may vary slightly depending on suppliers and reference documentation. The values for the above calculations are averages or single values obtained from the list of references for this document).

Important reference – "Stipples glass": In addition to the superior refractive/reflective properties of solar glass versus standard glass, SunPower uses stippled solar glass for our modules. Stippled glass is used with high powered telescopes and powerful beacons and lights. The basic concept behind stippling is for the surfaces of the glass to be textured with small types of indentations. As a result, stippling allows more light energy to be channeled/ transmitted through the glass while diffusing the reflected light energy. This concept is why the reflection of off a SunPower solar module will look hazy and less-defined than the reflection from standard glass, this occurs because the stippled SunPower glass is transmitting a larger percentage of light to the solar cell while breaking up the intensity of the reflected light energy.

## SUMMARY/ACTION REQUIRED:

The studies, data and light beam physics behind the charts and graphs prove beyond a reasonable doubt that solar glass has less glare and reflectance than standard glass. The figures also make it clear that the difference is very decisive between solar glass and other common residential/commercial glasses. In addition, not to be lost in the standard light/glass equations and calculations, the SunPower solar glass is stippled and has a very photon-absorbent solar cell attached to the back side, contributing two additional factors which results in even less light energy being reflected.

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