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ENERGY CENTRE

The Environmental Assessment Process

In parallel to the public consultation, we have undertaken a full Environmental Assessment to ensure that all matters relating to the environment are wholly considered when putting forward the proposals for Longridge Road Energy Centre. Environmental Assessment is a legal requirement for some developments and is strictly regulated. A wide range of environmental subjects have been taken into consideration including air quality, traffic, landscape and ecology. These have been presented in an Environmental Statement (ES) which accompanies the planning application. The planning application will be taken into account by Lancashire County Council when deciding whether to grant planning permission.

Scoping Report

In November 2018 we submitted a Scoping Opinion request to Lancashire County Council to ask for their opinion as to what information needs to be included in the Environmental Assessment. This presented an initial description of the development proposals and described how we intended to fully assess the potential environmental effects of the project in line with best practice and industry specific guidance. The responses from authorities and statutory consultees resulted in a Scoping Opinion from Lancashire County Council, published on 13 February 2019.

Background studies

Over the past few months, we have been undertaking a wide range of surveys and studies in the local environment. We have built up a detailed understanding of the site and its environmental setting and have also been consulting with statutory and non-statutory bodies such as Natural England, the Environment Agency, the Wildlife Trust for Lancashire, Manchester and North Merseyside and Highways England. We have also consulted with Preston City Council and are engaging with Grimsargh Parish Council.

Environmental Statement

The Environmental Statement reports on the findings of the surveys and environmental assessments that have been carried out for Longridge Road Energy Centre, and how these have shaped and influenced the final development proposal put forward. This describes any potential effects which Longridge Road Energy Centre will have on the environment, and outlines any proposed mitigation or enhancement measures which we propose to put in place. The Environmental Assessment package of documents, including a Non-Technical Summary, has been submitted as part of the full planning application, to be duly considered by Lancashire County Council.

The Environmental Assessment is available to view on Lancashire County Council's website. A copy of all of the planning documents are also available via the project website at www.longridgeroadenergy.com.



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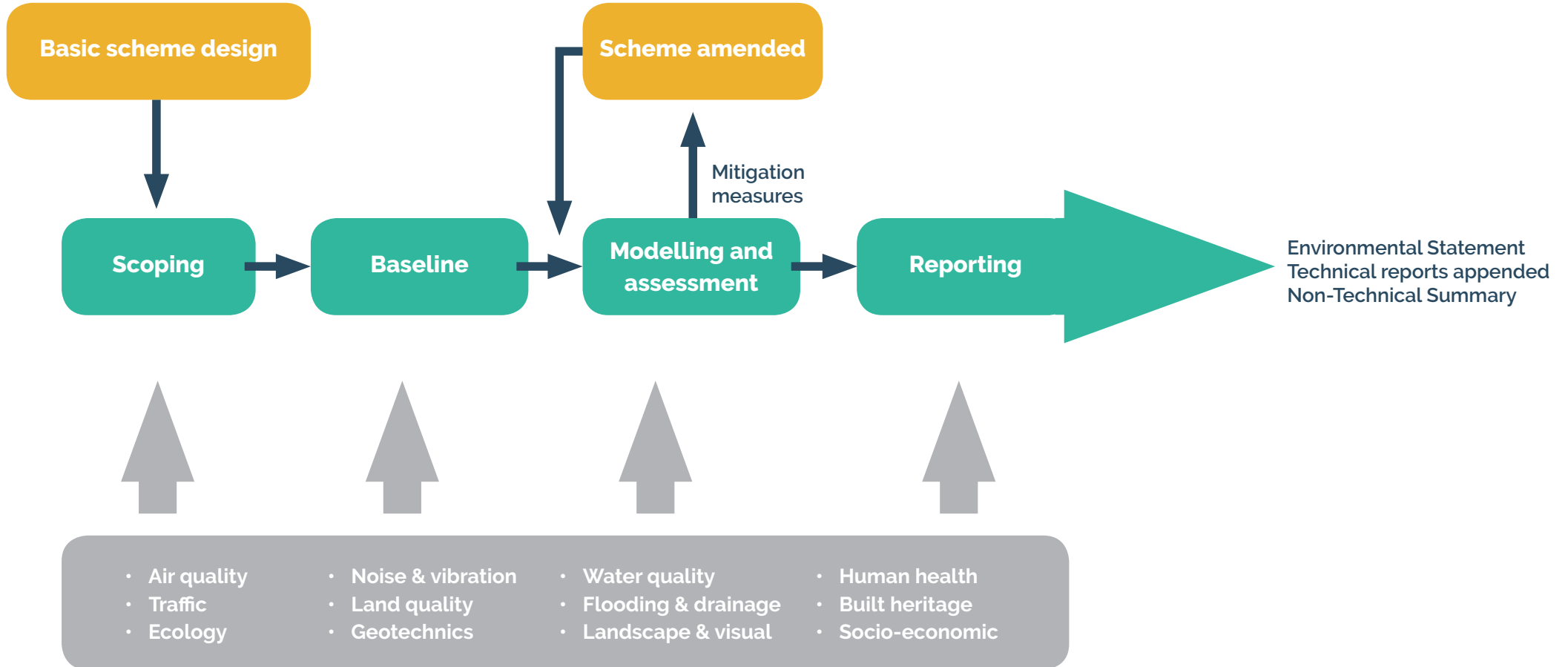


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