



GUIDANCE NOTES FOR SITE INSPECTION 1, ITEM 10

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1. Background

The two adjacent sites to be visited are in Harrow Lane, (near Abbey Lane), Theberton. They are both considered viable, and potentially considerably preferable, alternative sites for the SPR substations well away from substantial communities. The sites are within 5km of the proposed new NGET substation at or near Grove Wood, which is understood to be an acceptable distance from a power engineering perspective.

Both sites have previously been identified by National Grid Ventures (NGV) as possible sites for HVDC converter stations in connection with their Nautilus and Eurolink Interconnector projects and are marked '7' and '8' on Figure 1 below. Site 8 is understood to have been suggested to NGV by a Local Authority. Given the area of both of these sites colocation of the proposed SPR HVAC substations and any NGV converter stations would seem viable.

Figure 2 is a satellite image of the Harrow Lane area marked up to in red to identify the two sites.

2. Visiting Arrangements

It is suggested that those visiting have access to a suitable OS map, preferably 1:25,000, as the optimum viewing locations are defined below by OS Grid References, as well as marked on Figure 3 as locations 'A' and 'B'.

If travelling by car use of satnav is recommended to reach destination postcode **IP16 4TQ** (marked on Figure 3). After a further 100m travel to the north east Harrow Lane will be found on the right at a crossroads. Then proceed as follows.

3. Location A / Site 8 (Field off Harrow Lane)

Drive down Harrow Lane (direction south east) and Location A will be found on the left after about 375m. Parking on the verge is possible with care. The OS grid reference for Location A is TM 4192 6474.

Site 8 in Figure 1 may now be viewed on the left through the field access and comprises approx. 30 acres of level, well drained, agricultural land, largely surrounded by mature trees and hedging. Photos 1 and 2 below illustrate the suggested parking spot and view available.

No permission to walk onto the site has been obtained at this stage. A footpath further down Harrow Lane (see Figure 3) is available but was largely ploughed up when last inspected.

4. Location B / Site 7 (Old Leiston Airfield)

Drive further down Harrow Lane and Location B will be found on the left after a further 1.2km approx., opposite the remains of one of the old airfield runways, now used for farm stockpiles. The OS grid reference for Location B is TM 4282 6398.

Site 7 in Figure 1 may now be viewed on the left across the open field boundary and is an extremely large open site comprising slightly sloping well drained agricultural land with some existing tree screening. Photos 3 and 4 below illustrate the suggested parking spot and

north-east view across the old airfield. Photo 5 shows the view in the opposite direction (along the line of the remains of the old runway) and shows the 400kV overhead lines in the distance.

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Figure 1 National Grid Ventures map showing Sites 7 and 8



Figure 2 Satellite view of Sites 7 and 8

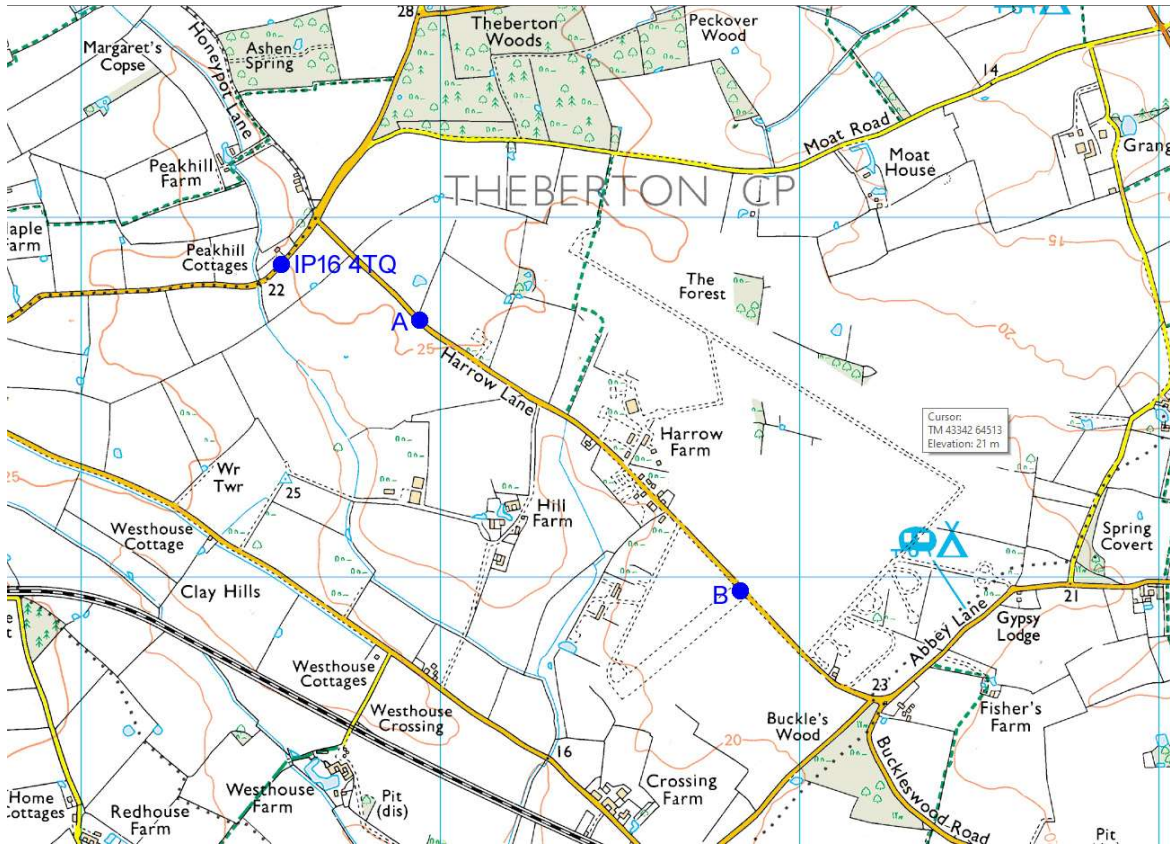


Figure 3 Map showing Viewing Locations A and B



Photo 1 Parking at Location A



Photo 2 View of Harrow Lane Field from Location A



Photo 3 Parking at Location B



Photo 4 North-East view across Old Leiston Airfield



Photo 5 South-West view along remains of old runway (OHLs in distance)