



The Planning Inspectorate Yr Arolygiaeth Gynllunio

The Planning Act 2008

Application for Development Consent for the Cleve Hill Solar Park

Case ref: EN010085

Examining Authority's Note of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection

Inspection 2: Blean Wood

31 May 2019, 0840 to 0920

The Examining Authority undertook an unaccompanied inspection on 31 May 2019 with the intention of observing the north-westerly view towards the Application Site from the higher ground of Blean Wood. All inspections took place from a highway or public right of way. This note is a brief record to inform the Applicant, Interested Parties and other parties of the actions taken by the Examining Authority.

The inspection was undertaken by both members of the Examining Authority, Mr David Rose and Mr Andrew Mahon.

The weather was warm and overcast, though long-distance views well beyond the Application Site to Sheerness were still clearly available.

The available views towards and across the Application Site from parts of the route along the southern edge of the woodland were very clear and at a distance of a little more than 3km from the Application Site.

The route (see map A) started from the small car pull-in on Crookham Road and followed the public footpath from there to Blean Wood, following its western edge, then skirting around Holly Hill. The walk was terminated to the south of Blean Wood when it became clear that no further views towards the Application Site would be available from the public right of way.

As well as looking at the views towards the Application Site, the scale, pattern and character of the intervening landscape were noted. Other features that were observed in the context of the available views included the village of Graveney, Graveney Church, Cleve Hill, and various agricultural infrastructure including polytunnels and glasshouses.

