



# 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 3: Estuary View Business Park**

*18 July 2019, 1635 to 1650*

The Examining Authority undertook an unaccompanied inspection on 18 July 2019 to observe the westerly view towards the Application Site from the Estuary View Business Park, off the A2990 Thanet Way. 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 confined to the roads at the western end of the Estuary View Business Park, and it was undertaken by all three members of the Examining Authority, Mr David Rose, Ms Helen Cassini and Mr Andrew Mahon.

The weather was warm and sunny, and long-distance views across and beyond the Application Site were clearly available.

As well as looking at the wide and open views towards and across the Application Site, along the Swale and towards the Isle of Sheppey, the scale and character of the surrounding and intervening landscape, habitat and vegetation types and farmed land were noted, especially Seasalter Level and the Graveney Marshes lying to the east of Faversham Road.

Other features that were observed in the context of the available views included the line of electricity pylons, roads, the railway line, the existing Cleve Hill substation, various areas of agricultural buildings and infrastructure, and distant industrial buildings to the north of Sittingbourne.