

Notification of wish to attend an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI), suggested locations and justifications.

Location 1, Ivy Todd Farm

The Parish Council request an accompanied site visit to the closest field on Ivy Todd Farm to the proposed Necton substation development sites. From this point the topography allows a clear view of the Boreas site. This will allow PINS representatives to see the context of the proposed development as well as give an idea of the size of the converter buildings with respect to the hedgerows and other potential screening relied on by Vattenfall. It will also show the full extent of the National Grid substations when a suitable, naturally screened alternative site is available. The owner of Ivy Todd Farm, Mr Colin King, has agreed to this visit.

The site of the plane crash is nearby and the extent of the contamination can also be assessed from this site visit.

We would like some parish councillors to attend if possible.

Location 2, Top Farm

We also request an extension of the site visit to view Top Farm. Top Farm was offered to Vattenfall for sale and the Parish Council thought this location was discounted by Vattenfall without proper consideration or explanation. The PINS representatives will be able to assess the significant reduction of the environmental effects if Vattenfall had selected this site when it was offered to them for sale. The Parish Council supports this location for the proposed development.

Location 3, Bradenham Farm

We also request a site visit to Bradenham farm, which abuts the land chosen by Vattenfall for the converter halls. This viewpoint will allow the PINS inspectors to assess the scale of the converter halls with respect to the hedges and trees relied on for mitigation and give an idea of the likelihood of successful mitigation of the proposed buildings.

Location 4, Coburns Farm

A site visit to James Sherringham's Coburns farm on the other side of the A47 will give an overview of the site and its surroundings from a different perspective.