



# The Planning Inspectorate

## Application for Development Consent for The Little Crow Solar Park

Case Reference: EN010101

### Examining Authority's Note of Unaccompanied Site Inspection on Tuesday 6 April 2021

#### Background

The Examining Authority (ExA) undertook its first Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) in connection with its examination of the application by INRG Solar (Little Crow) Limited for development consent for the Little Crow Solar Park (the application) during the afternoon of 6 April 2021. The weather was essentially dry, other than a fleeting shower, and windy, with good visibility.

The purpose of this USI was to enable the ExA to particularly familiarise itself with the application's site's relationship with:

- The village of Broughton and the Scunthorpe Steel Works;
- the strategic and local highway network in the area; and
- public footpath/rights of way routes in the area.

The USI was undertaken from publicly accessible land consisting of the local highway and rights of way networks, including the paths within the application site itself and the B1207 (Appleby Lane and Ermine Street) and the B1208.

As part of the USI the ExA drove along Ermine Street, Appleby Lane, High Street Broughton and the B1208 between its junctions with the B1207 and the A18.

The ExA walked through the woodland bounding Appleby Lane into the application site following the route of footpath 214, and when in the site also followed the route of some of the paths signed as forming part of the 'Opencast Way'. The ExA also walked along the track that the Applicant intends would be the vehicular access for the proposed development. The ExA also drove to Home Beat Drive, via the A18, to view the south western corner of the Raventhorpe solar farm.

While undertaking the USI the ExA did not encounter any Interested Parties (IPs) or other persons. This note has been prepared to inform the Applicant and IPs involved in the Examination of some actions already taken by the ExA.

#### Conclusion

The ExA has viewed much of the application site. However, the ExA intends to revisit the site, roads and footpaths/public rights of way, including any inspection routes or locations suggested by IPs by Deadline 1 and in response to first written questions.

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