



The Planning Inspectorate

Application by Longfield Solar Energy Farm Limited for Longfield Solar Farm

Case reference: EN010118

Examining Authority's note of Unaccompanied and Access Required Site Inspections (AR/USI) to which the Application or Specified Matters relates on Monday 5 December, Tuesday 6 December and Wednesday 7 December 2022

As the person appointed as the Examining Authority for the application for Longfield Solar Farm, I undertook Unaccompanied and Access Required Site Inspections on Monday 5 December 2022, Tuesday 6 December 2022 and Wednesday 7 December 2022.

Particulars of the inspection

This note provides details of the Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) and Access Required Inspection (ARI) undertaken on the above dates. During the USI and ARI, I was accompanied by Mr Simon Raywood of the Planning Inspectorate.

On all three days weather conditions were good with clear skies and excellent visibility. As such, I was able to view the main features of the surrounding landscape and built environment.

The purpose of the inspection was for me to familiarise myself with the site and surrounding area, to attend those locations requested by Interested Parties (IPs) and to support the examination of the application. The visit was made by car and on foot.

Unaccompanied Site Inspections

All USI sites visited were publicly accessible and I did not encounter any interested or affected parties during the inspection. For ARIs, access was provided by the owner of the property (or their representative).

Monday 5 December 2022

The site visit began at 14:00 and ended at 16.00.

I visited the following locations:

- Boreham Road (including near Stocks Farm, Stocks Cottages and Little Holts).
- Waltham Road
- Noakes Lane
- Birds Farm Lane
- Terling Hall Road
- Noakes Farm Road
- Wheelers Hill, Cranham Road and Essex Regiment Way.

Tuesday 6 December 2022

The site visit began at 14.45 and ended at 16.00.

I visited the following locations:

- Chantry Lane
- Fairstead Road
- Little Weathers (ARI)

Wednesday 7 December 2022

The site visit began at 08:45 and ended at 10.15.

I visited the following locations:

- Bulls Lodge Substation
- Scarletts Wood
- Whitehouse Farm (ARI)

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Examining Inspector