



Application by Oaklands Farm Solar Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for Oaklands Farm Solar Park

The Examining Authority's (ExA's) Record of the Second Unaccompanied Site Inspection

Issued on 28 October 2024

The ExA undertook its Second Unaccompanied Site Inspection over three days on 20, 21 and 24 October 2024 by car and on foot, on public roads and Public Rights of Way (PRoW), and to four locations (indicated *) that are not publicly accessible and where access was provided by relevant parties. Three of the four locations that are not publicly accessible were suggested by South Derbyshire District Council [REP1-028] to help the ExA to understand “*the impact of development on landscape*” (MRN2, 3, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14) and “*levels/ camber of road which lead to flooding across road*” (MRN4), the other being the Applicant’s proposed locations of the battery energy storage system and new 132/33kV onsite substation.

References in square brackets, e.g. [APP-164], are to documents catalogued in the [Examination Library](#). Map Reference Number (MRN) locations are as suggest by South Derbyshire District Council [REP1-028]. PRoW are as indicated on Environmental Statement Figure 12.2 [APP-164]. Construction Vehicle Routes (CVR) are as indicated on Environmental Statement Figure 10.3 [AS-015].

Date	Time	MRN / CVR	Weather conditions	Location / route
20 October 2024	1:20pm – 1:55pm	MRN2, MRN3, MRN4	Overcast, light drizzle becoming dry, moderate visibility.	A38 Barton Turn to Walton-on-Trent via Walton Lane, to Footpath 7 (SD48/7/2) east of Borough Fields Farm via Coton Road by car and on foot.
20 October 2024	1:55pm – 2:15pm	MRN12, MRN13, MRN14	Cloudy, dry, moderate visibility.	Coton Road to unnamed road west of Coton Road and Lads Grave to Catton Lane to Rosliston by car.
20 October 2024	2:15pm – 2:55pm	MRN9, MRN10 CVR6 (part)	Partly cloudy, dry, good visibility.	Rosliston to Walton-on-Trent and back to Rosliston via Rosliston Road to St Peter’s Bridge, Burton-on-Trent by car.
21 October 2024	1:35pm – 2:00pm	CVR6 (part), CVR8	Partly cloudy, dry, good visibility.	St Peter’s Bridge Burton-on-Trent to Rosliston to Lads Grave to Coton In The Elms to M42 junction 11 by car.

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21 October 2024	2:20pm – 2:50pm	CVR1 (part), CVR9 (part)	Partly cloudy, dry, good visibility.	Ashby Road, Tamworth to A38 Alrewas via A513 by car.
21 October 2024	2:50pm – 3:15pm	CVR1 (part), CVR6 (part), CVR9 (part)	Partly cloudy, dry, good visibility.	A38 Alrewas to Lads Grave to Walton-on-Trent to A38 Barton Turn by car.
24 October 2024	10:00am – 10:20am	MRN1	Cloudy, dry, moderate visibility.	Private garden of Pennywort Cottage, Coton Road, Walton-on-Trent *.
24 October 2024	11:00am – 11:20am	MRN5	Cloudy, dry, moderate visibility.	Walton Hill Farm, Coton Road, Walton-on-Trent * on foot.
24 October 2024	11:30am – 11:45am	MRN8	Cloudy, dry, good visibility.	Fairfields Farm, Rosliston Road, Walton-on-Trent * on foot.
24 October 2024	2:00pm – 2:20pm	-	Partly cloudy, dry, very good visibility.	The proposed locations of the battery energy storage system and new 132/33kV onsite substation, Work Nos. 2 and 3 on the Works Plan [AS-003] * by car from Coton Road, then on foot.

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