



The Planning Inspectorate

The Planning Act 2008

Application by RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (West) Limited and RWE Renewables UK Dogger Bank South (East) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Dogger Bank South Offshore Wind Farms

Case Ref. EN010125

The Examining Authority's Note of an Access Required Site Inspection (ARSI1) and an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI)

Background

Examining Inspector Helena Obremski, representing the Examining Authority (ExA), and a member of the Planning Inspectorate case team undertook an ARSI and a USI on Tuesday 4 March 2025.

The ARSI was undertaken to visit private land to view the heavy anti-aircraft gunsite adjacent to Butt Farm (a scheduled monument) and the campsite at Butt Farm. The USI was undertaken to view the Jocks Lodge rod improvement works and visit Viewpoints 9 and 10.

Particulars of the Site Inspection

The inspection was undertaken by car and on foot. Weather conditions were dry and sunny with temperatures circa 13 degrees centigrade. Weather conditions were at all times suitable to appreciate long range views.

The inspection commenced at 10:00am.

Starting at Butt Farm access was granted to the track leading to the heavy anti-aircraft gunsite. Unaccompanied, the ExA walked along the track and observed the location of the proposed converter stations. The ExA walked to and around the heavy anti-aircraft gunsite, and also viewed the interior of some of the buildings. The ExA observed the information board which provides details of the history of the gunsite.

The ExA then walked to the southern boundary of Butt Farm across a field to observe the location of the proposed converter stations and the heavy-anti aircraft gunsite from the field boundary.

The ExA returned to the track and walked back towards the campsite serving Butt Farm. The ExA observed the layout of the camping and caravan pitches and noted that there were people using the camping facilities. The ExA then walked to the south of the campsite area and viewed the location of the proposed converter stations and the heavy anti-aircraft gunsite from this location.

This element of the inspection ended at 11:12.



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After leaving Butt Farm, the ExA travelled by car and drove in a southerly direction along the A164 where the USI began, noting the Jocks Lodge road improvement works. The ExA continued to drive in a southerly direction and then turned around, driving in a northerly direction to observe the location of the proposed converter stations in the vicinity of Viewpoint 10 along the A164.

The ExA then drove to Dunflat Road and observed Viewpoint 9 towards the location of the proposed converter stations.

The USI ended at 11:45.