

# **Mallard Pass Solar Farm**

## Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) Deadline 2 - June 2023

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## Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) Suggested Route, Itinerary and Instructions 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023

- 1.1.1. This suggested route, itinerary and instructions for the Accompanied Site Inspections (ASI) has been prepared by the Applicant for further consultation with the Examining Authority (ExA). The ASI is programmed to be held on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> and Fri 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023 and should be read in conjunction with the suggested ASI Route Plan (LDA Design dwg. 7863\_000\_Rev A).
- 1.1.2. The Applicants have undertaken a review of the consultation responses to consider an appropriate route and itinerary for the ASI. It is understood that the ExA have already undertaken unaccompanied site visits, therefore may choose to not revisit some of these suggested locations.
- 1.1.3. The proposed ASI route and itinerary is intended to focus on the key areas of discussion following a review of the stakeholder engagement and consultation responses. The Applicant would welcome further comments from the ExA and other consultees to finalise an agreed route and itinerary for the ASI within the two day timeframe on Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> and Fri 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023. It is understood that additional ASI visits may be programmed in September 2023 if requested by the ExA.
- 1.1.4. Due to the number of interested parties, the Applicant proposes to hire minibuses to aid transit around the site. The proposed ASI route and itinerary has been proposed to allow sufficient time to allow the interested parties to travel between the proposed stopping points and undertake visual inspections. It is therefore shorter than what might be achievable for an unaccompanied site visit by a smaller group.
- 1.1.5. The Applicant proposes to split the ASI into two days, between a review of the Proposed Development from Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and local



roads on Day 1, and a review of the Proposed Development from residential properties as a private concern on Day 2. We would request that the numbers of interested persons in attendance for the ASI visits are confirmed prior to the visits to allow the Applicants to provide suitable travel and practical arrangements and to liaise with homeowners.

- 1.1.6. The suggested walking routes and local roads suggested for inclusion on Day 1 have been proposed following a review of the submitted Relevant Representations and the Deadline 1 submissions. The suggested walking routes have sought to prioritise those viewpoints or receptors which have in general terms received greater interest or attention through the DCO process. The suggested routes for Day 1 are focussed within the immediate context of the Order Limits as these generally coincide with the environmental impacts. Also, the suggested routes for Day 1 have been proposed in the interests of practicality and time efficiency recognising that the ExA are also able to visit many of the surrounding routes and receptors in an unaccompanied capacity.
- 1.1.7. We would suggest that the ASI visits to residential properties on Day 2 should be restricted to a maximum number of 6 persons to avoid overcrowding at those properties.
- 1.1.8. The Applicant can confirm that access to the list of proposed residential properties to be visited on Day 2 has been <u>agreed</u> by the homeowners of those properties following emails being sent by the Applicant to those parties who either:
  - had submitted Relevant Representations and were incorporated in the Applicant's Residential Visual Amenity Assessment (RVAA); or
  - submitted Deadline 1 submissions requesting the ASI visited their property; and



- for whom the Applicant had their contact details.
- 1.1.9. These properties can therefore definitively be included in the Day 2 itinerary.

For those parties who fall into either of the above categories and for those mentioned in the Deadline 1 submission of Mallard Pass Action Group, and who the Applicant does not have contact details for and so has been unable to contact them to date, the Applicant confirms that it would welcome being contacted by those parties on info@mallardpasssolar.co.uk, so that such residences can be sought to be added to Day 2, subject to time constraints.

#### Day 1, Thurs 17th August (PRoW / Local Roads)

- 1. Start: 9am at Park Farm what3words///marker.domain.leap
  - Access to this farm has been agreed with the farmer. Park within hardstanding area near barns to the east of Essendine. This is accessible via the gated farm track on Carlby Road to the north-east of Essendine, which is marked on the accompanying plan.
  - Walk along farm track to the west of the barns with views of the eastern area of the Solar PV Site and towards Essendine village.
  - Walk back to the barns and parking area, then walk along bridleway BrAW/1/1 between Carlby Road and the railway bridge to observe the eastern area of the Solar PV Site.

#### **2. Essendine Village Hall** – *what3words///shielding.scream.shelving*

- Park within Essendine community centre car park or Plover Road near the village green.
- Walk along A6121 Essendine Road to the west across the railway bridge to observe the Onsite Substation from Stamford Road.
- Walk along bridleway E169 between Stamford Road and the B1176 Ryhall Road to observe the northern area of the Solar PV Site.



 Walk back to Essendine and then along Bourne Road and Manor Farm Lane to the north of Essendine village to observe the eastern area of the Solar PV Site.

#### 3. Onsite Substation – what3words///retaliate.joystick.ramp

• Park within field opposite the existing Ryhall NG substation to observe the Onsite Substation location.

#### 4. Essendine Road near access to Grange Farm -

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• Park on farm track junction on Essendine Road leading to Grange Farm to observe southern area of the Solar PV Site.

#### 5. Newstead Road near Cobbs Nook Farm -

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- Park on roadside near junction with the Macmillan Way (please do not block property entrance).
- Walk short section of Macmillan Way and public footpath Uffi/5/1 to observe the south-western area of the Solar PV Site.

#### 6. B1176 Rhyall Road on junction with The Drift byway -

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- Park within field to east of the B1176 Rhyall Road and The Drift byway.
- Observe north-western area of the Solar PV Site from the parking area.

#### 7. The Drift byway near Heath House -

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- Park on layby on The Drift byway (please do not block property entrance).
- Walk westwards along Byway E123 to observe the north-western area of the Solar PV Site from The Drift.



#### 8. Rural Lane near Vale Farm – what3words///nuggets.worker.reclusive

- Park on rural lane at field gate opening near Vale Farm avoiding the meadow verges.
- Observe north-western area of the Solar PV Site from the field gate openings to the north and south of the rural lane.

#### 9. Finish: Rural Lane ('the High Street') near Carlby -

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- Park on roadside verge on higher ground to west of Carlby.
- Observe views towards Essendine village to the south, the northeastern area and the north-western area of the Solar PV Site.

#### Day 2, Fri 18th August (Private Properties)

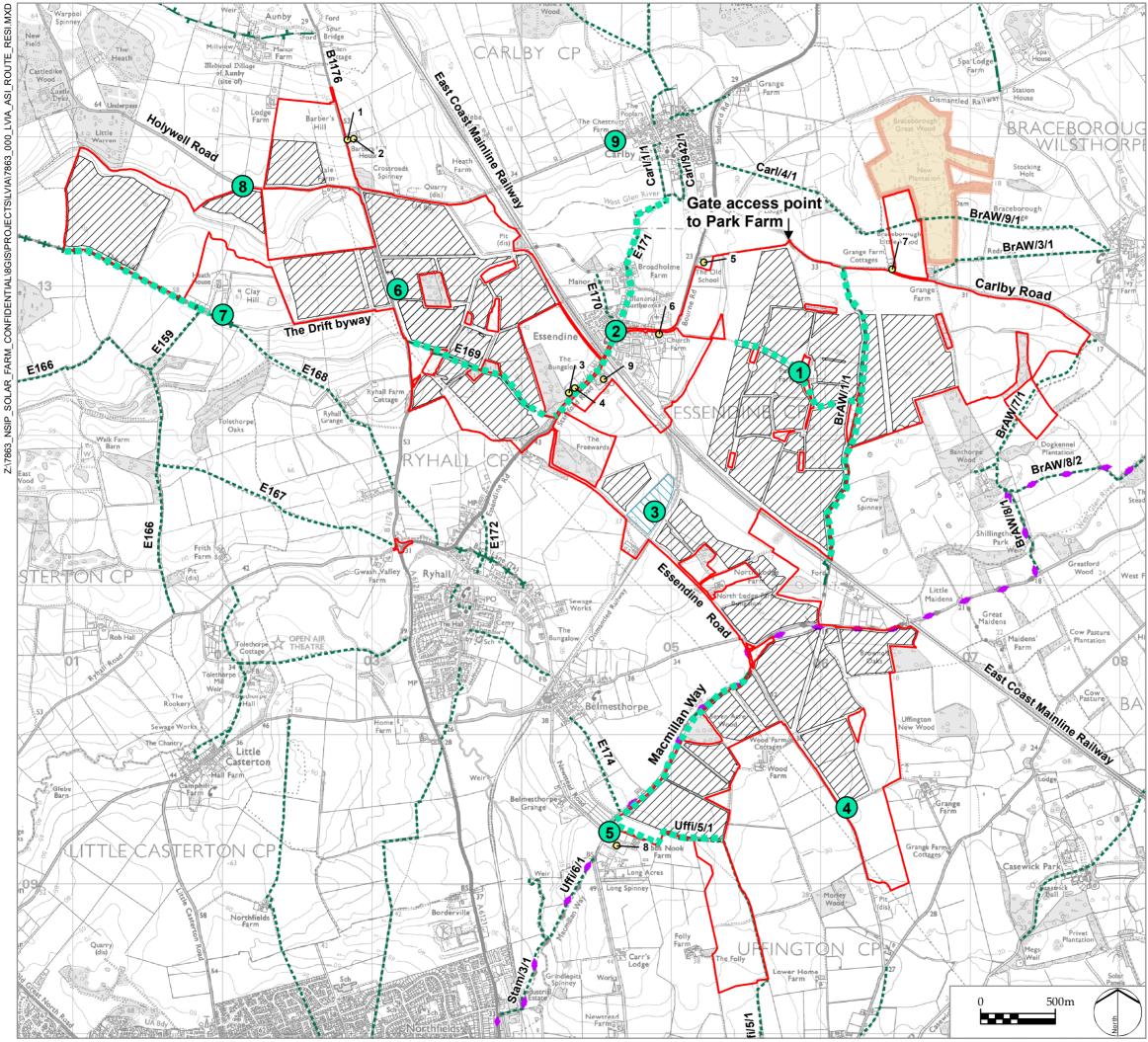
#### Start: 9am at Park Farm – what3words///marker.domain.leap

- Park within hardstanding area near barns to the east of Essendine as on Day 1. A minibus will then collect the interested parties (maximum of 6 persons) and drive to the private properties identified below. A strict time limit of 15 mins per property would need to be observed to undertake within one day.
- The suggested properties to be visited on Day 2 includes:
  - , Barbers Hill House, Aunby, PE9 4EE 1. 2. , Barbers Hill Farm, Careby Road, Aunby, PE9 4EE 1 Stamford Road, Essendine, PE9 3. 4LQ 4. at 3 Stamford Road, Essendine, PE9 4LQ The Old School, Bourne Road, PE9 4EH 5. , Church Farm, Essendine, PE9 4LH 6. 2 Grange Farm Cottage, Carlby Road, 7. Braceborough, PE9 4NU



| 8. | , Cobbs Nook Farm, Newstead Road,     |
|----|---------------------------------------|
|    | Belmesthorpe, PE9 4JJ                 |
| 9. | , 6 Glen Crescent, Essendine, PE9 4LP |

- 1.1.10. It is noted that the Applicant or landowners cannot accept responsibility for any accidents or damage to property whilst undertaking this Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) either within or outside of the Order Limits.
- 1.1.11. The Applicant would welcome any further comments on the suggested ASI route and itinerary to confirm these travel arrangements.



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| LEGEND                     |                                   |  |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
|                            | Order Limits                      |  |
|                            | Solar PV Site Area                |  |
|                            | Onsite Substation                 |  |
|                            | Open Access Land                  |  |
| • •                        | Macmillan Way Long Distance Path  |  |
| Public Rights of Way       |                                   |  |
|                            | Footpath                          |  |
|                            | Bridleway                         |  |
| +++                        | Byway open to all traffic         |  |
| ± + ±                      | Restricted Byway                  |  |
| Day 1 (PRoW / Local Roads) |                                   |  |
| 1                          | Parking Location / Stopping Point |  |
|                            | Proposed Walking Route            |  |
|                            |                                   |  |

Day 2 (Residential Properties)



**Residential Property** 

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