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To: All Interested Parties

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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 16

Application by Mallard Pass Solar Farm Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Mallard Pass Solar Farm

Notification of Accompanied Site Inspection

We write to advise you that an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) will be held under Rule 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 on the following date:

Event	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI1)	Thursday 17 August 2023	Meeting time for safety briefing from the Applicant and introduction by the ExA: 9:00am Departure time: 9.10am	Essendine Village Hall, Bourne Road, Essendine Stamford, PE9 4LQ
Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI1)	Friday 18 August 2023	Meeting time for safety briefing from the Applicant and introduction by the ExA: 9.00am Departure time: 9.10am	Essendine Village Hall, Bourne Road, Essendine Stamford, PE9 4LQ

The Examining Authority (ExA) has requested that the Applicant submits an updated version of its draft itinerary by Deadline 4, which should include proposed timings for each location and a lunchbreak. The ExA's final itinerary for the ASI will be published on the project webpage at least five working days prior to the ASI. This itinerary will be drafted taking account of suggested locations submitted by Interested Parties, the Applicant's draft itinerary submitted at Deadline 2 [REP2-039] and comments on the Applicant's draft itinerary submitted at Deadline 3.

Please note that the ExA's inspection of sites is **not an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence**. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from, the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

It is intended that Day 1 of the ASI will prioritise viewpoints and receptors within the immediate context of the Order Limits and that Day 2 will prioritise visits to residential and any other relevant properties.

Joining the ASI

If you wish to attend the ASI please register using the [Accompanied Site Inspection Event Participation Form](#) by **Wednesday 9 August 2023**. Please ensure you provide telephone contact details (preferably mobile telephone) so that we can contact you should the ASI run late or need to be cancelled with minimal notice.

Please let us know if you require any assistance to attend the ASI for example, let us know of any mobility needs that may affect transportation.

Participants are asked to assemble promptly as the ExA will not wait for parties who are not present at the start time.

For logistical and safety reasons, capacity on the transport that will be used for the ASI will be limited. Priority will be afforded to the Applicant, Local Authorities, Mallard Pass Action Group and any relevant Statutory Parties who wish to attend. With this in mind, organisations and groups are asked to nominate a single person to attend. If there are large numbers wanting to attend, any Interested Parties who express a wish to attend the ASI for its duration may be contacted by the Case Team to discuss the option of meeting the ExA at relevant locations in the itinerary instead.

Furthermore, it would also be necessary to particularly limit the numbers of Interested Parties attending on Day 2 given the practicalities of visiting private properties. Therefore, it is requested that discussions are held between the parties (including Mallard Pass Action Group and the Councils) to nominate representatives who will attend on Day 2. It is considered most appropriate that a maximum of six Interested Parties attend Day 2.

Clothing

The inspection is likely to include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather and sturdy footwear. At times during the ASI it will be necessary to wear a high visibility vest or coat. Attendees who have their own high visibility vest or jacket should bring it with them. For anyone who does not have either a high visibility vest or coat, the Applicant will provide a vest for use during the course of the ASI.

Sites on private land

Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

Refreshments

Please note that refreshments will not be provided and therefore parties should bring their own lunch etc. as appropriate.

Cancellations

Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI is cancelled we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we ask that you regularly check the [project webpage](#) of the National Infrastructure Planning website.

Further information about Site Inspections can be found in [Advice note 8.5](#).

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact the Case Team on the details above.

Yours faithfully

David Cliff

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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