



The Planning Inspectorate

The Planning Act 2008

Application for Development Consent for West Burton Solar Project Case reference: EN010132

Examining Authority's note of Unaccompanied Required Site Inspection (USI) to which the Application or Specified Matters relates on 6 September 2023

Examining Inspectors Andrea Mageean and Jonathan Medlin, the Panel appointed as the Examining Authority (ExA) for the application for the West Burton Solar Project, undertook the inspections on Wednesday 6 September.

The ExA carried out its unaccompanied site inspection from publicly accessible land (roads, footpaths and bridleways). No inspections were undertaken on private land, and advance permission to enter land was not required so these inspections could be undertaken on an unaccompanied basis.

The site inspection was undertaken in order to view the locations of the proposed development, the surrounding villages, and the landscape of the wider area.

Particulars of the Site Visit

The visit was undertaken by car and on foot. Weather conditions were dry and sunny with a temperature circa 29 degrees centigrade. Weather conditions from late morning were suitable to appreciate long range views.

The inspections commenced at approximately 09:30 and finished at approximately 16:30. A list of the locations visited is attached at Annex A, and an overview of the inspection route is attached at Annex B.

References to 'viewpoint' locations refer to those set out in the Environmental Statement, shown in Figures 8.12.1 to 8.12.4 [APP-190](#) to [APP-193](#)

Annex A: List of locations visited on 6 September 2023

Approx time	Viewpoint	Location/route
0930	VP 7, 8 and LCC-C (60)	Drive West along A1500 turning left towards Broxholme along Main Street, taking in VPs 7, 8 and 60.
0945	VP 9 and 10	Walk north along PRoW PR008 and PR009 from Broxholme and return the same way, taking in VPs 9 and 10.
10.00	VP 1 and 2	Drive south along Main Street turning into Carlton Lane. Walk north along PRoW PR006 and return the same way, taking in VPs 1 and 2.
10.30	VP 20 and 21	Drive west along Carlton Lane/Broxholme Lane, stopping to view VP 20 and VP21.
10.50	VP 26, 27, 28 and 18.	Drive north along Sturton Road, taking in VP 26, 27, 28 and 18.
11.15	VP 33, 34, 44, LCC-H (65), 45, 46 and LCC-O (72).	Turn left onto Cowdale Lane and drive west, taking in VP 33, 34, 65, 44, 72, 45 and 46.
11.45	VP 25, 24 and 23	Turn right onto Sykes Lane and drive south-east, taking in VP 25, 24 and 23.
12.00	VP LCC-N (71) and 49	Drive north west along Sykes Lane towards Torksey. Stop in Torksey and walk across the viaduct over the River to take in VP 71, walking along the PRoW to VP 49.
12.30	VP 52	Drive north along the A156 towards Marton, taking in VP 52.
13.45	VP 40 and 41	Drive east along the A1500 and then north-west along Sturton Road to St Marys Church, Sturton by Stow. Drive south-west along Stow Park Road, walking to VP 40 and then driving on to VP 41.
14.15	VP 56, 55, 54, 53	Turn right onto A1500 and travel east then west, taking in VP 56, 55, 54 and 53.
14.30		Stop to walk along PRoW PR038.
15.00		Drive on to the A156, turning north towards Gainsborough and then travelling south along Sturton Road to pass West Burton Power Station, pausing to look at the access point.
16.00	VP LCC-A (58) and VP 15	Drive back south and then towards Lincoln via A57 and on to B138/Middle Street travelling north to A1500, taking in VPs 58 and 15.
16.15	VP 4 and 5	Drive west along Carlton Lane, stopping to walk along bridleway, taking in VPs 4 and 5.

Annex B: Overview of Inspection Route 6 September 2023

