



Application by Cottam Solar Project Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Cottam Solar Project The Examining Authority's (ExA's) Record of its Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI)

The ExA undertook its USI on 7 September 2023 by car and on foot, on public roads and public rights of way (PROWs). The routes were planned having regard to the suggested locations for site inspections and the Applicant's Environmental Statement. The purpose of the USI was so that the ExA could obtain views of the application site and surrounding area.

The locations are taken from Interested Parties (IPs) suggestions, West Lindsey District Council's (WLDC) 'Cottam Recommendations for Examining Authority's Site Visit' and 'The Applicant's Response to Procedural Deadline A'. Viewpoint (VP) locations are as indicated on Application documents Figure 8.11 [\[APP-196\]](#) – VP1 to VP43, and LCC-C-A to LCC-C-O; Figure 8.12 [\[APP-197\]](#) – VP44 to VP62, and LCC-C-P to LCC-C-T; and Figure 8.13 [\[APP-198\]](#) – VP52 to VP67, and LCC-C-R to LCC-C-X.

Time	Suggested Location	VP	Weather Conditions	Location / Route
9.20am	WLDC Pol 15, App S6	VP1	Clear. Visibility generally good. Distant haze.	Car park close to junction of A1500 and B1398
9.50am	App S4	-	Clear. Visibility good.	Thorpe Medieval Settlement and Thorpe Lane
10.00am	IP	VP7	Clear. Visibility good.	Thorpe Bridge, over River Till
10.10am	-	VP10	Clear. Visibility good.	Fleets Lane, close to Fleets Cottages access
10.20am	WLDC Pol 13 & 14, IPs	-	Clear. Visibility good.	Squires Bridge, 'The Narrows' and Ingham Road
10.30am	WLDC Pol 10	-	Clear. Visibility good.	Coates-by-Stow, on lane adjacent to Church of St. Edith, the medieval settlement and moated site, house and farm buildings
11.00am	IPs, App S2	-	Clear. Visibility good.	Bridge over the River Till and green lane. Lane from Coates-by-Stow.

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11.30am	IPs	-	Clear. Visibility good.	Church of St. Mary, Stow, and site of college and Benedictine abbey of St. Mary, and B1241 bends through village and where permissive route would emerge
11.40am	IPs	VP20	Clear. Visibility good.	West Farm/cottages, Normanby-by-Stow (view from road)
11.50am	WLDC Pol 9, IPs	VP39, VP78	Clear. Visibility good.	Stone Pit Lane, and junction of Stone Pit Lane with Cot Garth Lane, Willingham
12.10pm	WLDC Pols 6 and 8, IPs, App S3	VP37, VP77	Clear. Visibility good.	Fillingham Lane, Gypsy Lane, Moor Bridge and North Farm (view from road)
12.25pm	IPs, WLDC Pol 7, App S5	VP30	Clear. Visibility good.	Fillingham village, view over Fillingham Lake, Fillingham Castle and Registered Park, and Lincoln Edge (B1398) up to A631
1.30pm	WLDC Pol 5 and 6, App S7	VP49	Clear. Visibility good.	East Lane, at junction with access to Grange Farm, Corringham
1.40pm	WLDC Pol 4	-	Clear. Visibility good.	Unnamed lane, south east of Aisby
1.50pm	App S8	VP53	Clear. Visibility good.	PRoW south of Aisby
2.30pm	App S13	-	Clear. Visibility good.	PRoW Mton/66/4, off Trent Port Road, south west of Marton
2.45pm	WLDC Pol 12	-	Clear. Visibility good.	A156, south of Marton
3.05pm	App S14 and S15, IP	-	Clear. Visibility good.	Cottam Power station and surroundings