

**Byers Gill Solar  
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# 8.3 Applicant's draft itinerary for Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI)

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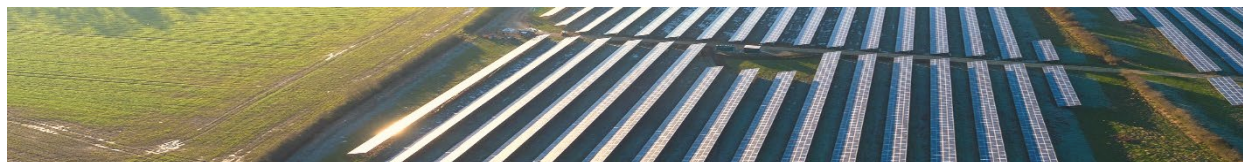
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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1. This document sets out a suggested itinerary for an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) by the Examining Authority (ExA), as part of the Examination of the Byers Gill Solar Development Consent Order (DCO) application.
- 1.1.2. The itinerary has been prepared by RWE (the Applicant) in response to the request made by the ExA in Annex B of the Rule 8 Letter issued 30 July 2024 for an ASI in the week commencing 14 October 2024.

## 2. Suggested itinerary

### 2.1. Proposed route

- 2.1.1. The suggested itinerary for the ASI is set out in Table 1. This is accompanied by a map representing the route and the stops in Appendix A.

### 2.2. Notes about the proposed route

#### Start and finish point

- 2.2.1. The itinerary is designed to travel from Bishopton Village Hall, heading first east and then west, returning to Bishopton. On-street parking is available in Bishopton. Agreement is required from Bishopton Village Hall to use the facilities during the ASI.

#### Transport

- 2.2.2. It is proposed that a minibus is the most appropriate vehicle for the ASI. Spaces in the minibus for members of the public wishing to attend will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the vehicle is at capacity, attendees will be required to use their own vehicle to follow the itinerary.
- 2.2.3. There is limited parking at some of the proposed stop locations, should any parties in attendance choose to or are required to travel in their own vehicles.

#### Timings

- 2.2.4. The ExA will confirm the start and finish times of the ASI, however indicative durations for each stop (including travel from the previous point) are included in Table 1. The total expected duration of the ASI is approximately 8 hours and 10 minutes.

#### Plans and information

- 2.2.5. The Applicant will provide relevant plans as submitted as part of the DCO Application. This will be in either hard copy or electronic format and specific requirements can be determined in discussion with PINS nearer the time.

#### Attire

- 2.2.6. Attendees are advised to wear appropriate clothing, including sturdy footwear appropriate for walking on uneven or wet ground. Waterproof clothing should be worn in the event of inclement weather.
- 2.2.7. The Applicant will provide high-visibility jackets to be worn by attendees.

### **Lunch and comfort breaks**

- 2.2.8. A lunch break at Bishopton Village Hall has been scheduled on the itinerary however the Applicant will not provide lunch, and attendees are advised to bring their own lunch and water.
- 2.2.9. Some limited facilities are available at the Tesco Extra, Durham Road, Stockton-on-Tees, which is approximately 5 minutes' drive from Carlton, the stop prior to the lunch break.
- 2.2.10. Two other comfort breaks are proposed, in the morning and afternoon, at Bishopton Village Hall.

### **Land access**

- 2.2.11. Where private land access is required, this is detailed in Table 1. Landowner details will be provided once the final route is confirmed by the ExA. The Applicant will seek to make access arrangements with the landowners or occupiers, followed up by contact from the ExA. Every effort will be made to access land but depending on the landowner/occupier this may not be possible in all cases.

### **First aid facilities**

- 2.2.12. There are no first aid facilities on site, however the intended attendees from RWE do include a First Aider. The nearest hospitals with accident and emergency facilities are University Hospital of North Tees in Stockton-on-Tees and Darlington Memorial Hospital in Darlington.

### **Key site hazards**

- 2.2.13. The following key hazards have been identified:
- The roads in the site vicinity are country lanes with some narrow sections and limited visibility;
  - Some land parcels to be visited are active farms;
  - The stopping points of the minibus may include areas of uneven ground and therefore care should be taken when stepping on and off the bus;
  - Some lay-bys to be used for parking have limited space to accommodate vehicles. The minibus will not stop in such locations unless it is safe to do so and use of hazard lights is advised;
  - Site visit attendees may be approached by members of the public and/or landowners when present on site; and
  - There is potential for poor or changeable weather conditions and attendees should be dressed appropriately for such risk.

**Table 1 Suggested Itinerary for Accompanied Site Inspection**

Stopping point	Location	Indicative duration	Description and purpose	Notes
A	Starting point Bishopton Village Hall	8:45 – 9:00	Attendees should park on-street nearby. A compulsory site safety briefing will be provided by the Applicant.  A minibus will be provided with limited seating for attendees; this will be boarded following the visit to the Bishopton Village locations.	What3words: ///finger.over.fresh
B	Bishopton village	9:00 – 11:00	Walk along Mill Lane, including past Bishopton Redmarshall Primary School and recreation area / playground.  View on foot the following viewpoints from Environmental Statement (ES) Figure 7.9 (APP-071): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Viewpoint 24</li> <li>▪ Viewpoint 26</li> <li>▪ Downland Farm, looking towards Bishopton and Redmarshall Road</li> </ul> Visit Castle Hill.  Visit Bishopton Village centre, appreciating extent and boundaries of Conservation Area. Visit to private residential properties if required.  View on foot the following viewpoints from Environmental Statement (ES) Figure 7.9 (APP-071): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Viewpoint 23</li> </ul> Walk along the following PRow from Volume 2 Figure 2.3 Street Works, Rights of Way and Access Plans (AS-002): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ FP-Btn.4 (sheets 10 and 11 of 13).</li> </ul>	Permission required from landowner to access Downland Farm viewpoint.  Visiting Downland Farm as requested by Bishopton Villages Action Group in PDA-003.  Visiting the Bishopton recreation area / playground as requested by an Interested Party in PDA-004.

Stopping point	Location	Indicative duration	Description and purpose	Notes
			Opportunity for a comfort break at Bishopton Village Hill.	
C	Drive through Redmarshall and Carlton to Norton substation	11:05 – 11:25	<p>Drive through Redmarshall and Carlton to appreciate interaction of the below PRow from Volume 2 Figure 2.3 Street Works, Rights of Way and Access Plans (AS-002) with the cable route:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ FP-Ctn.4 (sheet 12 of 13)</li> <li>▪ FP-Ctn.6 (sheet 12 of 13)</li> <li>▪ FP-Ctn.7 (sheet 12 of 13)</li> </ul> <p>Then driving to the Norton substation.</p>	<p>What3words: ///noon.rocks.snack to ///when.flip.signal to ///shower.wheels.form</p>
D	Old Stillington village	11:35 – 11:55	<p>Park in roadside verge.</p> <p>View the following viewpoint from Environmental Statement (ES) Figure 7.9 (APP-071):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Viewpoint 25.</li> </ul>	<p>What3words: ///bound.labs.onion</p>
E	Bishopton Village Hall	12:00 – 12:30	Lunch and comfort break at Bishopton Village Hall.	<p>What3words: ///finger.over.fresh</p>
F	Great Stainton	12:35 – 13:20	<p>Park at Great Stainton at former Kings Arms pub car park.</p> <p>Visit to private residential properties if required.</p> <p>View on foot the following viewpoints from Environmental Statement (ES) Figure 7.9 (APP-071):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Viewpoint 17</li> <li>▪ Viewpoint 18</li> <li>▪ View from PRow FP-GtStn.2</li> <li>▪ View from driveways south-east of Glebe Road</li> </ul> <p>Visit Great Stainton Church.</p>	<p>Permission required from landowners of driveways south-east of Glebe Road.</p> <p>Viewing viewpoints from PRow FP-GtStn.2 and from driveways south-east of Glebe Road as requested by Bishopton Villages Action Group in PDA-003.</p> <p>What3words: ///elder.motor.rush</p>

Stopping point	Location	Indicative duration	Description and purpose	Notes
G	Manor Farm, Brafferton	13:25 – 14:20	<p>Parking available on site in the farm yard. View on foot the following viewpoints from Environmental Statement (ES) Figure 7.9 (APP-071):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Viewpoint 2</li> <li>▪ Viewpoint 5</li> </ul> <p>Walk along the following Public Rights of Way (PRoW) from Volume 2 Figure 2.3 Street Works, Rights of Way and Access Plans (AS-002):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ FP-Bfn.7 (sheet 1 of 13)</li> <li>▪ FP-Bfn.8 (towards Viewpoint 3) (sheet 1 of 13).</li> </ul> <p>Visit to private residential properties if required.</p>	<p>Permission required from landowner.</p> <p>What3words: ///tried.slices.renew</p>
H	Newton Aycliffe Service	14:25 – 14:45	Comfort break at Newton Aycliffe Services.	What3words: ///grace.once.social
I	Lime Lane and Lodge Lane	14:50 – 16:15	<p>Park on Salters Lane verge near Oathill Farm</p> <p>View the following viewpoints from ES Figure 7.9 (APP-071):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Viewpoint 1</li> <li>▪ Whinfield House</li> <li>▪ Viewpoint 4</li> </ul> <p>Walk down Salters Lane, passing Fir Tree Farm, to Newton Ketton Farm, and then up High House Lane.</p> <p>On returning to vehicles head west via the following viewpoints from ES Figure 7.9 (APP-071):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Viewpoint 12</li> <li>▪ Viewpoint 15.</li> </ul>	<p>What3words: ///pulp.s.noses.quick</p> <p>Walking route along Salters Lane, Fir Tree Farm and Whinfield House as requested by Bishopton Villages Action Group in PDA-003.</p>
J	Square Wood via Elstob Lane	16:20 – 17:00	Park on landowner land, located west of Elstob Lane / Bishopton Lane.	<p>Permission required from landowner.</p> <p>What3words: ///mount.quest.square</p>



Stopping point	Location	Indicative duration	Description and purpose	Notes
			<p>This stop encompasses the location of the proposed on-site substation location.</p> <p>View on foot the following viewpoint from Environmental Statement (ES) Figure 7.9 (APP-071):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Viewpoint 19.</li> </ul>	
K	Driving route to Little Stainton and along Folly Bank Lane to Bishopton	17:00 – 17:10	<p>Drive south along Elstob Lane towards Little Stainton, past Carr House and Hazelfield Lodges towards Longpasture Farm.</p> <p>Drive along Folly Bank Lane towards Bishopton.</p>	<p>What3words: ///mount.quest.square to ///brush.client.shadow</p> <p>Driving route past Carr House and Hazelfield Lodges towards Longpasture Farm as requested by Bishopton Villages Action Group in PDA-003.</p>
L	End point Return to Bishopton Village Hall	17:10		<p>What3words: ///finger.over.fresh</p>

# A.1 Map of suggested itinerary

