

The Planning Act 2008

Application for Development Consent for the A47 Blofield to North Burlingham project

Case Ref: TR010040

Examining Authority's Note of an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI)

Inspection 1: Environs of the application site and wider area - 19 April 2021 and 20 April 2021

This note is a brief record to inform the Applicant, Interested Parties and other parties of the actions taken by the Examining Authority (ExA).

The ExA undertook a USI on Monday 19 April 2021 and on Tuesday 20 April 2021. The inspections took place from a highway or public right of way.

19 April 2021

The USI on Monday 19 April 2021 was undertaken in the evening, during the hours of darkness, to gain an appreciation and understanding of the application site and Proposed Development in the context of existing lighting associated with the A47 and its surroundings.

20 April 2021

The USI on Tuesday 20 April 2021 involved visiting the viewpoints identified within the Applicant's Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment to gain an appreciation and understanding of the context of the application site, its surroundings and views of it.

The ExA visited the viewpoints in the following order: 3, C, A, 1, B, 2, F, 4, D, 7, E, 6 and 5. The Applicant's photomontages were used to assist the ExA with the visualisation of the Proposed Development from viewpoints 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

As well as visiting the abovementioned viewpoints, the ExA observed views towards the application site from in the vicinity of a number of designated and non-designated heritage assets. This was to gain an appreciation of these heritage assets and their settings. The heritage assets included:

- The Church of St Andrew, North Burlingham (Grade I Listed);
- The Church of St Peter, North Burlingham (Grade II listed);
- Owls Barn and House at Owls Barn (Grade II listed);
- North Burlingham Park;
- Poplar Farm;
- Oaklands Former Rectory;
- Old Post Office;
- Beighton House / White House;
- a milestone on Yarmouth Road, Blofield;
- a milestone on Main Road, North Burlingham; and
- a guidepost on the B1140.

The ExA also drove along the A47 (including between the A47 / Brundall roundabout and the A47 / Acle roundabout) and along a number of local roads in the vicinity of the application site. He noted the nature of the roads and the character of the surroundings.

In addition, the ExA walked along some public footpaths (including through parts of the Burlingham Woodlands Walk / Lingwood Community Woodland, the whole of footpath 'Burlingham FP3' and part of footpath 'Burlingham FP1') to gain an appreciation of these footpaths and their surroundings.