

## **The Planning Act 2008**

Application for Development Consent for Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange

Case Ref: TR050007

## **Examining Authority's Note of an Access Required Site Inspection (ARSI)**

### **Access Required Site Inspection 1: Aston Firs Caravan Site and Environs**

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

Robert Jackson and Graham Sword from the ExA undertook an access required site inspection on Thursday 16 November 2023. They were accompanied by Emily Davies, the Case Manager, and access was facilitated by the Site Manager of the Aston Firs Caravan Site.

The intention was to visit both the Aston Firs Caravan Site and the surrounding area.

### **Thursday 16 November 2023 (10:30 – 11:00)**

The weather was dry, grey and overcast and visibility was good.

The Panel members drove on to the Aston Firs Caravan Site from Smithy Lane and parked adjacent to the Site Office. They then walked around the Caravan site on the internal site roads. They did not go on to any of the individual plots.

Following this, the Panel members walked out onto Smithy Lane, turning left and then across the stile providing access to footpath V35/1 which they walked in a northerly direction noting the row of ranging poles that the Applicant had provided marking the location of the proposed acoustic barrier. They walked along this footpath to the end of the caravan sites and then retracted their steps to Smithy Lane.

The Panel members then walked along Smithy Lane, past Freeholt Lodge, to the point when the hedgerow on the western side ceases and they were able to see across the Application site more broadly. The Panel members then retraced their steps to the Aston Firs Caravan Site and then they left by car.

**End of ARSI1**