

Application by Springwell Energy Farm Limited for an order granting development consent for the Springwell Solar Farm (EN010149)

**Examining Authority's note of Unaccompanied Site Inspection 1 (USI1):
Environs of the application site and wider area – 10 and 11 March 2025**

Background

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

The ExA undertook an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) on Monday 10 March and Tuesday 11 March 2025. The USI took place by car or on foot, on publicly accessible land and public rights of way. The route was planned having regard to the Applicant's application documents. The USI was attended by ExA panel members Jonathan Manning and Ben Northover.

Particulars of USI1

Day 1 – Monday 10 March 2025

Weather: Fair, dry.

Visibility: Good.

The following locations and/ or viewpoints were visited:

- Blankney Stepping Out Car Park (Viewpoint 13)
- PRowS and locally promoted routes between Blankney and Scopwick on foot:
 - Blankney Circuit (Viewpoints 8, 2, 3 and 6)
 - Scopwick Loop (Viewpoint 6)
 - Spires and Steeples Trail (Viewpoints 10 and 12)
 - Kirkby Green Loop (Viewpoints 4, 5 and 9)
 - Trundle Lane
- Blankney Village on foot
- Scopwick Village on foot
- B1188 between Blankney and Scopwick by car

Day 2 – Tuesday 11 March 2025

Weather: Fair, dry.

Visibility: Very Good.

The following locations and/ or viewpoints were visited:

- PRowS between the B1188 and B1191 (Viewpoints 16 and 17) on foot
- Bloxholm Woods (Viewpoints 24 and 25) on foot
- B1191 between Scopwick and the A15/ B1191 Junction by car

- A15/ B1191 Junction
- A15 between the A15/ B1191 Junction and Green Man Road by car (passing Viewpoints 29 and 30)
- A15/ Navenby Lane Junction
- A15/ Gorse Hill Lane Junction
- Navenby and the Viking Way from Heath Lane to Viewpoint 36 on foot
- The Heath adjacent to Four Winds Farm (Viewpoint 40)
- A15/ B1202 Junction

End of USI1