

Please note that the attached letter contains the Applicant's request to be heard orally at the Preliminary Meeting, Open Floor Hearing 1, Issue Specific Hearing 1 and Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1. It also contains the Applicant's comments on the draft Examination procedure, and provides suggested locations for the Site Inspection (accompanied or unaccompanied).

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22 April 2025

Dear ██████████

Application by Springwell Energyfarm Limited: Springwell Solar Farm
(Application Reference: EN010149)

Response to Procedural Deadline A

Springwell Energyfarm Limited (company number: 13484004), a joint venture between EDF Renewables UK and Luminous Energy, has reviewed the Rule 6 Letter issued by the Planning Inspectorate on 9 April 2025. This letter sets out our response to each point as necessary. Appendix 1 to this letter sets out our suggested locations for site inspections (accompanied or unaccompanied), including justification.

The Applicant welcomes the addition of the Examining Authority's Draft Written Questions to Annex I of the Rule 6 Letter, in advance of publishing the final version. This will provide all parties with additional time to consider and begin preparing responses as appropriate.

The Applicant will attend and speak at the Preliminary Meeting, Open Floor Hearing 1, Issue Specific Hearing 1 and Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 during week commencing 5 May 2025. Our team will be in contact with the case team to confirm the names of those who will participate as required.

Examination Timetable

The Applicant notes the Examination Procedure and draft Examination Timetable set out in the Rule 6 letter and confirms that it is content with matters including the proposed timings of deadlines and the proposed sequencing of written submissions and hearings. Accordingly, the Applicant does not request any changes to the draft Examination Timetable or Examination Procedure.



Suggested Locations for Site Inspections

The Applicant has identified thirteen locations for site inspections based on the Initial Assessment of Principal Issues and Relevant Representations. These locations are publicly accessible and have nearby parking spaces.

As requested, the Applicant will then prepare a draft itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection to be submitted by Deadline 1 (unless directed otherwise in the Rule 8 Letter), considering matters including locations identified by Interested Parties.

We trust this information is useful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further details.

Yours sincerely,



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Appendix 1 – Applicant's Suggested Locations for Site Inspections (Accompanied or Unaccompanied)



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The suggestions below seek to avoid duplication with the locations visited by the Examining Authority as part of its Unaccompanied Site Inspection between 10-11 March 2025 (as detailed in [EV1-001]). This includes, for example, the majority of Public Rights of Way and permissive routes within the Springwell East area.

Number	Location	Justification	Landscape viewpoint reference (where applicable)
1	Scopwick House and Barns, LN4 3JA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visibility from residential properties• Construction traffic access route (B1188)• Heritage asset (Scopwick House and Barns)	Viewpoint 11
2	Start: Scopwick Mill, Heath Road, LN4 3JB End: Sports Field Car Park, Heath Road LN4 3JD Total length: c.2.5km	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposed permissive footpath• Visibility from residential properties• Visibility from Rows/5/1• Construction traffic access route and potential road upgrades (B1191 RAF Digby bends)• Heritage asset (setting of Scopwick Mill)	Viewpoints 16, 17, 18
3	Viewpoint from Scop/12/2 (Access opposite Mill Cottages, Heath Road LN4 3JB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visibility from Scop/12/2• Heritage asset (setting of Scopwick Mill)	Viewpoint 19

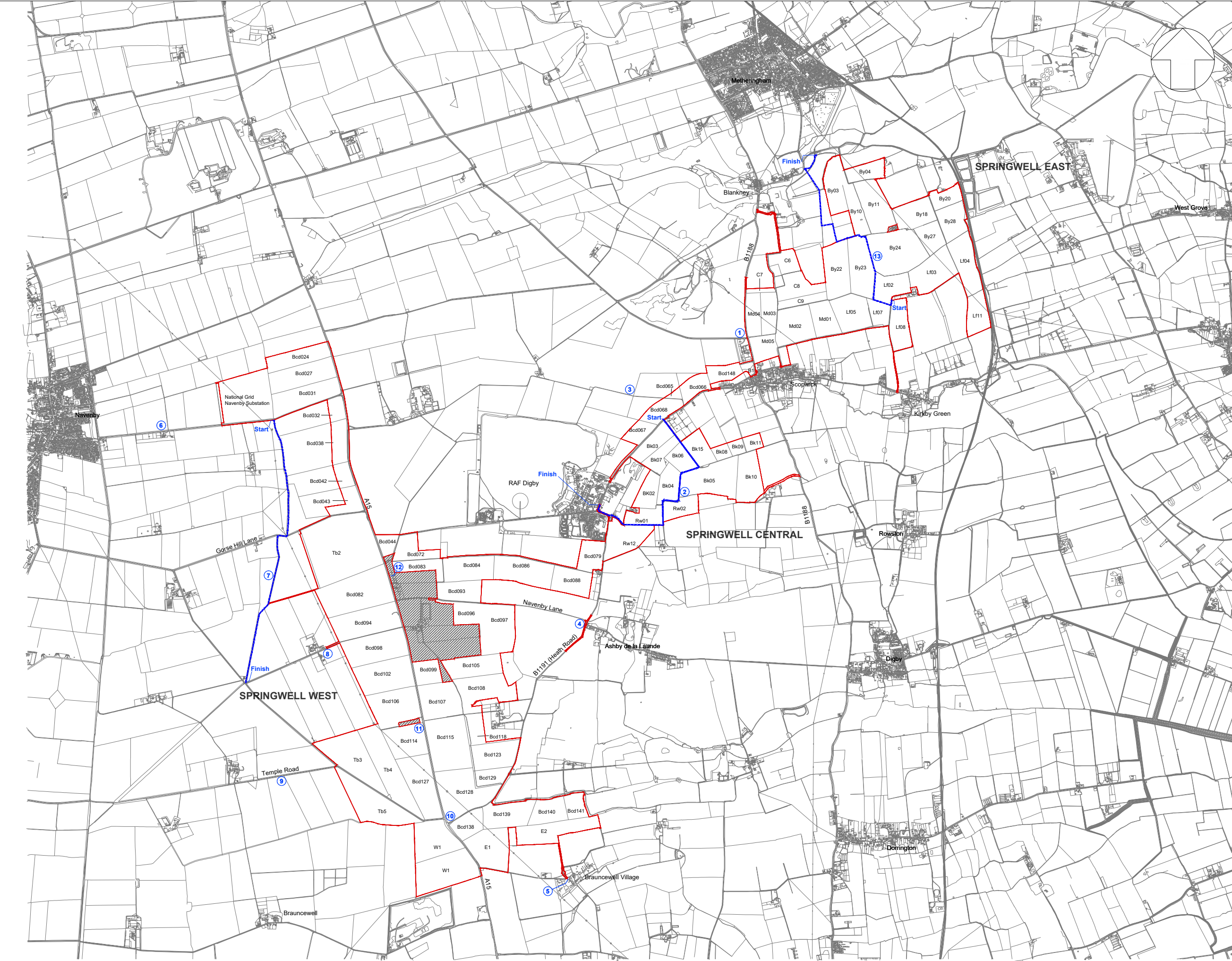


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4	Junction of Navenby Lane and Main Street, LN4 3JG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visibility from B1191 • Construction traffic access route and potential road upgrades (B1191, Main St junction) 	Viewpoint 22
5	Brauncewell Church, Brauncewell NG34 8RQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage asset (Brauncewell Medieval Village) • Proposed permissive footpath 	Viewpoint 26
6	Vine House, Heath Lane, LN5 0AY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visibility of proposed point of connection (National Grid Navenby Substation) and relationship with Springwell Substation (cumulative) 	Viewpoint 37
7	<p>Start: Gorse Lane (Track) off Heath Lane, LN5 0AY</p> <p>End: St John the Baptist Church, LN5 0DG</p> <p>Total length: c. 3.25km</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visibility from Gorse Lane and New England Lane • Proposed permissive footpath • Visibility of proposed point of connection (National Grid Navenby Substation) and relationship with Springwell Substation (cumulative) 	Viewpoints 34, 36
8	Thompson's Bottom, Temple Bruer Lincoln LN5 0DE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visibility from residential properties • Heritage assets (setting of Thompson's Bottom Farmhouse and outbuildings) 	Viewpoint 35
9	Temple Road, LN5 0DG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visibility from residential properties 	Viewpoint 32



Number	Location	Justification	Landscape viewpoint reference (where applicable)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heritage assets (setting of Temple Farm) 	
10	Junction of A15 and B1191 (nearest postcode LN4 3JJ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction traffic access route and potential road upgrade (B1191 and A15 junction) Advance planting (environmental effects) Proposed PRow across A15 Site access into proposed Main Construction Compound 	n/a
11	Break in proposed solar along A15 (nearest postcode LN4 3JJ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visibility from A15 Construction traffic access route 	n/a
12	Toll Bar Cottages, LN4 3JN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visibility from residential properties Construction traffic access route Site access into proposed Main Construction Compound 	n/a
13	<p>Start: Low Field Farm, Acre Lane LN4 3PH</p> <p>End: Blankney Stepping Out Car Park, Blankney, Lincoln LN4 3BB</p> <p>Total length: c. 2.5km</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visibility from PRow Visibility from residential properties 	Viewpoints 7, 6





KEY:

Order Limits

Areas outside the Order Limits

Suggested walking routes

1

Scopwick House and Barns (VP11)

2

Proposed permissive footpath and Rows/5/1 (VPs 18, 17, 16)

3

Scop/12/2 (VP19)

4

Junction of Navenby Lane and Main Street (VP22)

5

Brauncwell Church (VP26)

6

Vine House, Heath Lane (VP37)

7

Gorse Lane (Track) to St John the Baptist Church (via New England Lane (VPs 36, 34)

8

Thompson's Bottom (VP35)

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Temple Bruer (VP32)

10

Junction of A15 and B1191

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Break in proposed solar along A15

12

Toll Bar Cottages

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Blankney Circuit (VPs 7, 6)

- NOTES:
1. Ordnance Survey (OS) 1:25,000 scale data adopted as the drawing base map.

2. The location of features shown are indicative only. Exact locations to be confirmed on site.

3. Additional features may be present on site that have not been identified on the OS data.

4. The Order Limits are drawn to Land Registry boundaries. In some locations the Land Registry boundaries differ from the OS MasterMap data which results in the Order Limits not aligning with the line work shown on the base map.

01	APR 2025	DCO EXAMINATION	LDA	LDA	EDF
App	Date	Description	Drn	Chk	App

Springwell Solar Farm



TITLE:

SUGGESTED LOCATIONS FOR SITE INSPECTION

PIN REFERENCE NUMBER:

EN010149

SCALE : 1:40,000 @ A3

02.5km

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