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Dear Sir / Madam

Planning Act 2008

Application by Frodsham Solar Ltd (the applicant) for an order granting development consent for Frodsham Solar (EN010153)

The ExA would like to thank Cheshire West and Chester Council [[PD1-003](#)] for suggesting locations for it to visit and points to note. This has helped the ExA to formulate its approach to site inspections for this examination.

The ExA proposes to seek access from relevant parties to the following locations that are not publicly accessible:

- Fishing Pools (Cell 3) as shown on figure 4 of [[AS-017](#)]
- Northern end of Cell 1 and embankment to River Weaver as shown on figure 4 of [[AS-017](#)]
- The related northern embankment via Frodsham Marsh Farm and the related new permissive footpath proposed at Cell 1

A member of the Planning Inspectorate's Case Team will join the ExA at those locations. The ExA will not have any discussion with any other parties present - their role will be solely to grant access, open any locked gates, and direct the ExA to the relevant part of the site. This will therefore be an Unaccompanied Site Inspection in accordance with Rule 16(1) of [The Infrastructure Planning \(Examination Procedure\) Rules 2010](#).

The ExA is satisfied that with the above Unaccompanied Site Inspection it will have sufficient access to the locations suggested by Cheshire West and Chester Council [[PD1-003](#)] for it to understand Habitats Regulations Assessment and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) issues including the relationship of the proposed development with the River Weaver and Manchester Ship Canal and the relationship of Cell 3 with the Fishing Pools and the Mersey Estuary SSSI.

The ExA has therefore decided not to hold the Accompanied Site Inspection reserved for Thursday 26 February 2026 in the Examination Timetable in its [Rule 8 letter of 16 December 2025](#).

Please contact us if you have any further queries.

Yours faithfully

Jason Rowlands

Lead Member of the Examining Authority

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