



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

The Examining Authority's (ExA's) record of an unaccompanied site inspection

Issued on 11 February 2026

Examining Inspector (EI) Paul Burley undertook an unaccompanied site inspection (USI) over two days on 2 to 3 February 2026 on foot, following public roads and Public Rights of Way (PRoW). The routes were planned having regard to the ExA's first USI [EV1-001](#) and the applicant's Environmental Statement (ES), and enabled the EI to obtain views of the application site and surrounding area.

References in square brackets, e.g. [\[APP-105\]](#), are to documents catalogued in the [Examination Library](#).

Viewpoint (VP) locations are as indicated on ES Figures 6-5a and 6-5b [\[APP-109\]](#).

PRoW are as indicated on the Access and Right of Way Plans Street Works [\[AS-008\]](#). The extent of the PRoW inspected were the sections between the relevant VP identified below and generally not the full length of the PRoW.

Date	Time	Weather conditions	Location / route
Monday 2 February 2026	11.35am (VP24)	Cloudy, excellent visibility	VP24 near The Willows, Frodsham
Monday 2 February 2026	11.50am (VP5)	Cloudy, excellent visibility	VP5 Langdale Way, Frodsham
Monday 2 February 2026	12.20pm (VP26)	Cloudy, excellent visibility	VP26 Public footpath, adjacent to St Laurence's Church, Frodsham
Monday 2 February 2026	12.30pm (VP6)	Cloudy, excellent visibility	VP6 Public footpath, near St Laurence's Church, Frodsham Church of St Laurence (Grade I) Overton, St Lawrence (Frodsham) Conservation Area

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Monday 2 February 2026	12.45pm (VP9)	Cloudy, excellent visibility	VP9 Frodsham Hill War Memorial
Monday 2 February 2026	2.10pm (VP10)	Cloudy, excellent visibility	VP10 Public footpath, north of Foxhill House
Monday 2 February 2026	2.25pm (VP12)	Cloudy, excellent visibility	VP12 Bates Lane
Monday 2 February 2026	2.55pm (VP13)	Cloudy, excellent visibility	VP13 Helsby Hill
Monday 2 February 2026	3.30pm (VP11)	Cloudy, excellent visibility	VP11 Plovers Lane, Helsby
Tuesday 3 February 2026	9.50am (VP8)	Overcast, very good visibility	VP8 A56, Chester Road, Frodsham
Tuesday 3 February 2026	10.00am (VP7)	Overcast, very good visibility	VP7 Castle Park, Frodsham Castle Park (Frodsham) Conservation Area Castle Park Registered Park and Garden (Grade II)
Tuesday 3 February 2026	10.30am (VP16)	Overcast, very good visibility	VP16 M56, Straight Length overbridge Frodsham RB100ProW
Tuesday 3 February 2026	10.35am (VP21)	Overcast, very good visibility	VP21 Restricted byway, Straight Length Frodsham RB97 PRow / National Cycle Network Route 5 Frodsham RB103 PRow

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Tuesday 3 February 2026	11.05am (VP20)	Overcast, very good visibility	VP20 Restricted byway Cross Lane Frodsham RB98 PRoW / National Cycle Network Route 5
Tuesday 3 February 2026	11.45am (VP15)	Overcast, very good visibility	VP15 M56, Brook Furlong Overbridge Frodsham RB98 PRoW / National Cycle Network Route 5 Frodsham RB99 PRoW Traveller sites Frodsham RB108 PRoW Frodsham RB102 PRoW
Tuesday 3 February 2026	12.15pm (VP18)	Overcast, very good visibility	VP18 Restricted byway leading to Frodsham Marsh Farm Frodsham RB102 PRoW Frodsham RB108 PRoW Frodsham FP91 PRoW Frodsham FP81 PRoW
Tuesday 3 February 2026	12.35pm (VP23)	Overcast, very good visibility	VP23 public footpath adjacent to River Weaver <i>Note: views intermittently obscured by vegetation</i>
Tuesday 3 February 2026	12.40pm (VP17) 1.00pm (VP25)	Overcast, very good visibility	VP17 public footpath within draft Order limits Frodsham FP93 PRoW VP25 public footpath adjacent to River Weaver
Tuesday 3 February 2026	1.25pm (VP14)	Overcast, very good visibility	Frodsham FP81 PRoW VP14 M56 Weaver Lane Overbridge

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Tuesday 3 February 2026	1.30pm (VP3)	Overcast, very good visibility	VP3 Ship Street, Frodsham
Tuesday 3 February 2026	1.35pm (VP4)	Overcast, very good visibility	VP4 Hawthorne Road, Frodsham