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Dear Examining Authority,

**Planning Act 2008 - Application for a Development Consent Order for Fosse Green Energy**

**Planning Inspectorate Case Reference: EN010154**

**Response to the Rule 6 Letter issued on 9 December 2025**

We write on behalf of Fosse Green Energy Limited (the Applicant) in response to the Rule 6 Letter issued by the Planning Inspectorate on 9 December 2025. This letter sets out the Applicant's response to the points raised in the Rule 6 Letter.

**Examination Procedure**

The Applicant has no comments on the proposed examination procedure, other than as set out below in relation to the timetable. We confirm that the Applicant and its representatives will be in attendance in person at the Preliminary Meeting, Issue Specific Hearing 1, Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 and Issue Specific Hearing 2 during the week commencing 5 January 2026. The Applicant will be in contact with the case team separately to confirm the names of those who will be attending.

**Examination Timetable**

The Applicant notes the draft Examination Timetable in Annex D of the Rule 6 Letter and would like to comment on Deadline 2, which is currently proposed as Tuesday 3 February 2026. Due to the documents required to be submitted by the Applicant at this Deadline (including responses to ExQ1, comments on written representations and comments on local impact reports) and the limited time between Deadlines 1 (20 January 2026) and 2 (3 February 2026), the Applicant would be grateful if consideration could be given to moving Deadline 2 back by one week, to Tuesday 10 February 2026. If this change were to be made, the Applicant submits that this would not have any impact on the Examination Timetable as a whole, or to all Interested Parties in terms of time frames for engaging with the Examination.

## Suggested Locations for Site Inspections

The Applicant notes the request in Annex F to the Rule 6 Letter for Interested Parties (IPs) to submit suggested locations for the Examining Authority (ExA) to visit as part of an accompanied site inspection (ASI). Whilst not required at this stage, in order to assist the ExA, the Applicant has provided suggested locations to be visited on the ASI, as detailed at **Appendix 1 – Suggested Locations for an Accompanied Site Inspection**. This sets out each of the locations the Applicant believes would likely be of interest to the ExA, along with the rationale for visiting these locations. These proposals are supported by **Appendix 2 – Suggested Route Map for an Accompanied Site Inspection**, which demonstrates where the suggested locations are situated within the Proposed Development and how these fit within the context of the wider surroundings. These suggested locations will be considered, alongside any submissions made by IPs at Procedural Deadline A, in the preparation of the draft ASI itinerary to be submitted by the Applicant at Deadline 1 (20 January 2026). The Suggested Route Map also identifies suitable locations for a comfort stop at Swinderby Village Hall and lunch at The Market Lounge.

Yours faithfully,

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## Appendix 1 – Suggested Locations for an Accompanied Site Inspection

Location Number	Location Name/Description	Rationale/Justification	Access
1	Cathedral View Holiday Park and Thorpe on the Hill  <i>what3words:</i> ///wound.began.learning	<p>This location comprises a circular walk towards the Cathedral View Holiday Park which will allow attendees to see the location of the proposed Solar PV Array to the north of the A46 as well as the proposed new tree planting to screen views of the solar infrastructure from the Cathedral View Holiday Park and a proposed permissive path which improves pedestrian access routes for residents of the Cathedral View Holiday Park, creating connections to Thorpe on the Hill (as shown on <b>Figure 3-2A: Indicative Fixed South Facing Layout [AS-022]</b> and <b>Figure 3-2B: Indicative Single Axis Tracker Layout [AS-023]</b>).</p> <p>The provision of new permissive paths in this area also provides residents of Cathedral View Holiday Park with connections to wider walking routes to Morton, and around Housham and Tunman Wood. At this location, the proposed offsets from fields containing solar infrastructure can be shown, where new planting and retained arable and grassland areas immediately surrounding Cathedral View Holiday Park are proposed (as shown on <b>Figure 3-2A: Indicative Fixed South Facing Layout [AS-022]</b> and <b>Figure 3-2B: Indicative Single Axis Tracker Layout [AS-023]</b>).</p>	<p>Suggested parking is off Haddington Lane, and the route will go through fields within the Order Limits, to be agreed with the relevant landowners.</p> <p>The route would not access Cathedral View Holiday Park itself but would follow tracks bordering the land.</p>
2	The Avenue (off of the A46)	A 5-minute drive down the A46 to a stopping point, followed by a short walk of the proposed construction access at The Avenue (C-	Suggested parking is on The Avenue.

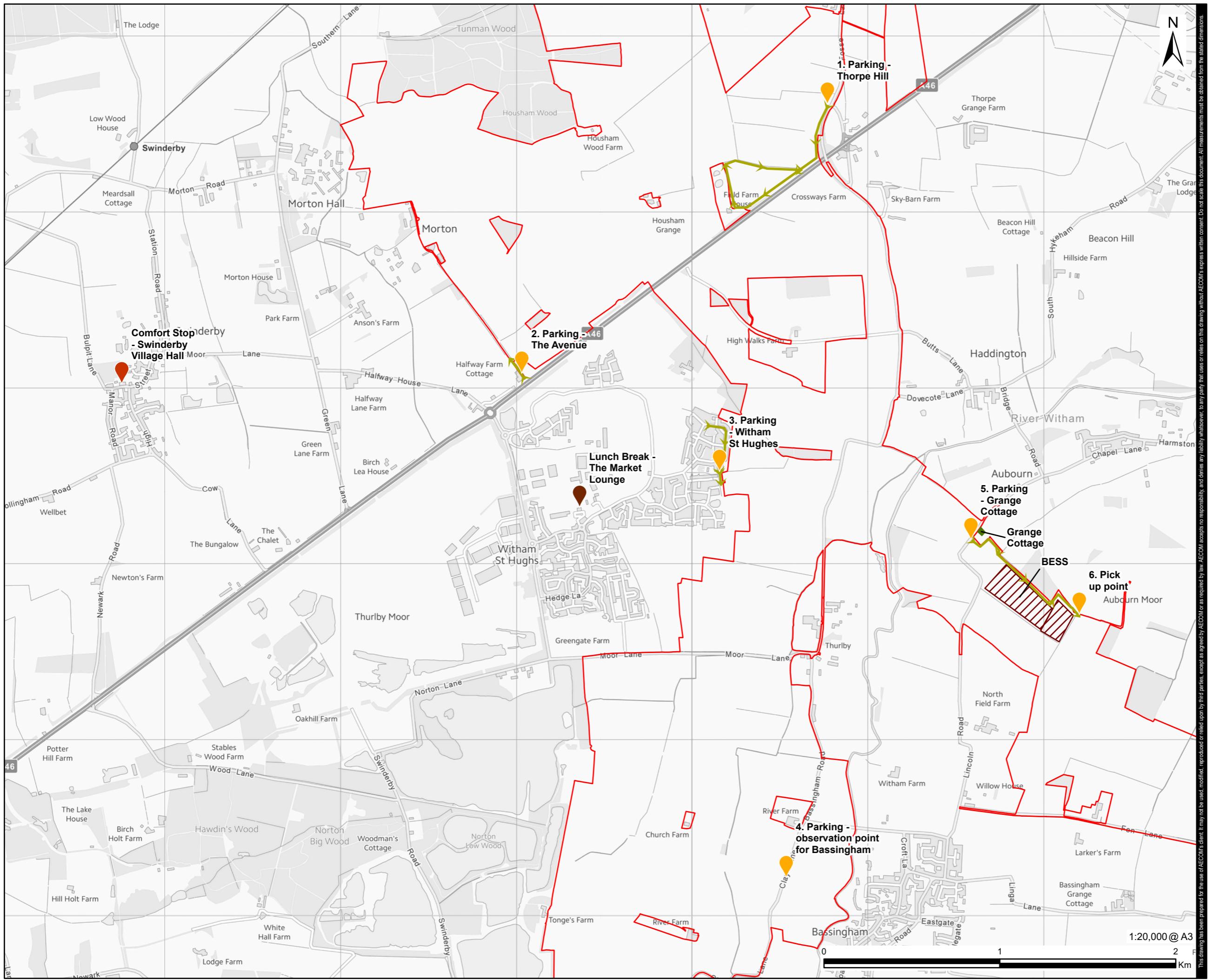
Location Number	Location Name/Description	Rationale/Justification	Access
	<i>what3words:</i> <i>///adjusting.exists.gather</i>	<p>004) (as shown on <b>Figure 3-1 Construction Compound and Access Locations Plan [AS-021]</b>).</p> <p>Attendees will then have the opportunity to walk along The Avenue itself. Areas of proposed new tree planting along the northern side of the A46 can be shown at this location (as shown on <b>Figure 3-2A: Indicative Fixed South Facing Layout [AS-022]</b> and <b>Figure 3-2B: Indicative Single Axis Tracker Layout [AS-023]</b>).</p> <p>It is in this area that the existing surface water flood risk to properties along The Avenue will be reduced by the drainage proposals as part of the Proposed Development, thereby providing betterment (<b>Chapter 9: Water Environment [APP-034]</b>).</p>	<p>The route for this suggested location is along publicly accessible land.</p>
3	Witham St Hughs  <i>what3words:</i> <i>///plays.reseller.opponent</i>	<p>A further drive along Nettleton Drive will provide wider views towards Thurlby and Haddington, allowing observation of the visibility of the Proposed Development from the village.</p> <p>Attendees will have the opportunity to observe the views towards the Proposed Development from Green Lane (Viewpoint 27) (as shown on <b>Figure 10-7 Zone of Theoretical Visibility – Barrier Earth, with Viewpoint Locations [AS-059]</b>).</p> <p>Attendees will also be shown the proposed new permissive path network which provides connectivity into the existing Public Rights</p>	<p>Suggested on-road parking is available at a location on Green Lane.</p> <p>The route for this suggested location is on publicly accessible land.</p>

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		<p>of Way (PRoW) network to the east of Witham St Hughs and connects Witham St Hughs with Aubourn and Haddington.</p> <p>The proposed new community orchard is located immediately east of Witham St Hughs and the area will be visible to attendees at this suggested location.</p> <p>Bird habitat mitigation planting areas (permanent grassland) proposed between Witham St Hughs and Aubourn can also be shown from this location (as shown on <b>Figure 3-2A: Indicative Fixed South Facing Layout [AS-022]</b> and <b>Figure 3-2B: Indicative Single Axis Tracker Layout [AS-023]</b>).</p> <p>Offsets of solar infrastructure from Witham St Hughs will also be noted at this suggested location.</p>	
4	<p>Bassingham</p> <p><i>what3words:</i> <i>///preheated.degrading.picture</i></p>	<p>A 10-minute drive to Clay Lane, Bassingham.</p> <p>Attendees will be able to take the opportunity to observe the surrounding area and views towards the Proposed Development from Clay Lane, Bassingham. New hedgerows are proposed along Clay Lane and around the field of proposed solar infrastructure to the east of Clay Lane, in order to screen views from Bassingham.</p> <p>The proposed area for managed arable bird mitigation land will be pointed out to the south west as well as a proposed circular</p>	<p>Suggested parking is at Clay Lane, and the suggested location will utilise an observation point on publicly accessible land.</p>

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		<p>permissive path route located within this bird habitat mitigation area (as shown on <b>Figure 3-2A: Indicative Fixed South Facing Layout [AS-022]</b> and <b>Figure 3-2B: Indicative Single Axis Tracker Layout [AS-023]</b>).</p> <p>Construction accesses C-012 and C-011 are proposed off Clay Lane and will also be visible at this suggested location (as shown on <b>Figure 3-1 Construction Compound and Access Locations Plan [AS-021]</b>).</p>	
5	<p>Grange Cottage</p> <p><i>what3words (start of route):</i> ///september.quick.bluffing</p> <p><i>what3words (end of route):</i> ///forgiving.camped.unhappy</p>	<p>A 5-minute drive back along Clay Lane, Bassingham Road and Lincoln Road to park on the access track close to Grange Cottage (Grade II Listed Building). At this suggested location it would be noted that the design of the Proposed Development has been amended since submission of the DCO Application, to remove the solar infrastructure previously proposed within Field 46. This amendment was in response to concerns raised by the landowner of Grange Cottage and Historic England.</p> <p>Attendees will have the opportunity to observe views from Viewpoint 25 (as shown on <b>Figure 10-7 Zone of Theoretical Visibility – Barrier Earth, with Viewpoint Locations [AS-059]</b>), facing towards the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and Onsite Substation area.</p>	<p>The drop off point for this suggested location is on Bassingham Road.</p> <p>The suggested route will go through fields within the Order Limits, with access to be agreed with the relevant landowners.</p>

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		<p>Emergency access point E-002 is proposed to the south of this suggested location (as shown on <b>Figure 3-1 Construction Compound and Access Locations Plan [AS-021]</b>).</p> <p>Attendees would then walk from Grange Cottage to the location of the proposed BESS, past an area of proposed new tree planting (as shown on <b>Figure 3-2A: Indicative Fixed South Facing Layout [AS-022]</b> and <b>Figure 3-2B: Indicative Single Axis Tracker Layout [AS-023]</b>). After viewing the area proposed for siting the BESS, the area proposed for the onsite substation will be viewed, and attendees will then go onwards to a pickup point on Moor Lane.</p>	<p>Land owned by Grange Cottage will not be accessed during the visit to this suggested location.</p> <p>The suggested route ends at a pickup point at the end of the track off Moor Lane.</p>
End	Thorpe on the Hill	The vehicle will return to Thorpe on the Hill, passing through Aubourn, Haddington, Thurlby, Witham St Hughs and the A46	

## Appendix 2 – Suggested Route Map for an Accompanied Site Inspection



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## LEGEND

-  DCO Site Boundary
-  Parking/Pick up point
-  Comfort Stop - Swinderby Village Hall
-  Lunch Break - The Market Lounge
-  Access Route
-  BESS
-  Grange Cottage

## NOTES

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## LEGISLATION

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## Regulation 5(2)(a) Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedure) Regulations 2000

**ISSUE PURPOSE**

## FIGURE TITLE

## Suggested Route Map for an Accompanied Site Inspection

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## PROBLEMS

## **DOCUMENT REFERENCE**

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