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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 An application (the Application) was made to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero for a Development Consent Order (DCO) under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA 2008) for Fosse Green Energy (the Proposed Development). The Application was submitted by Fosse Green Energy Limited (the Applicant) on 18 July 2025 and was accepted for examination on 15 August 2025.
- 1.1.2 In Annex F of the Rule 6 letter **[PD-008]** (issued on 9 December 2025), the Examining Authority (ExA) requested that Interested Parties (IPs) submit suggested locations for the ExA to visit as part of an Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) by Procedural Deadline A (30 December 2025). The Rule 6 letter **[PD-008]** states that the Applicant is required to prepare a draft itinerary for the ASI for submission at Deadline 1 (20 January 2026) which should include:
- relevant locations referred to in the relevant representations received;
 - any other locations at which the Applicant has predicted likely significant environmental effects; and,
 - the locations suggested by interested parties submitted by Procedural Deadline A.
- 1.1.3 The Rule 8 letter **[PD-010]** (issued on 14 January 2026) sets out that following the submission of this draft itinerary, IPs are required to provide comments by Deadline 2 (10 February 2026). The ExA will then review any comments received about the draft itinerary and publish the final itinerary on the Planning Inspectorate's webpage for the Proposed Development during the week of 23 February 2026. The Rule 8 letter **[PD-010]** sets out that time has been reserved in the examination timetable to undertake an ASI during the week of 9 March 2026.
- 1.1.4 The purpose of this document is to provide the draft itinerary for the ASI.
- 1.1.5 The Applicant has taken relevant representations and likely significant effects into account when identifying the locations set out within this draft itinerary.

1.2 Submissions at Procedural Deadline A

- 1.2.1 In order to assist the ExA, the Applicant provided suggested locations to be visited as part of an ASI at Procedural Deadline A, along with the rationale for visiting those locations **[PDA-001]**. Those locations have subsequently been reviewed along with other submissions made at Procedural Deadline A by the following IPs:
- North Kesteven District Council (NKDC) **[PDA-003]** proposed the inclusion of Footpath TOTH 7/2 (west of Thorpe on the Hill), Footpath

TOTH 12/3 (east of Morton Hall) and Clay Lane between Bassingham and Norton Disney which form part of the Stepping Out walks, in order to observe existing views.

- b. Anne Heard **[PDA-010]** proposed the inclusion of Footpath LL/Aubo/8/1 in order to observe views towards Aubourn Church and the Lincoln Cliff edge.

1.2.2 It is noted that NKDC stated in the preliminary meeting that their proposed locations could be viewed as part of an unaccompanied site inspection (USI), as recorded in the Preliminary Meeting Note **[EV1-003]**, published by the ExA on 15 January 2026. Footpath TOTH 12/3 has not been included as a proposed location for the ASI given it is not easily accessed due to The Avenue being a private road. The ASI party could walk to Footpath TOTH 12/3, however the walking distance is considered too great given the time constraints of the ASI. It is anticipated that the ExA could visit Footpath TOTH 12/3 as part of an USI, as suggested by NKDC.

1.3 Structure of this document

1.3.1 This document is structured as follows:

- a. Section 1 - Introduction
- b. Section 2 - Draft Itinerary
- c. Appendix A - Sign-in Sheet
- d. Appendix B - Route Map

2. Draft Itinerary for the ASI

2.1 Overview

- 2.1.1 The draft itinerary for the ASI is set out in Table 2-1. The ASI comprises a combination of circular walks and stops to observe views. Proposed timings are set out along with a description of what is to be observed at each location. While the Applicant will endeavour to follow the proposed timings as closely as possible, external factors such as weather, traffic, and land access may slightly affect these timings. Those who intend to join the ASI at a specific location along the route should inform the Planning Inspectorate's case team via email or telephone in advance.
- 2.1.2 A plan showing the proposed route and comfort breaks is provided in Appendix B.

2.2 Health and Safety

- 2.2.1 The Applicant will provide a Health and Safety Briefing to all attendees at the start of the ASI.

2.3 Travel

- 2.3.1 The Applicant will provide a minibus for those attending the ASI. The start and end point for the minibus will be the village hall at Witham St Hughs.
- 2.3.2 Attendees should note that part of the ASI will be undertaken on foot, possibly on uneven or wet ground, utilising footpaths and along local roads (where safe to do so). Attendees should therefore ensure that appropriate footwear and clothing is worn. At times during the ASI it may be necessary to wear a high visibility vest. The Applicant will provide a high visibility vest for use during the course of the ASI if attendees do not have their own.
- 2.3.3 Attendees will need to inform the Planning Inspectorate's case team and the Applicant, in advance, of any access requirements.

2.4 Access

- 2.4.1 It should be noted that access to private land will be required for two locations in the draft itinerary (locations 3 and 9 in Table 2-1). The Applicant is in discussions with the relevant landowners to secure this access, but the below is subject to change according to the outcome of those discussions.
- 2.4.2 In the event that the person responsible for the private land wishes to limit the number of people entering onto the land, it will be at the discretion of the ExA as to whether to proceed with that part of the ASI.

2.5 On the day

- 2.5.1 With regards to the proposed comfort breaks and lunch break, please note that food and refreshments will not be provided by the Applicant. There is a

Co-op next to the village hall at Witham St Hughs that attendees will be able to utilise during comfort breaks and at lunchtime.

2.5.2 A first aid kit will be provided on the minibus.

2.5.3 The Applicant will provide paper copies of the itinerary and the route map to aid navigation.

Table 2-1 Draft Itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection

Location Number	Location Name/ Timing	Location Description	Access
1	<p>ASI Start</p> <p>9:15 – 9:30</p> <p><i>what3words:</i> <i>///grabs.purest.educates</i></p>	<p>Witham St Hughs Village Hall</p> <p>Caraway Drive, Witham St Hughs, Lincoln, LN6 9XG</p> <p>Attendees will record their attendance on the Sign-In Sheet at Appendix A.</p> <p>An introduction will be provided by the ExA and the Applicant will provide a Health and Safety Briefing.</p>	N/a
2	<p>Footpath TOTH 7/2 to the west of Thorpe on the Hill</p> <p>9:35 – 10:05</p> <p><i>what3words:</i> <i>///smart.headsets.upstarts</i></p>	<p>NKDC requested that existing views be observed from footpath TOTH 7/2, which forms part of one of the Stepping Out walks “Thorpe on the Hill” [PDA-003].</p> <p>Attendees will have the opportunity to walk a short distance along Footpath TOTH 7/2 to observe the existing views.</p>	The route for this location is along publicly accessible land.
3	<p>Cathedral View Holiday Park and Thorpe on the Hill</p> <p>10:10 – 10:50</p> <p><i>what3words:</i> <i>///wound.began.learning</i></p>	<p>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 Figure 3-2A: Indicative Fixed South Facing Layout [AS-022] and Figure 3-2B: Indicative Single Axis Tracker Layout [AS-023]).</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</p>	<p>The route will go through fields within the Order Limits, with access 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>

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		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 Figure 3-2A: Indicative Fixed South Facing Layout [AS-022] and Figure 3-2B: Indicative Single Axis Tracker Layout [AS-023]).	
4	The Avenue (off of the A46) 10:55 – 11:25 <i>what3words: ///adjusting.exists.gather</i>	A 5-minute drive to The Avenue, followed by a short walk to the proposed construction access at The Avenue (C-004) (as shown on Figure 3-1 Construction Compound and Access Locations Plan [AS-021]). Attendees will then have the opportunity to walk a short distance 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 Figure 3-2A: Indicative Fixed South Facing Layout [AS-022] and Figure 3-2B: Indicative Single Axis Tracker Layout [AS-023]). 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 (Chapter 9: Water Environment [APP-034]).	The route for this location is along publicly accessible land.
5	11:30 - 11:45 <i>what3words: ///grabs.purest.educates</i>	Comfort Break Witham St Hughs Village Hall	N/a
6	Witham St Hughs 11:50 – 12:20	A drive along Nettleton Drive will provide wider views towards Thurlby and Haddington, allowing observation of the visibility of the Proposed Development from the village.	The route for this location is on publicly accessible land.

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	<i>what3words: ///plays.reseller.opponent</i>	<p>Attendees will have the opportunity to observe the views towards the Proposed Development from Green Lane (Viewpoint 27) (as shown on Figure 10-7 Zone of Theoretical Visibility – Barrier Earth, with Viewpoint Locations [AS-059]).</p> <p>Attendees will also be shown the location of the proposed new permissive path network which provides connectivity into the existing Public Rights 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 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 Figure 3-2A: Indicative Fixed South Facing Layout [AS-022] and Figure 3-2B: Indicative Single Axis Tracker Layout [AS-023]).</p> <p>Offsets of solar infrastructure from Witham St Hughs will also be noted at this location.</p>	
7	12:20 – 13:00 <i>what3words: ///grabs.purest.educates</i>	<p>Comfort Break and Lunch at Witham St Hughs Village Hall.</p> <p>There is a Co-op supermarket next to the Village Hill where attendees can purchase refreshments.</p>	N/a
8	Bassingham 13:10 – 13:50	A 10-minute drive to Clay Lane.	The observation point is located on publicly accessible land.

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	<p><i>what3words:</i> <i>///preheated.degrading.picture</i></p>	<p>The minibus will drive along Clay Lane to provide an opportunity to observe Clay Lane between Bassingham and Norton Disney, as requested by NKDC [PDA-003].</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 permissive path route located within this bird habitat mitigation area (as shown on Figure 3-2A: Indicative Fixed South Facing Layout [AS-022] and Figure 3-2B: Indicative Single Axis Tracker Layout [AS-023]).</p> <p>Construction accesses C-012 and C-011 are proposed off Clay Lane and will also be visible at this location (as shown on Figure 3-1 Construction Compound and Access Locations Plan [AS-021]).</p>	
9	<p>Grange Cottage</p> <p>13:55 – 15:00</p> <p><i>what3words (start of route):</i> <i>///september.quick.bluffing</i></p> <p><i>what3words (end of route):</i> <i>///forgiving.camped.unhappy</i></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 location it should 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, and is the subject of a Change Request which has been accepted by the Examining Authority, as confirmed in the Rule 8 Letter [PD-010]. For further information, refer to the Targeted Consultation Report [AS-127] which relates to the Change Request.</p>	<p>The drop off point for this location is on Bassingham Road.</p> <p>The route will go through fields within the Order Limits, with access to be agreed with the relevant landowners.</p> <p>Land owned by Grange Cottage will not be</p>

Location Number	Location Name/ Timing	Location Description	Access
		<p>Attendees will have the opportunity to observe views from Viewpoint 25 (as shown on Figure 10-7 Zone of Theoretical Visibility – Barrier Earth, with Viewpoint Locations [AS-059]), facing towards the proposed Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and Onsite Substation area.</p> <p>Emergency access point E-002 is proposed to the south of this location (as shown on Figure 3-1 Construction Compound and Access Locations Plan [AS-021]).</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 Figure 3-2A: Indicative Fixed South Facing Layout [AS-022] and Figure 3-2B: Indicative Single Axis Tracker Layout [AS-023]). 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. Footpath LL/AUBO 8/1 will also be observed at this location, as suggested by Anne Heard [PDA-010].</p>	<p>accessed during the visit to this location.</p> <p>The route ends at a pickup point at the end of the track off Moor Lane.</p>
10	<p>ASI End</p> <p>15:00 – 15:15</p> <p><i>what3words:</i></p> <p><i>///grabs.purest.educates</i></p>	<p>The minibus will return to Witham St Hughs Village Hall, passing through the villages of Aubourn, Haddington and Thurlby.</p>	N/a

Appendix A Sign-in Sheet

Please sign below to confirm you have read and understood the disclaimer, and to ensure we have accurately recorded the attendees.

Safety Instructions:

- a. The Accompanied Site Inspection (ASI) will take place between Witham St Hughs, Thorpe on the Hill and Bassingham, as well as the surrounding areas.
- b. Some of the ASI will take place on foot. Please take care.
- c. A Health and Safety Briefing will be provided before we leave. Please pay careful attention to this briefing and follow the advice provided.

All attendees are responsible for their own safety and must never act in a manner that might reduce the safety of themselves or others. Please sign below to confirm you have received the Health and Safety Briefing.

Name	Signature

Appendix B Route Map

