



Application by Fosse Green Energy Limited for the proposed Fosse Green Energy Project

Case reference: EN010154

Examining Authority's note of Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI) on Thursday 18 and Friday 19 December 2025

The Examining Authority (ExA) undertook an Unaccompanied Site Inspection (USI1) during the late morning and afternoon of Thursday 18 December and the morning and early afternoon of 19 December 2025. In the course of undertaking USI1 the ExA viewed parts of the proposed Order Limits and the area within which they are situated by car and on foot. The ExA observed the character of the affected land and the nature of some of the roads and footpaths in the area. The purpose of USI1 was to enable the ExA to generally familiarise itself with the area affected by the proposed development

On 18 December (Day 1) during the USI it was either overcast or raining and at times visibility was poor. On 19 December (Day 2) it was dry and the visibility was good throughout the whole of the inspection.

Day 1

USI1 was commenced at noon with the ExA driving along The Avenue to Morton to view the proposed Order Limits to the east of that road and north of the A46 and observe the properties that comprise Morton. From The Avenue the ExA observed the agricultural nature of the proposed Order Limits, paying particular attention to the height and extent of hedgerows. The ExA saw that the land is generally flat rising in the distance in the direction of Thorpe on the Hill.

The ExA then drove back along The Avenue before heading eastwards along the A46, exiting at the junction with Fosse Lane, before driving into and around Thorpe on the Hill (using Lincoln Lane, Station Road, Main Street, School Lane and Middle Lane) to observe the village's character and its relationship with the proposed Order Limits. The ExA then drove back along Fosse Lane stopping at various points to observe the proposed Order Limits to the west of the public highway.

The ExA then crossed over the A46 and drove along Haddington Lane viewing the proposed Order Limits to the west of that road. The ExA then drove towards Aubourn to observe the parts of the proposed Order Limits on either side of Bassingham Road, including the sites proposed for the onsite substation and centralised battery energy storage system. In this area the ExA observed the pruned/managed nature of the roadside hedgerows and the generally flat nature of the arable farmland.

The ExA then drove to Navenby, via Bassingham, and viewed the proposed Order Limits north and south of Green Man Road and in this area the ExA saw the pruned/managed nature of the roadside hedgerows.

This part of the USI was concluded at sundown.

Day 2

Day 2 of the USI commenced with the ExA driving to Hill Rise, west of Coleby, where the ExA walked some of the route of the public right of way LL/Cole/4/1 to enter the proposed cable corridor to the west of the village. From this location the ExA observed the generally level nature of the farmland to the west and the upward slope of the land forming the ridge/cliff on which Coleby and Boothby Graffoe are situated. The ExA then drove to Boothby Graffoe via the A607 (Grantham Road/Lincoln Road). Having stopped off in Boothby Graffoe the ExA walked back to the location for the proposed cable corridor within the vicinity of where the overhead power lines forming part of the national transmission system cross the A607. In this location the ExA saw the generally open nature of the farmland along the top of the ridge. Thereafter the ExA drove along Heath Lane (B1202) stopping at the location where the proposed cable corridor crosses the public highway. Here the ExA saw the pruned/managed nature of the roadside hedgerows.

The ExA then drove back along Heath Lane before heading for Navenby, driving along High Dike and then Heath Lane (Navenby) to observe the proposed Order Limits in the vicinity of where the proposed development would make a connection with the proposed National Grid substation. In this location the ExA observed the gently undulating nature of the farmland, the hedgerows and the overhead power lines.

Thereafter the ExA drove to Clay Lane to observe the extent of the proposed Order Limits between Bassingham and Norton Disney. In this location, both driving and walking along Clay Lane, the ExA observed: the geometry and single track nature of Clay Lane; the open character and flat nature of the arable farmland forming the proposed Order Limits and encircled by the public highway; and the very limited presence of roadside trees and hedgerows.

Day 2 of the USI was concluded at 15:10.

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