



Planning Inspectorate

Application by FVS Dean Moor Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the Dean Moor Solar Farm

Case reference: EN010155

Examining Authority's note of unaccompanied site inspection (USI) to which the application or specified matters relates on 18 June 2025.

Examining Inspector Matthew Woodward, the person appointed as the Examining Authority for the application detailed above, undertook the inspection on 18 June 2025.

The inspection was undertaken by car and foot, on public roads and footpaths. A route was planned having regard to the details contained in the application, enabling the panel to obtain views of the proposed location, layout and nature of the proposed development and potential views of the proposed solar panels and associated infrastructure from identified viewpoints. The inspection was focused on the immediate environs of the site but included a select view longer distance views, having regard to the work plans [[APP-007](#)], parameters plan [[APP-049](#)], constraints [[APP-072](#)].

Reference to view locations (VL) below is taken from the zone of theoretical visibility with viewpoints [[APP-083](#)].

Description of visit

Wednesday 18 June. The weather was sunny with clear visibility in all directions.

Visit commenced at 11.00am from Felldyke Car Park.

Walked along the footpath to visit VL12, then travelled towards an elevated viewpoint at High Hows, which sits directly to the north west of Blake Fell (VL13), via a track/path which routes to around Cogra Moss. Along various points along the length of this track, including High Hows itself, elevated views of the site were obtainable.

Site visit continued with a focus on the immediate environs of the site. Viewed the site boundary via car and on foot, stopping at various points along Branthwaite Edge Road, Dean Cross Road, Gilgarran Road and Branthwaite Road. This included views of the site from VL3a, VL3b, VL3C, VL6a, VL6b, VL7, VL9.

The USI concluded at 16:30

End of note