



# Dean Moor Solar Farm

## Applicant's Draft Itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection

on behalf of **FVS Dean Moor Limited**

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose of this document

- 1.1.1 This Applicant's draft itinerary for the Accompanied Site Inspection ('draft itinerary') has been produced for FVS Dean Moor Limited (the 'Applicant') to support the DCO application for the Dean Moor Solar Farm ('the Proposed Development') on approximately 279.50ha of land located between the villages of Gilgarran and Branthwaite in West Cumbria (the 'Site'), which is situated within the administrative area of Cumberland Council ('the Council').
- 1.1.2 This document is provided to set out the locations the Applicant suggests the Examining Authority (ExA) visit during the Accompanied Site Inspection ('ASI'). The ExA requested that this document be submitted by Deadline 2.
- 1.1.3 The Applicant submitted its draft proposals for the ASI at Deadline 1 in its cover letter [\[REP1-001\]](#). Although no other party suggested locations for the ASI, the Applicant had already discussed proposed locations with Cumberland Council and the Lake District National Park Authority.

## 1.2 Overview and Structure of this document

- 1.2.1 This draft itinerary is divided into the following chapters:
- Chapter 1: Introduction
  - Chapter 2: Background including health and safety information
  - Chapter 3: Draft itinerary

## 2 Background

### 2.1 Rule 13 letter

2.1.1 The Rule 13 letter dated 19 August 2025 confirms that the ASI will take place on 18 September 2025 at 9:30am.

2.1.2 In producing the draft itinerary, the Applicant has been mindful of the ExA's comments in the Rule 13 letter:

*It would assist me if the ASI draft itinerary, to be submitted by the applicant by deadline 2, Tuesday 26 August 2025, refined table 1 by setting out which of the viewpoints identified could be inspected on an unaccompanied basis. In addition, I would find it helpful if the ASI draft itinerary included further detail and focus on the site and its immediate environs, including locations of proposed permissive paths, features of ecological interest (including Dean Moor county wildlife site), highway access points, and general views of proposed 'area A, area B, area C, area D'.*

2.1.3 The Applicant has therefore refined its Deadline 1 proposals, and these are set out in Chapter 3 below. Details of which viewpoints (identified at Deadline 1) could be inspected on an unaccompanied basis are set out in Table 1 below:

**Table 1 - Commentary on which viewpoints could be inspected on an unaccompanied basis**

View Point Location (APP126 to APP-133) and other location details	Suitable for an unaccompanied site inspection
2a	No – The Applicant is intending to drive past this view on an ASI. The view is on the highway, so high visibility clothing recommended.
2b	Yes
3a	Yes
3b	Yes

View Point Location (APP126 to APP-133) and other location details	Suitable for an unaccompanied site inspection
3c	Yes
6a	Yes - It is reasonably safe to park. Although note the Applicant is arranging to park at the Fultons Garage (on private land) for the ASI.
6b	Yes - It is reasonably safe to park. Although note the Applicant is arranging to park at the Fultons Garage (on private land) for the ASI.
7	Yes – It is reasonably safe to park. Although note the Applicant is arranging to park at the Dean Moor Farm (on private land) for the ASI.
8a / 8b	Yes, access from Branthwaite along PRoW FP 225/002
9	No – The Applicant is arranging/seeking to obtain permission to park at landowner closest to viewpoint for ASI, as difficult to park at this location.
12	Yes
Dean Cross Motorcross Park	Yes
Branthwaite Edge Road	Yes
Stone circle	No – Need to cross fields (private land). Applicant has made arrangements to do so as part of ASI.

## 2.2 Health and Safety Information

- 2.2.1 The inspection will involve walking on some uneven or possibly wet ground and in proximity to vegetation. Attendees are recommended to wear appropriate sturdy footwear and weather appropriate clothing.
- 2.2.2 The ASI will also be taking place on highways adjacent to the Site. The Applicant will provide unbranded protective equipment for individuals who wish to attend without their own.

### 3 Proposed Draft Itinerary

3.1.1 The Applicant's proposed draft itinerary is set out in Table 2 below

Item	Time	Location <sup>1</sup>	Notes
1	9.30am	Washington Central Hotel Washington Street, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 3AY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Starting Point</li> <li>Collect at Washington Central Hotel</li> <li>Commence Site Visit</li> </ul>
2	9.30 - 9.40am	View Location 9 Wythemoor Sough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drive east along Branthwaite Road stopping at VL9.</li> <li>Park at entrance to Wythemoor Sough</li> </ul>
2	9.40- 9.50am		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exit vehicle at VL9</li> <li>Observe north-western area of the solar PV Site from location.</li> </ul>
3	9.50- 10.00am	View Location 2b, Colingate / Colinside on Gilgarran Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return to vehicle and continue drive east to junction of Branthwaite Edge Road, then travel south along Branthwaite Edge Road to junction of Gilgarran Road. Travel west along Gilgarran road stopping at VL2b.</li> </ul>
3	10.00- 10.10am		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exit vehicle at VL2b</li> <li>Observe solar PV Site looking east and northeast from location.</li> </ul>
4	10.10- 10.25am	View Location 2c, eastern edge of Gilgarran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return to vehicle and continue drive west to VL2c.</li> </ul>
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exit vehicle at VL2c</li> <li>Observe solar PV Site looking east and northeast from edge of Gilgarran.</li> </ul>
5	10.40- 11.05am	View Location 7, Jackie Hill, Branthwaite Edge Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel south along Branthwaite Edge Road stopping at entrance to the Batesons Farm.</li> <li>Exit vehicle at the entrance to the Batesons Farm and walk south along highway to VL7</li> <li>Observe solar PV Site looking west from location.</li> </ul>
6	11.05- 11.30am	View Locations 6a / 6b, Junction of Dean Cross Road /	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return to vehicle and continue drive south to VL6a and 6b.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> The view locations below are visible on (APP-126 to APP-133)

Item	Time	Location <sup>1</sup>	Notes
		Branthwaite Edge Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exit vehicle at VL6a and observe solar PV Site looking north from location.</li> <li>Walk north along Branthwaite Edge Road and west along Dean Cross Road to VL6b.</li> <li>Observe solar PV Site looking north from location.</li> </ul>
7	11.30-11.45am	Dean Cross Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return to vehicle and continue drive west along Dean Cross Road towards VL3b, then return east to VL6b, (to consider sequential views). Travel west from VL6b to location at Dean Cross Motocross Park.</li> </ul>
8	11.45-11.55am	Dean Cross Motorcross Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exit vehicle at Dean Cross Motorcross Park entrance</li> <li>Observe solar PV Site looking north from location</li> </ul>
10	11.55-12.45pm	View Locations 3c / Stone Circle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return to vehicle and continue travel west towards VL3c</li> <li>Exit vehicle, at the top of Thief Gill (field access gate) to visit Stone Circle via walk along farm access track.</li> <li>Observe Stone Circle and relationship to Solar PV Site</li> <li>Return to Dean Cross Road</li> <li>Walk to VL3c (west along Dean Cross Road)</li> <li>Observe solar PV Site looking north</li> <li>Return to vehicle</li> </ul>
17	12.45 - 13.00pm	Washington Central Hotel Washington Street, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 3AY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Return to start point</li> <li>End of Accompanied Site Inspection</li> </ul>