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To: All interested parties, Statutory
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Case ref: EN010155
Date: 28 October 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 – rule 16 and rule 8(3)

Application by FVS Dean Moor Limited for an order granting development consent for the Dean Moor Solar Farm

Notification of accompanied site inspection and variation to the examination timetable

I am the Examining Authority (ExA) for the proposed Dean Moor Solar Farm and write to advise you that an accompanied site inspection (ASI) will be held under rule 16 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 on the following date:

Event	Date	Time	Meeting Place
Accompanied site inspection (ASI)	Thursday 4 December 2025	Meeting time for safety briefing from the applicant and introduction by the ExA: 9:30am Departure time: 10:00am	Washington Central Hotel Workington, Washington Street, Workington, Cumbria, CA14 3AY

Please note that the inspection of sites is **not** an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. It is an opportunity for me to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from, the sites. I may invite participants to point out specific features or sites of interest.

Itinerary for accompanied site inspection

The final itinerary for the ASI is likely to follow the itinerary which was issued by the ExA on 9 September 2025 for the subsequently cancelled ASI, which was due to take place on 18 September 2025 [[EV5-001](#)]. However, I will issue a final itinerary for the ASI approximately one week in advance of the ASI, and this will be published on the [project webpage](#).

Joining the ASI

The site inspection is set to commence by 10:00am but participants are asked to arrive at 9:30am so that health and safety arrangements can be made prior to departure. Participants are asked to assemble promptly as it will not be possible to wait for parties who are not present at the start time.

If you wish to attend the ASI, please confirm attendance by emailing the case team at <mailto:deanmoorsolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk> or by phoning customer services on: 0303 444 5000 by **Tuesday 25 November 2025 (deadline 5)**.

To ensure the smooth running of the site inspection, I ask that attendees notify the case team if there are any changes in attendance and ensure The Planning Inspectorate is made aware of any special access requirements.

ASI - clothing

The inspection is likely to include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather and sturdy footwear. At times during the ASI it may be necessary to wear a high visibility vest or coat. Attendees who have their own high visibility vest or jacket should bring it with them. For anyone who does not have either a high visibility vest or coat, the applicant will provide a vest for use during the course of the ASI if necessary.

ASI - sites on private land

Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, I will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait elsewhere.

ASI - cancellations

Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI is cancelled I shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we ask that you regularly check the [project webpage](#).

Further information about site inspections can be found in The Planning Inspectorate's Advice for members of the public: ['The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say'](#).

Variation to the examination timetable

To accommodate the ASI as detailed above, I have made a procedural decision to vary the examination timetable. The variation to the examination timetable is set out in **annex A**. This variation provides for the ASI and includes a notification deadline for those wishing to attend the ASI.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, please contact the case team on the details above.

Yours faithfully

Matthew Woodward

Examining Inspector

Original timetable

9.	<p>Deadline 4</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comments on submissions received at Deadline 3 • responses to ExA's further written questions (ExQ2) • comments on the ExA's schedule of changes to the draft Development Consent Order (if required) • requests from interested parties to be heard at a further open floor hearing (OFH) • requests to attend/speak at further issue specific hearings (ISH) • requests by Affected Persons (defined in Section 59(4) of the Planning Act 2008) to be heard at compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH) • any further information requested by the ExA under rule 17 of The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 <p>From applicant only:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • updated statements of common ground – see annex E to rule 6 letter • updated land rights and negotiations tracker • updated guide to the application document 	<p>Tuesday 28 October 2025</p>
10.	<p>Hearings</p> <p>Dates reserved for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • open floor hearing (OFH) • issue specific hearings (ISH) • compulsory acquisition hearing (CAH) 	<p>Week commencing: 10 November 2025</p>
11.	<p>Issue by ExA of:</p> <p>report on the Implications for European Sites (RIES) (if required)</p>	<p>Tuesday 18 November 2025</p>
12.	<p>Deadline 5</p> <p>For receipt by the ExA of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written summaries of oral submissions made at OFH, CAH and ISH • comments on submissions received at Deadline 4 	<p>Tuesday 25 November 2025</p>

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