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Accompanied site inspection itinerary – 4 December 2025

The itinerary for the accompanied site inspection (ASI) can be found below.

Please note that the Examining Authority's (ExA) inspection of sites is **not** an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

Joining the site visit

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

Please note that the site inspection may commence prior to 10:00am if all parties are present. Therefore, if you have not done so already, please confirm attendance by emailing the case team at deanmoorsolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or by phoning customer services on: 0303 444 5000 by Tuesday 2 December 2025.

To ensure the smooth running of the ExA's inspection, we 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.

Clothing

Attendees should wear appropriate sturdy footwear and weather appropriate clothing. The applicant will provide any other protective equipment necessary to safely conduct the site visit.

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, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

Refreshments

Please note refreshments will not be provided.

Cancellations

In the unlikely event that the accompanied site inspection is cancelled, we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we ask that you regularly check The Planning Inspectorate's website which can be viewed here:

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010155>

Detailed itinerary for accompanied site inspection

The following itinerary is based on the applicant's submitted [draft itinerary](#). The ExA has also included provision for a general view of Dean Moor County Wildlife Site. The ExA anticipates that it may be sufficient to highlight its general location from either the walk to Stone Circle, or by walking into the proposed development site. The ExA has also included, as far as practicable, the viewpoints suggested by Cumberland Council at deadline 5. The ExA may visit other viewpoints at their own discretion on an unaccompanied basis, including the sequential views suggested by Cumberland Council.

Please note that timings provided are indicative only.

Time	Location	Notes
9:30am	Washington Central Hotel, Washington Street, Workington, Cumbria CA14 3AY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Starting point.- Gather at Washington Central Hotel.- Commence ASI.
10:00 – 10:20am	View Location 9 - Wythemoor Sough [REP2-051]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Travel east along Branthwaite Road stopping at View Location (VL) 9.- View the site from VL9 (entrance to Wythemoor Sough).
10:20 – 10:50am	View Location 2b - Colingate / Colinside on Gilgarran Road [REP2-048]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Travel east to junction of Branthwaite Edge Road, travel south along Branthwaite Edge Road to junction with Gilgarran road. Travel west along Gilgarran road and view from VL2b.
10:50 – 11:05am	View Location 2c – eastern edge of Gilgarran [REP2-048] and [REP2-049]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Continue west to view from VL2c.
11:05 – 11:30am	View Location 7 – Jackie Hill, Rigg House, Branthwaite Edge Road [REP2-050] and [REP2-051]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Travel south along Branthwaite Edge Road stopping at entrance to Batesons/Rigg House Farm. Walk along highway south to VL7.

Time	Location	Notes
11:30 – 11:55am	View Locations – 6a and 6b – Junction of Dean Cross Road / Branthwaite Edge Road [REP2-049 and REP2-050] and Dean Cross Cottage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel south and view from VL6a and 6b. Walk north along Branthwaite Edge Road and west along Dean Cross Road to view from VL6b. - View from the private land comprising Dean Cross Cottage.
11:55 – 12:10pm	Dean Cross Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel west along Dean Cross Road towards VL3b then return east to VL6b. Travel west from VL6b to location close to Dean Cross motorcross park. View from motorcross park entrance.
12:10 – 13:00pm	View Locations 3c/Stone Circle/Dean Moor County Wildlife Site [REP2-40 and REP2-041].	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel west towards VL3c and stop at top of Thief Gill (field access gate) to visit Stone Circle via walk along farm access track. - View site from Stone Circle and surroundings. - General view of Dean Moor County Wildlife Site. - Walk via Dean Cross Road to VL3c.
13:00 -13:15pm	Return to Washington Central Hotel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - End of Accompanied Site Inspection.

The ExA requests a paper copy of the visualisations or view location photo sheets in relation to each of the locations set out in the itinerary above. Furthermore, taken from the Examination Library, the applicant should bring to the inspection suitable plans which show the parameters of the proposed works, including any plans which would assist the ExA in determining potential impacts when viewed from Dean Cross Cottage.

Yours faithfully

Matthew Woodward

Examining Inspector

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