

**Application by RWE Renewables UK Solar and Storage Limited (the applicant) for an order granting development consent for Peartree Hill Solar Farm (the proposed development) (Ref EN010157)**

**Examining Authority's (ExA) note of an unaccompanied site inspection (USI)**

**Inspection 2: Environs of the application site and surrounding area – 11 September 2025**

This note is a brief record to inform the applicant, interested parties and any other parties of the actions taken by the ExA.

The ExA (Alex Hutson (AH) and Marie-Louise Milliken (MLM)), along with the Case Manager (Jake Stephens (JS)), undertook a USI on the afternoon of Thursday 11 September 2025. The inspection took place by car and on foot, and enabled the ExA to obtain further views of, and to become more familiar with the application site and surrounding area.

Some parts of the USI required access to private land. Whilst unaccompanied, relevant permission had been granted from relevant parties for access to any private land.

The ExA may undertake further USIs in due course.

#### Thursday 11 September 2025

Weather: Starting off bright and sunny with some cloud, with more cloud and some rain developing later in the afternoon.

Visibility: Very good

At around 12:00pm, AH drove the proposed route for construction traffic from the A164 to Creyke Beck substation, and back again. This included Harland Way, Northgate and Park Lane (which was previously driven along as part of USI1). AH observed the nature of the roads, junctions and character of the areas they pass through. At the time, AH observed limited traffic levels along the whole of the route and observed no users of the national cycle route or public right of way along the northern extent of Park Lane, including where this falls within the Order limits. AH observed a heavy goods vehicle exit the Park Lane junction and turn right onto Northgate towards the A164 with ease. AH also observed some parking restrictions, including double yellow lines, in the vicinity of this junction.

At around 14:00pm, AH, MLM and JS visited Carr House Farm (near Long Riston) (private land). This was in response to a specific request from an interested party for the ExA to do so (relevant representation [RR-035]). AH and ML observed views from the property and surrounding land and current access arrangements.

At around 14:45pm, AH, MLM and JS visited the site of the proposed on-site substation (east) in Field C3 in response to the applicant's submission [PDA-001]

(private land). AH and MLM observed the surrounding context of the proposed on-site substation site.

At around 15:45pm, AH, MLM and JS visited the site of the proposed on-site substation (west) in Field E8 in response to the applicant's submission [PDA-001] (private land). AH and MLM observed the surrounding context of the proposed on-site substation site. The visit to this location also enabled AH and MLM to observe a proposed new construction and operational access route/ arrangement from the A1035 and its character and context, as detailed in the applicant's change application documents (notably Change 9) submitted at deadline 2.

**End of USI2**