

## **Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park**

Applicant's Draft Itinerary for Site Inspection

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1.1 This document responds to the request from the ExA for a draft itinerary to be prepared by the Applicant, based on the Applicant's suggested locations and the "*suggested locations for site inspections (accompanied or unaccompanied), including justification, for consideration by the ExA*" provided at Deadline 1.
- 1.1.2 Deadline 1 responses including site visit suggestions were provided by:
- JPAG ([PDA-008](#)); and
  - Tanya Grimes ([PDA-011](#)).
- 1.1.3 Taking account of the Relevant Representations (RRs) as well as the site visit requests submitted at Deadline 1, the Applicant notes that there are few specific locations mentioned. The majority of landscape and visual comments are more general – relating to the scale and distributed nature of the project and repeated views when travelling through the area, rather than relating to effects at particular places. With the exception of some residential properties, the specific locations mentioned in RRs have either already been visited (e.g. viewpoint 53 at Hagg Lane) as indicated in the notes regarding USI1 ([EV1-001](#)) in the record or are included in the requests from JPAG.
- 1.1.4 Both JPAG and Tanya Grimes indicated an intention to provide oral evidence during the site visits. The Applicant suggests that the ExA clarify the protocol for site visits so that other parties do not miss the opportunity to provide information in writing or at Hearings because they are 'saving' evidence for the accompanied site visit.
- 1.1.5 **Figures 1 to 3 in Annex A** accompanying this document show a plan of the Proposed Development work areas and nearby context. Cable routes (Works Area 2) and access (Works Area 8) are omitted for legibility and EN010162 2.3 Works Plans ([APP-019](#)) should be consulted for the locations of these aspects of the project. The Figures also show nearby shortlisted cumulative developments.

## 2 REQUESTED LOCATIONS

- 2.1.1 Table 1 below lists the included locations from Deadline 1 requests and the Applicants' recommendation as to their inclusion in accompanied or unaccompanied site visits. The locations are also shown on **Figure 1**.
- 2.1.2 It is assumed that the accompanied site visit would be undertaken using a single vehicle (minibus assumed) and that locations for stops need to include safe parking and disembarkation nearby. Some requested locations are recommended for unaccompanied site visits for this reason.

**Table 1 Requested Locations**

Ref.	Name	Type	Topic	Applicant's recommendation
X1	Ossington airfield	Place	Landscape and Visual	Include as a stop in accompanied site visit.
X2	Ossington airfield (north)	Place	Landscape and Visual	No site visit – this is private land with no public access rights and changes to views are not of relevance at this location.
X3	Wadnall Lane	Place	Landscape and Visual	Include as a stop in accompanied site visit.
X4	Duke's Wood *	Place	Not known	Include in unaccompanied site visit due to lack of nearby suitable parking.
X5	Maplebeck Road	Route (driving)	Landscape and Visual	Include as part of the route in accompanied site visit.
X6	The Hollows	Place	Transport	Include as a stop in accompanied site visit (park near village hall and walk to location).
X7	Maplebeck to Eakring footpath	Route (walking)	Landscape and Visual	Include in unaccompanied site visit as this is a relatively long walking route.
X8	Maplebeck to A616 via Kersall	Route (driving)	Landscape and Visual	Exclude – already covered by the ExA during an unaccompanied site visit.
X9	Maplebeck to A617	Route (driving)	Landscape and Visual	Include as part of the route in accompanied site visit.
X10	Bridleway near Castlehill	Place	Landscape and Visual	Include in unaccompanied site visit due to lack of nearby suitable parking.
X11	Bridleway near Castlehill	Place	Landscape and Visual	Include in unaccompanied site visit due to lack of nearby suitable parking.
X12	Ossington Road	Place	Hydrology	Include in unaccompanied site visit due to lack of nearby suitable parking.



Ref.	Name	Type	Topic	Applicant's recommendation
X13	The Shires	Place	Residential Visual Amenity and Hydrology	Include as a stop in accompanied site visit as although this is private property a visit has been requested by the homeowner.
X14	Stud Farm driveway	Place	Hydrology	No site visit – this is private land with no public access rights and no request for a visit has been received from the property owner.
X15	A616 Kirklington Road	Route (driving)	Example of local solar development	Include as part of the route in accompanied site visit.

\* The 'what 3 words' location provided for Duke's Wood in the JPAG site visit request did not correctly resolve and the location has been estimated based on the name.

### 3 ACCOMPANIED SITE VISIT

- 3.1.1 Taking account of the concerns raised about travelling through the area (both in RRs and during ISH1) the main route suggested by the Applicant covers the settlements closest to the Proposed Development and is designed to traverse the area using a wide selection of local roads. This proposed route is shown on **Figure 2** along with the requested locations proposed to be included in the accompanied site visit.

### 4 UNACCOMPANIED SITE VISITS

- 4.1.1 The requested locations proposed for inclusion in unaccompanied site visit(s) are shown on **Figure 3**.
- 4.1.2 In addition to the locations requested by JPAG and Tanya Grimes the Applicant would encourage the ExA. to visit the following locations on an unaccompanied basis in order to fully understand the landscape and visual effects that would arise from Proposed Development and the range of views from within the 2km LVIA study area:
- A range of local Public Rights of Way;
  - LVIA viewpoints; and
  - public locations close to the most affected residential properties for which a specific visit has not been requested by the residents or which have not already been visited (Caunton Common Barn, Caunton Lodge Farm, Mainwood Farm and Willoughby Barn; and Willoughby Farm – labelled as R1 to R4 on **Figure 3**).

## **5 ANNEX A**

- Figure 1 – Requested Locations
- Figure 2 – Accompanied Site Visit
- Figure 3 – Unaccompanied Site Visit(s)





#### Proposed Development

- Solar Areas
- Works Area 3 - Mitigation
- Proposed Woodland
- Works Area 4 - Intermediate Substations
- Works Area 5a - BESS
- Works Area 5b - 400 kV Substation
- Works Area 6 - National Grid Substation
- Works Area 7 - Staythorpe BESS Connection

#### Other Developments

- Operational Solar Farms
- Consented Developments
- Solar Farms in Planning

#### Site Visit Requests and Proposed Inclusion

- Accompanied
- Already visited
- Excluded
- Unaccompanied
- Accompanied
- Already visited
- Unaccompanied

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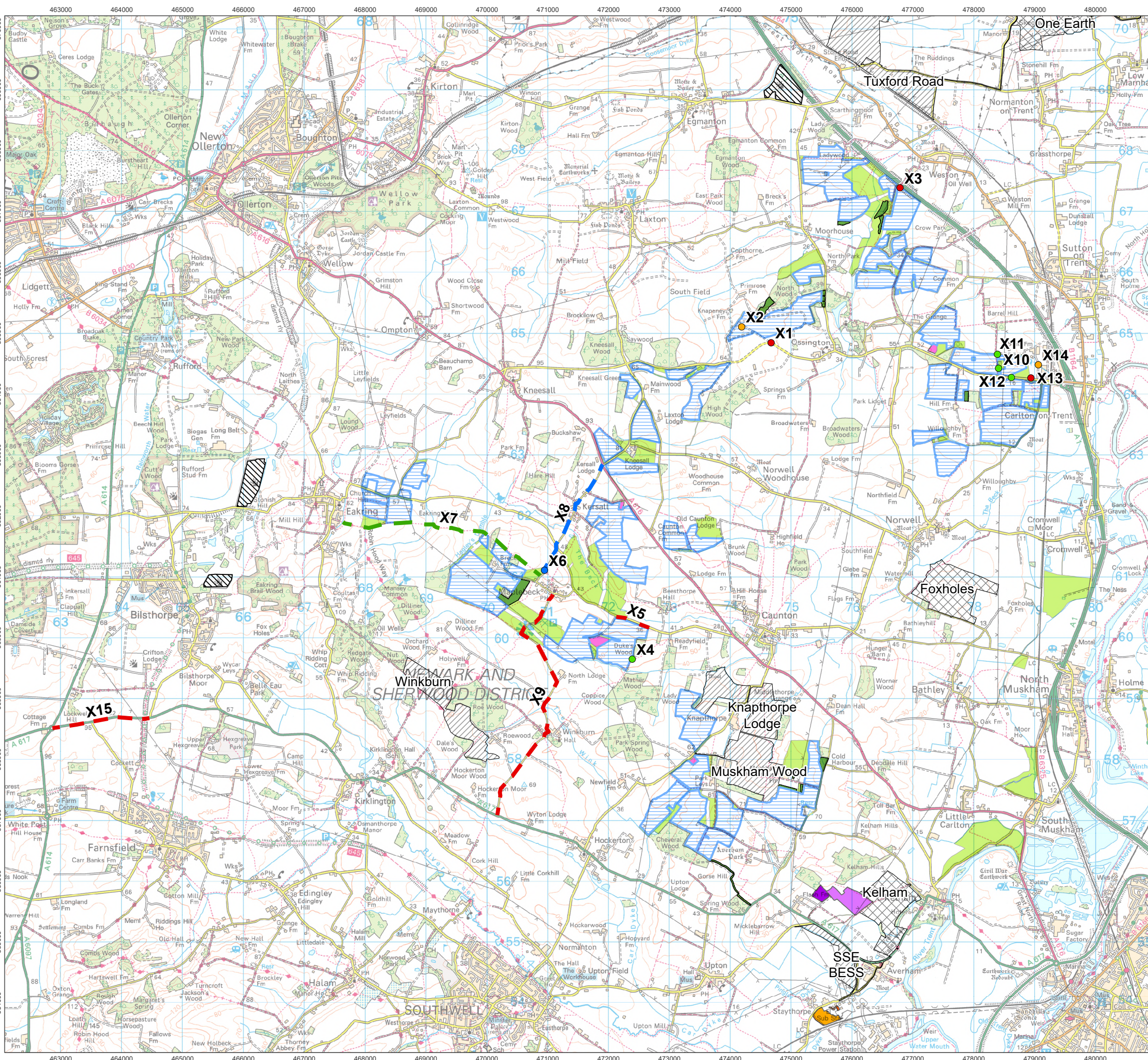


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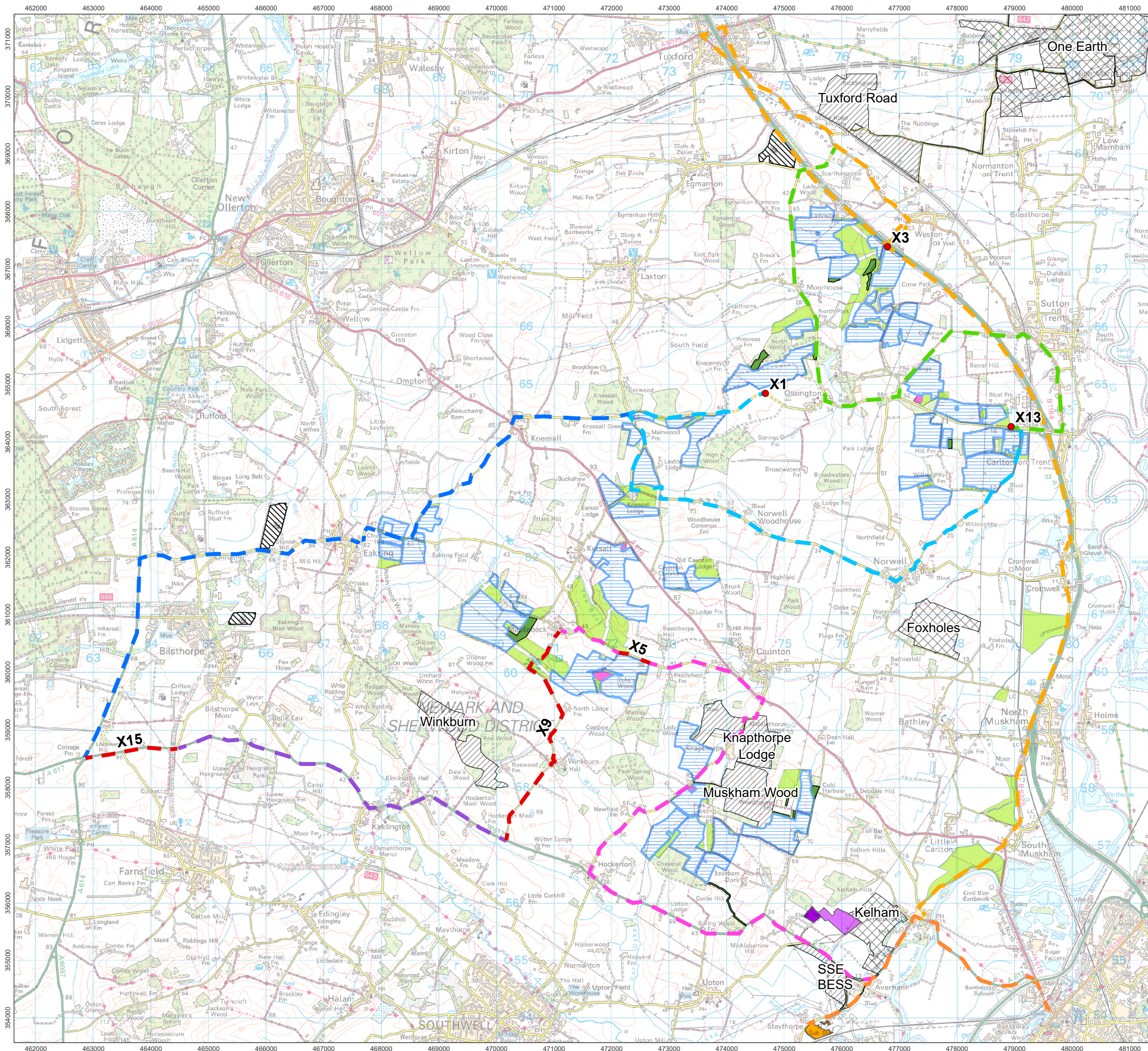
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#### Requested Locations Figure 1

#### Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park Examination Site Visits







- Proposed Development**
- Solar Areas
  - Works Area 3 - Mitigation
  - Proposed Woodland
  - Works Area 4 - Intermediate Substations
  - Works Area 5a - BESS
  - Works Area 5b - 400 kV Substation
  - Works Area 6 - National Grid Substation
  - Works Area 7 - Staythorpe BESS Connection

- Other Developments**
- Operational Solar Farms
  - Consented Developments
  - Solar Farms in Planning

- Requested Locations**
- Stops
  - Routes

- Site Visit Route**
- A. Newark Riverside Car Park to Staythorpe
  - B. Staythorpe to Wadnall Lane
  - C. Wadnall Lane to The Shires
  - D. The Shires to Ossington Airfield
  - E. Ossington Airfield to Kiklington Road
  - F. Kirklington Road to A617 Maplebeck junction
  - G. Maplebeck to Newark Riverside Car Park

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**Accompanied Site Visit Figure 2**

**Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park Examination Site Visits**





#### Proposed Development

- Solar Areas
- Works Area 3 - Mitigation
- Proposed Woodland
- Works Area 4 - Intermediate Substations
- Works Area 5a - BESS
- Works Area 5b - 400 kV Substation
- Works Area 6 - National Grid Substation
- Works Area 7 - Staythorpe BESS Connection

#### Other Developments

- Operational Solar Farms
- Consented Developments
- Solar Farms in Planning

#### Requested Locations

- Stops
- Routes

#### Viewpoints

- Not yet visited
- Already visited

#### Residential Properties

- Already visited
- Included in accompanied site visit
- View from nearest public location during unaccompanied site visits

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### Unaccompanied Site Visit(s) Figure 3

### Great North Road Solar and Biodiversity Park Examination Site Visits

