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EN010170 - application by Green Hill Solar Farm Limited for an order granting development consent for the Green Hill Solar Farm

Accompanied site inspection itinerary – Thursday 11 December 2025

Meeting at 08.15am at the Hilton Northampton car park, 100 Watering Lane, Collingtree, Northampton NN4 0XW

The itinerary for the accompanied site inspection 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 inspection

The site inspection is set to commence by 09.00am but participants are asked to arrive at the above meeting location at 08.15am so that health and safety arrangements can be made prior to a prompt departure at 08.30am so that the minibuses can travel to the starting point. 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 09.00am if all parties are present and depending on traffic conditions. After the site inspection has concluded, the minibuses will return to the meeting location. Cars can be left at the hotel car park all day – on arrival please speak to a member of the Case Team so that they can arrange for you to not be charged for car parking.

Therefore, if you have not done so already, please confirm attendance by emailing the case team at greenhill@planninginspectorate.gov.uk or by phoning customer services on: 0303 444 5000 by Wednesday 3 December 2025. We ask that you provide contact details so that the case team can endeavour to notify attendees of any changes.

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 are recommended to wear appropriate sturdy footwear (possibly wellington boots depending on ground conditions) and weather appropriate clothing. The applicant will provide high visibility vests to wear, if attendees do not have their own.

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. The itinerary makes provision for a lunch break at the Beckworth Emporium where you can purchase your own lunch. However, please be aware that significant numbers of attendees could lead to delays in food being provided and it will not be possible to deviate from the agenda.

Cancellations

Please note that 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:

[Green Hill Solar Farm - Project information](#)

Detailed itinerary for accompanied site inspection

The following itinerary is based on the applicant's submitted [draft itinerary](#) [REP1-164]. No comments on the itinerary were received at deadline 2. Therefore, the only changes made were requested by the ExA, for the provision of a pick-up and drop off at a single location (the Hilton Hotel) to ensure accessibility and car parking availability for attendees. Please note that timings provided are indicative only and subject to factors such as traffic conditions.

Time	Location	Notes
08.15am to 08.30am	Hilton Northampton car park 100 Watering Lane, Collingtree, Northampton, NN4 0XW	Pick-up point. Safety briefing and introductions.
09.00am to 09.15am	Green Hill A Field AF24: location of the substation within Site A. Access is via the permissive path from Newland Road and through the field via the farm gate. Viewpoint what3words: ///searches.grove.wriggle	Landscape and visual View from elevated section of Site A with immediate view into field with proposed substation and good location to understand surrounding of the sites.
09.15am to 10.00am	Green Hill A.2 Field A2F2: at the windpump in Site A2. Parking available at field access on Kettering Road. Viewpoint what3words: ///commended.matrons.contracts	Landscape and visual View from northern section of the site with good visibility to all fields in A.2. Good location to show set back from residential properties and proposed mitigation measures.
10.15am to 11.00am	Green Hill B	Landscape and visual

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	View of fields BF1 - BF4. Access is via Tithe Farm where parking is available. Head south along internal farm track. Viewpoint what3words: ///plums.unravel.downward	View from central location within Site B with views towards all fields within B.
11.15am to 12.00pm	Green Hill C View of field CF8-CF10. Access through gate from Sywell Road with parking available at the end of the track. Viewpoint what3words: ///clubbing.shudders.dizziness	Landscape and visual View within site to proposed substation and BESS/ panel location.
12.00pm to 13.00pm	Lunch break at Beckworth Emporium	
13.00pm to 14.00pm	Green Hill E Views of fields EF20, EF21, EF25, EF25, EF27 and EF28. Parking at Duchess End (Mears Ashby), walking south east long short section of the public right of way before keeping north past the thatcher's barn along farm track into Site E. 5.1 Viewpoint starting point what3words: ///electric.captions.removed; 5.2 Viewpoint end what3words: ///handlebar.equal.state	Landscape and visual View from lower end of Site E, looking at surrounding landscape context of Earls Barton and Mears Ashby. View of panels set back for ecology and archaeology and views of proposed mitigation measures.
	Green Hill E	Glint and glare

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	<p>Suggested from Lisa Rowlinson [PDA-014]. Site inspections of fields EF21, EF22, EF23, EF24, EF27, EF28, EF31 and EF32.</p> <p>6.1 Viewpoint starting point what3words: ///bulldozer.limit.coarser</p> <p>6.2 Viewpoint end what3words: ///ankle.shoelaces.surprises</p>	Potential impact of glint and glare on residents whose properties overlook these fields.
14.30pm to 15.15pm	<p>Green Hill BESS</p> <p>View of BESS 1 and BESS 2. Parking at farm access off Station Road for BESS 1 and parking at Pastures Farm to access BESS 2.</p> <p>7.1 Viewpoint what3words: ///sardine.imply.detained (BESS 1);</p> <p>7.2 Viewpoint what3words ///majoring.oppose.point (BESS 2).</p>	<p>Landscape and visual</p> <p>View of BESS and substation fields with proposed mitigation measures.</p>
	<p>Green Hill BESS</p> <p>Suggested from Wellingborough Walks Action Group [PDA-012]. Site visit to the field adjoining the planned BESS site which itself is next to the Grendon Power site in Northamptonshire, bordered by the Earls Barton Rd, close to the back of the Castle Ashby Estate.</p> <p>What3words: ///fancied.months.aware</p>	<p>Cultural heritage</p> <p>Potential impacts of the Green Hill Solar development site being located in areas where there are many ancient trees and hedgerows.</p>
15.30pm to 16.00pm	Green Hill G	Flood risk

Time	Location	Notes
	<p>Suggested from Richard Alan Gregory [PDA-015]. Views of the large drainage channel which passes through their property.</p> <p>What3words: ///blazed.island.helped</p>	Exact location would need to be confirmed with Richard Alan Gregory, applicant has made a suggestion.
16.30pm	<p>Hilton Northampton car park</p> <p>100 Watering Lane, Collingtree, Northampton, NN4 0XW</p>	Drop off point.

Yours faithfully

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Lead member of the panel of Examining Inspectors

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