



# Planning Inspectorate

**Application by Green Hill Solar Farm Limited for an electricity generating station with a capacity of up to 500 megawatts (MW) comprising of ground mounted solar arrays and associated development including energy storage, grid connection infrastructure and other infrastructure integral to the construction, operation and maintenance of the scheme.**

**Case reference: EN010170**

**Examining Authority's note of unaccompanied site inspection (USI2) to which the application or specified matters relates on 26 February 2026.**

Examining Inspectors Mark Harrison, Catherine Beeby and Rebecca Norman (the panel appointed as the Examining Authority (ExA) for the application for the proposed Green Hill Solar Farm (the proposed development)) undertook the inspections on Thursday 26 February 2026. The conditions were dry and cloudy but visibility was good throughout.

The inspection started and finished at Sywell Country Park and was undertaken by car and on foot on public roads and rights of way. A route was planned having regard to issues raised in relevant representations and subsequent submissions, enabling the ExA to obtain views of various parts of the proposed development from a number of the key viewpoints shown in the applicant's documentation. The route of USI2 focused on locations that the ExA did not view during the accompanied site inspection on 11 December 2025.

The USI commenced at 10:00am and the ExA travelled first over Hardwater Bridge, noting the river level and proximity to nearby properties from public areas.

Following this the ExA travelled by car to the village of Grendon, passing Blackmile Lane and observing the brook, then observing the primary school as well as on street parking. The ExA then travelled along Yardley Road and viewed the location of the proposed construction compound and haul route, and the surrounding village development, landscape features and boundary treatments.

The ExA then travelled by car to Easton Maudit, noting the landscape character and features between the villages. The ExA walked along the footpath by St Peter and St Paul's Church, and viewed fields FF7, FF11, FF18 and FF19 and the vacant barn as well as the footpath routes to the west, north and east. The ExA noted the boundary treatments and landscape features. Following this the ExA then walked along the footpath that leads from the south of the village, noting the Oakfield residential facility and passing between FF28 and FF29 before continuing to a point halfway along the footpath between FF32 and Horn Wood. The ExA then walked to the halfway point of the path between FF29 and FF32.

The ExA then travelled through Cogenhoe, noting the location of the school and village hall and the local roads. Finally, the ExA visited the Three Shires Way and walked along the bridleways, viewing GF2, GF7-9 and GF11-13, noting features including boundary and surface treatments, vegetation and the existing pylons.

The ExA concluded USI2 at 15:15pm.

*Mark Harrison, Catherine Beeby and Rebecca Norman*

Members of the Examining Authority