



**Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (The 2017 EIA Regulations)**

<b>Project name:</b>	The Droves Solar Farm
<b>Address/Location:</b>	800m north of Swaffham and 800m southwest of Castle Acre, West Norfolk
<b>Planning Inspectorate Ref:</b>	EN0110013
<b>Date(s) screening undertaken:</b>	First screening – 18 December 2024. Second screening – 6 February 2026.

**TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING**

The Inspectorate undertook transboundary screening of the proposed development in the Scoping Opinion, which was adopted on 18 December 2024. The Inspectorate concluded that the proposed development **is unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State.**

The Scoping Opinion is available from:

[EN0110013-000011-EN0110013 - The Droves Solar Farm Scoping Opinion 2017 EIA Regs.pdf](#)

**TRANSBOUNDARY RE-SCREENING**

<b>Document(s) used for transboundary screening:</b>	The Environmental Statement Volumes 1 to 3 (Document Reference APP-50 – APP-180)
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The Inspectorate has re-considered the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the proposed development, taking into account any changes that have been made to the proposed development since the previous transboundary screening process was undertaken.

The Inspectorate considers that the proposed development is **unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State.** This position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

**Action:** No further action required at this stage.

**Date:** 6 February 2026.

**Note:** The SoS' duty under regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

**Note:**

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the annex to its Advice Page, Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on Transboundary Impacts and Process, available on the Advice page collection at gov.uk: '[Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects: Advice on Transboundary Impacts and Process](#)'.