



Application by The Drovers Solar Farm Limited for The Drovers Solar Farm

Case reference: EN0110013

Examining Authority's note of unaccompanied site inspection 1 (USI1) to which the application relates on 10 and 11 March 2026

Background

Examining Inspector Anthony Johnson, the person appointed as the Examining Authority (ExA) for the application for The Drovers Solar Farm undertook the inspections on Tuesday 10 March and Wednesday 11 March 2026.

The ExA carried out its unaccompanied site inspection by car or on foot on publicly accessible land and public rights of way. The route was planned having regard to the applicant's application documents.

References to 'Viewpoint' locations refer to those set out in the Environmental Statement, shown in [Figure 6.7 Visual Receptor Groups \[APP-084\]](#).

Particulars of USI1

Day 1 – Tuesday 10 March 2026

Weather: Dry with sunny intervals.

Visibility: Good:

The following locations and viewpoints were visited:

- A1065 between A47 and South Acre road by car (passing Viewpoint 1).
- South Acre Road between A1065 and Great Palgrave by car, including Viewpoint 8.
- South Acre Road / Low Road between A1065 and River Road by car (passing Viewpoint 7), including Low Road car park.
- Petticoat Drove and Low Road, between St George's Church, South Acre, and Fingerhill plantation on foot.
- St George's Church, South Acre, to Castle Acre Castle, by car via Low Road, Three Corner Lane, A1065, Bailey Street, High Street and Pye's Lane.
- On foot from Castle Acre Castle, along Pye's Lane, High Street, to St James the Great Church, then along South Acre Road, part of Chimney Street, then returning up to Priory Road to take in views of Castle Acre Priory at Viewpoint 13.
- On foot along Priory Road, High Street, Bailey Street, Cuckstool Lane, Viewpoint 14 and return to Castle Acre Castle.
- By car along Pyes Lane, High Street, Massingham Road, West Acre Road / Lynn Road (passing Viewpoint 16), River Road (passing Viewpoint 9), Narford Road and A47 to Swaffham.
- By car from Swaffham along West Acre Road, River Road (passing Viewpoint 5), Viewpoint 6, Narford Road, Viewpoint 10, Narford Lane and back to Swaffham along West Acre Road.

Day 2 – Wednesday 10 March 2026

Weather: Generally dry, cloudy.

Visibility: Good.

The following locations and viewpoints were visited:

- On foot between Viewpoint 2 and Viewpoint 4 along Fincham Drove.
- On foot from Viewpoint 2 to Bartholomew's Hills Plantation along Fincham Drove.
- On foot along public right of way from Bartholomew's Hills Plantation to Petticoat Drove, then along Petticoat Drove (including Viewpoint 3) and back along Fincham Drove to Viewpoint 2.

End of USI1.