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The Planning Inspectorate

Request for the Examining Inspector to make an unaccompanied site inspection to the Droves Solar site and adjacent area. (Project reference EN0110013)

Request from [REDACTED] (Chair) on behalf of Castle Acre Parish Council

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*From the Rule 6 letter received dated April 8th 2026 it is noted in Annex E (the draft examination time table) that requests for suggested site inspections should be made by Wednesday 22nd April 2026.*

Castle Acre Parish Council as you will be aware following our representation to the Statutory Consultations and when Registering as an 'interested party' in the Droves Solar Farm, (NSIP) application have concerns about the protection of our Dark Skies, please see below.

### **Impact on Dark Skies Policies**

Castle Acre Parish Council has adopted a Dark Skies Policy in line with national and county guidance. NPPF Section 15 Paragraph 198 and Norfolk County Councils Environmental Lighting Zones Policy. The impact of operational and security lighting from the proposed solar farm, regardless of mitigation, is an additional concern, adversely affecting the quality of our night skies and their value to nocturnal wildlife.

CAPC respectfully request that some unaccompanied site visits around the local area be made during the hours of full darkness which should give the Inspector further appreciation of the current local night environment. We hope you will then be able to fully understand the impact the sub-station and BESS storage compounds with their security lighting in particular might have on the rural environment surrounding Castle Acre.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours sincerely

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