

Castle Acre Parish Council. Reference number [REDACTED] The Drovers Solar Farm, Swaffham EN0110013

Castle Acre Parish Council submitted a request for a USI, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 to be carried out in full darkness.

Castle Acre Parish Council (CAPC). Draft Itinerary document ref: APP/8.10 for the ASI, week commencing 7th September, wish to make a submission, comment, referring to their request for site inspection. (Document PDA-005)

**Quoting** “The Applicant notes, in Table 2-2, the suggested locations put forward by

Interested Parties and whether the Applicant has included these as part of the

Draft Itinerary for the ASI. The Applicant notes that Castle Acre Parish

Council [PDA-005] did not suggest any locations but made a request for USIs

around the local area during the hours of full darkness to better understand the

impact that the Customer Substation, the National Grid Substation and BESS,

with security lighting, might have on the rural environment.

Castle Acre Parish Council [PDA-005]. Therefore, no locations are responded to in this table”.

CAPC can see that it might be correct to suggest a route for the Inspector (ExA) to consider for the requested USI during the full hours of darkness.

From a starting point at the junction of the A47 with the A1065, we would suggest travelling north along the A1065 from Swaffham in the direction of Castle Acre observing the overall night-time environment throughout the whole journey. The first location to pause would be the access gateway off the A1065 south-eastern corner of Field 21, with the second location to pause and observe being the north-eastern access gateway off the A1065 Field 26 (Bartholomew’s Hills). Next take a right-hand turn from the A1065 onto The South Acre Road driving to Great Palgrave, once at Gt Palgrave location point three is looking westwards back to the proposed site, turn at this point to retrace route back to A1065. Once at the A1065 cross straight over into Low Road heading westwards towards South Acre, location point four to pause we would suggest is at access to Fincham Drove, from there continue along Low Road to access point for Petticoat Drove, location five and location six the northern point of Washpit Drove. Continue along Low Road in the direction of West Acre, suggested location seven looking south towards proposed site from point of Mill House on left hand bend. Continue on Low Road to West Acre junction, taking a left turn onto River Road heading back in the direction of Swaffham. Location eight to pause, is track entrance leading to Three-cocked-hat Plantation, looking eastwards. Proceed along River Road, observing the overall night-time environment stopping at track entrance to left, location point nine and again at location point ten at junction of River Road with West Acre Road. Proceed along West Acre Road towards Swaffham to finish our suggested night-time route for the ExA’s consideration.

Thank you, we hope this route meets with your approval for requested USI during the hours of full darkness.

[REDACTED] on behalf of Castle Acre Parish Council.