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Application by the Droves Solar Farm Limited for an order granting development consent for the Droves Solar Farm

Accompanied Site Inspection itinerary - 10 September 2026

The Examining Authority (ExA) will be holding an accompanied site inspection (ASI) on **Thursday 10 September 2026**. The itinerary for the ASI will follow the applicant's proposed draft itinerary [\[AS-084\]](#), which can be found on the [project webpage](#), with the addition of proposed representative viewpoint 23 to the route between locations 1 and 2.

For reference, proposed representative viewpoint 23 is located along Fincham Drove close to the south of Bartholomew's Hills plantation as shown in Environmental Statement Figure 6.5 [\[REP3-054\]](#) Zone of Theoretical Visibility – DTM.

Joining the ASI

The site inspection will commence at **9.15am** at **Hall Farm, Narford, Kings Lynn, Norfolk, PE32 1JA**.

Participants are asked to assemble promptly as the ExA will not wait for parties who are not present at the start time.

To ensure the smooth running of the ExA's inspection, we ask that attendees notify the Case Team if there are any changes in attendance and ensure the Planning Inspectorate is made aware of any special access requirements.

Participation at the site inspection

Please note that the ExA's inspection of sites is **not** an opportunity to provide any oral representations on the project or discuss evidence. It is an opportunity for the ExA to look at the physical features that can be seen on, or from, the sites. Participants may be invited by the ExA to point out specific features or sites of interest.

If you would like to make oral representations please attend the open floor hearing on the 9 September 2026, as detailed in the hearing notification.

Transport

For logistical and safety reasons, capacity on the transport that will be used for the ASI may be limited. Priority will be afforded to the Planning Inspectorate staff, the applicant, local authorities and relevant statutory parties. In the case of a large number of attendees any interested parties who express a wish to attend the ASI for its duration may be contacted by the case team to discuss the option of meeting the ExA at relevant locations in the itinerary instead.

Clothing

The inspection is likely to include some walking on uneven or wet ground. The Planning Inspectorate therefore advises attendees to wear clothing that is appropriate for the weather and sturdy footwear. At times during the ASI it will be necessary to wear a high visibility vest or coat. Attendees who have their own high visibility vest or jacket should bring it with them. For anyone who does not have either a high visibility vest or coat, the applicant will provide a vest for use during the ASI.

Sites on private land

Access onto private land is at all times by permission of the person controlling it; householders, occupiers and landowners may refuse to allow some persons accompanying the ExA onto their land. Under those circumstances, the ExA will decide whether or not to proceed with that part of the inspection and may ask those refused access to wait outside.

Refreshments and rest breaks

Please note refreshments will not be provided. Please see the itinerary for estimated timing for the comfort breaks.

Timings

Please be aware that the timings provided are indicative.

Cancellations

Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI is cancelled the case team shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we ask that you regularly check the [project webpage](#).

Further information about site inspections can be found in The Planning Inspectorate's Advice for members of the public: ['The stages of the NSIP process and how you can have your say'](#).

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the case team mailto: thedrovessolar@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Yours faithfully

Anthony Johnson

Examining Authority

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