Planning Inspectorate

Application by The Droves Solar Farm Limited for The Droves Solar Farm

Case reference: EN0110013

Examining Authority's note of unaccompanied site inspection 2 (USI2) to which the application relates on Monday 7 September 2026

Background

Examining Inspector Anthony Johnson, the person appointed as the Examining Authority (ExA) for the application for The Droves Solar Farm undertook the inspection on Monday 7 September 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 a request from Castle Acre Parish Council for an USI during the full hours of darkness [REP2-034].

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

Particulars of USI2

Weather: Dry

Following sunset at 19:32, starting at 19:50, the following locations and viewpoints were visited:

- Started at VP8 then drove west along South Acre Road and Low Road to VP7 (access to Fincham Drove).
- Continued westwards along Low Road to accesses to Petticoat Drove and then Washpit Drove.
- Continued westwards along Low Road to car park access on bend, adjacent to Mill House.
- Continued westwards along Low Road to junction with River Road, then took River Road southwards to track entrance leading to Three-cocked-hat Plantation (close to VP6).
- Continued along River Road to VP2 (access to Fincham Drove).

End of USI2.