

Application for development consent by East Pye Solar Limited (the applicant) for the proposed East Pye Solar project

Case Reference: EN0110014

Examining authority's note of unaccompanied site inspections (USIs) on 1 and 2 July 2026

Examining Inspectors David Cliff, (panel lead), Clare Taylor and John McEvoy, the Examining Authority (ExA) for the above-named application carried out the site inspections.

The main purpose of the site inspections was for the ExA to gain a general understanding and familiarity of the site and its surrounds. It is therefore important to note that it was not intended to amount to a full site inspection covering all specific locations and views of the site and its surrounds. Further locations will need to be visited during the examination.

As our USIs on 1 and 2 July 2026 were undertaken from publicly accessible land, advance permission to enter land was not required and the inspections could consequently be undertaken without any other parties being present.

The main purpose of this note is:

- to inform the applicant and interested parties of the locations visited and viewed as part of the USIs; and
- to enable the Applicant and interested parties to consider which additional locations the ExA might need to visit and inspect.

Particulars of site inspections on 1 and 2 July 2026

The following list sets out the routes taken during the inspections. Stops were made at regular intervals to observe the site, surrounds and receptors including residential properties:

- Walk along Narrowgate Way (track) and Frith Way noting the location of a proposed Battery Energy Storage System, a proposed 400 kilovolt project substation and a proposed solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating station (Site 1) - the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 4 below
- Drive along the A140 Ipswich Road, south of Long Stratton Bypass, noting the location of a proposed solar PV electricity generating station (Site 2) - the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 5 below
- Walk along the edge of Spring Wood noting the location of a proposed solar PV electricity generating station (Site 3) - the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 5 below
- Walk along Pound Lane noting the location of a proposed solar PV electricity generating station (Site 10) and the location of a proposed 132 kV project substation - the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 6 below
- Drive along Toad Lane and Upgate Road noting Seething Airfield and a proposed solar PV electricity generating station (Site 10) - the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 7 below



- Walk along High Green Gardens and a public footpath noting the location of a proposed solar PV electricity generating station (Site 9) - the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 7 below
- Walk along a public footpath, accessed from Market Lane, noting the location of a proposed solar PV electricity generation station (Site 8) - the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 7 below
- Walk along a public footpath, accessed from Brooke Road / Heath Road, noting the location of a proposed solar PV electricity generation station (Site 8) – the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 7 below
- Drive along Norwich Road, between Stratton St. Michael and Upper Tasburgh, noting the location of a proposed solar PV electricity generation station (Site 4) – the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 8 below
- Walk along Figgett Lane noting the location of a proposed solar PV electricity generation station (Site 7) – the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 9 below
- Walk along a public footpath, accessed from Fairstead Lane, noting the location of a proposed solar PV electricity generation station (Site 7) – the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 9 below
- Walk along The Street, Pitts Hill and Church Hill in the village of Saxlingham Nethergate, noting the location of the war memorial and Saxlingham Primary School – the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 10 below
- Walk along public footpaths, accessed from the village of Saxlingham Nethergate, noting the location of a proposed solar PV electricity generation station (Site 7) – the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 10 below
- Walk along The Green in the village of Saxlingham Green, noting the location of a proposed solar PV electricity generation station (Site 7) – the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 10 below
- Walk along a public footpath, accessed from Broaden Lane, noting the location of a proposed solar PV electricity generation station (Site 7) and a proposed 132 kilovolt substation – the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 11 below
- Walk along The Green, Fylands Road, and Nobb's Lane, noting the location of a proposed solar PV electricity generation station (Site 7) – the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 12 below
- Drive along Woodton Road, noting the location of a proposed solar PV electricity generation station (Site 7) – the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 13 below
- Drive along the B1527 Bungay Road, noting the location of a proposed solar PV electricity generation station (Site 6) – the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 13 below
- Drive along the B1527 Bungay Road, noting the location of the proposed site of a temporary construction compound associated with cable route corridor 6 – the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 13 below



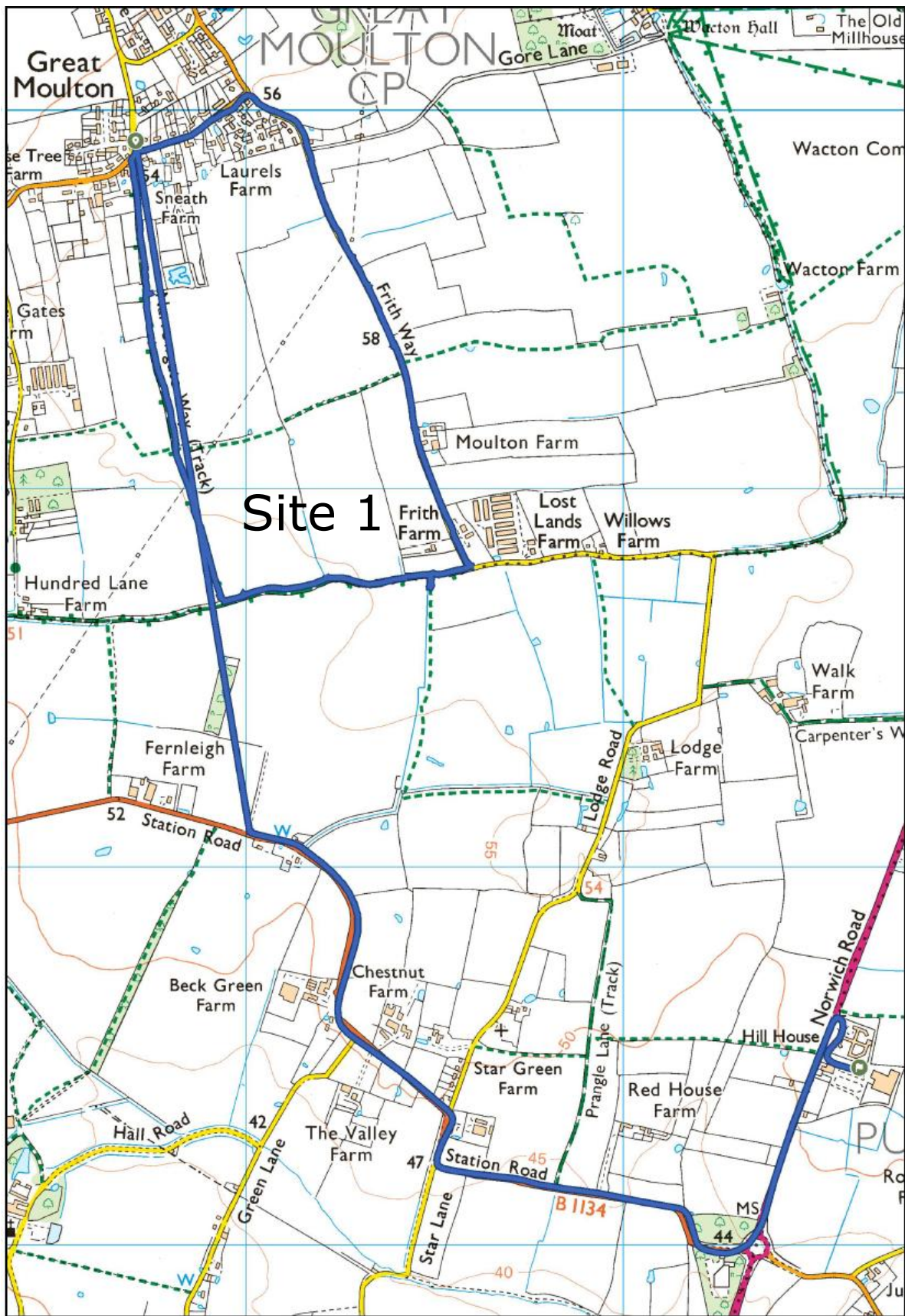
- Walk along a public path, accessed from the B1527 west of Hempnall, noting the location of a proposed solar PV electricity generation station (Site 5) and the location of a proposed 400 kV project substation - the route taken by the ExA is shown as the blue line on page 14 below

Conclusion

The site inspection enabled the ExA to view and generally familiarise us with the application site and its surrounds from numerous public vantage points and from different directions. As outlined elsewhere, the ExA may carry out further site inspections as the Examination progresses, taking into account any suggestions made by interested parties and matters that arise during the Examination.

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Lead member of the examining authority



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