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WHITESTONE SOLAR FARM — EN0110020
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Request for Site Inspection Viewpoints — Procedural Deadline A, 27 October 2026

1. Purpose of this submission

1.1 I request that the Examining Authority (ExA) considers the locations below for accompanied site inspections to understand how Conisbrough Parks is used for walking, cycling, social contact and access to nature.

1.2 My request is based on the personal circumstances and recreational use described in my Relevant Representation. I ask that the ExA considers the effects on the experience of using this accessible green space, rather than only the visibility of solar panels from isolated photographic viewpoints.

2. Personal experience and reliance on Conisbrough Parks

2.1 I have found that spending time in green spaces, exercising and being in nature, often with supportive friends, helps me manage my wellbeing. I regularly walk or cycle locally and value the opportunity to talk with others while enjoying the countryside.

2.2 I do not drive and find public transport challenging. Conisbrough Parks is within walking and cycling distance of my home. Access to this particular area matters to me because travelling to alternative countryside is not straightforward.

2.3 I am concerned that the proposed solar arrays, fencing, security measures and associated infrastructure could change the openness, tranquillity and sense of being in nature which I currently experience. I believe a substantial change to this green space would adversely affect my wellbeing.

2.4 I ask the ExA to examine the actual routes people use and the experience of moving through the landscape. I recognise that public rights of way may remain available, but continued physical access is not necessarily the same as preserving their existing recreational character.

3. Requested site inspection viewpoints

Ref	Location	Reason for inspection
VP1	Conisbrough Parks Bridleway 13	Walk representative sections to assess changing views, openness, vegetation and the experience of moving through the landscape; consider the former LVIA Viewpoint 12.
VP2	Conisbrough Parks Bridleway 14	Consider the topography, long views and how fencing, arrays and infrastructure could affect the route’s recreational character.
VP3	Conisbrough Parks Bridleway 4	Inspect the connection with other paths and bridleways, including the value of continuous walking and cycling journeys where lawful.
VP4	Beech Grove, Conisbrough	Consider a suitable publicly accessible position for views towards the wider landscape; exact sightlines and position to be confirmed.
VP5	Public viewpoints towards Conisbrough Castle	Consider the relationship between the historic landscape, castle views and the proposed development where both can be seen.

4. Matters the inspections should test

4.1 Whether the Applicant’s selected landscape viewpoints adequately represent the sequential experience of people walking and cycling through Conisbrough Parks, including higher ground and seasonal differences in vegetation.

4.2 How the proposed solar arrays, fencing, electrical infrastructure, lighting and associated works may alter the sense of openness and tranquillity along existing routes, both during construction and operation.

4.3 Whether the assessment has adequately considered the importance of locally accessible green space to users who depend on walking or cycling and may have limited practical access to alternative locations.

5. Request to the Examining Authority

5.1 I respectfully ask the ExA to include representative sections of Conisbrough Parks Bridleways 13, 14 and 4, together with appropriate public viewpoints at Beech Grove and towards Conisbrough Castle, in its site-inspection programme.

5.2 I would welcome the opportunity, subject to the ExA’s arrangements, to explain on site how I use Conisbrough Parks and why the character of this landscape matters to my wellbeing.

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