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Request for Accompanied Site Inspections
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1. Introduction

I am a resident of Firsby and a registered Interested Party in the examination of the proposed Whitestone Solar Farm Development Consent Order.

I respectfully request that the Examining Authority considers undertaking accompanied site inspections at several locations around Firsby and Whitestone 1.

My purpose is to assist the Examining Authority in understanding the relationship between the proposed development, the surrounding topography, existing residential properties, historic landscape, public rights of way and local highway arrangements.

I recognise that the Examining Authority has already undertaken an unaccompanied site inspection that included Firsby Lane. However, I believe that additional locations and perspectives would materially assist its understanding of the potential effects of Whitestone 1.

2. Requested inspection locations

2.1 — Residential properties at Firsby, including my family home

I request that the Examining Authority considers visiting my family home to observe the existing outlook towards the rising agricultural land associated with Whitestone 1.

I purchased the land in 2022 and subsequently constructed my family home to Passivhaus standards.

The surrounding landscape was an important consideration in my decision to establish my home at this location.

I am concerned that the elevated position and extent of the proposed infrastructure could substantially alter the rural setting experienced by residents of Firsby.

I have included a photograph taken from a window of my home to illustrate the existing outlook.

I would welcome an accompanied inspection of my property and am willing to arrange access at a mutually convenient time. The property is private residential land and my permission would be required for entry.

I also ask that the Examining Authority considers the wider residential setting of Firsby rather than assessing the experience of the community from a single viewpoint.

2.2 — Firsby Lane

I request an inspection of Firsby Lane to understand its importance as the principal vehicular access serving the residential community.

The inspection would assist in understanding the existing highway environment, the relationship with the proposed development and the potential implications of construction traffic or temporary highway restrictions.

The highway status and extent of publicly accessible land should be confirmed against the relevant highway records.

2.3 — Conisbrough Parks Bridleway 13

I request an inspection of Bridleway 13 to assess the surrounding topography, existing rural character and changing views towards Whitestone 1.

I also ask that consideration be given to the practical experience of horse riders and the potential interaction between equestrian activity and construction operations.

2.4 — Conisbrough Parks Footpath 3 and Route 14

I particularly request an accompanied inspection of Conisbrough Parks Route 14, together with the relevant sections of Footpath 3.

I believe it is important for the Examining Authority to experience these routes on foot rather than relying solely upon selected photographic viewpoints.

The inspection would assist in understanding the historic landscape, sequential views, changing elevations and the relationship between public access routes and the proposed development.

The precise route alignments and legal classifications should be identified using the definitive map and statement accompanying the inspection request.

2.5 — Elevated locations within or overlooking Whitestone 1

I request an inspection of suitable elevated locations to understand the relationship between the proposed infrastructure and the lower-lying residential properties at Firsby.

The purpose would be to assess the potential visual prominence of the development and the extent to which existing landform and vegetation may provide screening.

Any inspection within the Whitestone 1 development land would require the appropriate landowner permissions and arrangements.

2.6 — Proposed A630 construction access

I request an inspection of the proposed construction access from the A630.

I am concerned about the suitability of this location for construction traffic, particularly heavy goods vehicles.

An inspection would allow the Examining Authority to observe the existing highway geometry, visibility, traffic movements and surrounding road environment.

Where practicable, I ask that the inspection takes place during a representative period of ordinary traffic activity.

3. Inspection arrangements

I recognise that the Examining Authority will determine which locations are appropriate for accompanied or unaccompanied inspection.

I would be willing to assist with local arrangements and to provide access to my own property.

I appreciate that entry onto privately owned agricultural or development land would require appropriate permission.

I also propose providing a location plan identifying the requested inspection points, public rights of way and any locations requiring private access.

4. Purpose of the inspections

My principal concern is that the effects of Whitestone 1 on Firsby cannot be fully understood by considering individual

technical assessments in isolation.
The surrounding landform, historic routes, residential properties and proposed development are closely connected.
An inspection of the locations identified above would assist the Examining Authority in understanding those relationships in their actual geographical context.
I respectfully request that these locations be considered when determining the programme of accompanied site inspections.
Terry Huggett
Resident of Firsby
27 October 2026
Appendix A — Residential View from Firsby
Photograph taken from a window of Terry Huggett's family home, showing the existing rural outlook towards rising agricultural land.
The photograph is submitted to assist the Examining Authority in understanding the existing residential setting.
The precise position of proposed Whitestone 1 infrastructure within the view should be established by reference to the Applicant's works plans, topographical information and landscape assessment.
I have used AI to assist with drafting, editing and structuring this submission, based on my own local knowledge, observations and concerns.
I have reviewed the content and take responsibility for its accuracy and the representations made.
The accompanying photograph is an original photograph and has not been generated or altered using AI.

