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Accompanied site inspection itinerary – Wednesday 27 May 2026

The itinerary for the accompanied site inspection (ASI) can be found below.

Please note that the Examining Authority's (ExA) 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.

Joining the accompanied site inspection

The site inspection will commence at 08:30 at:

- Colchester Park and Ride, Cuckoo Farm Way, Colchester CO4 5JA

Participants are asked to assemble promptly as the ExA will not wait for parties who are not present at the start time, when a briefing will take place.

Please confirm attendance by emailing the case team by **Thursday 14 May 2026**. We ask that you provide mobile telephone contact details so that we can contact you should the ASI run late or need to be cancelled with minimal notice.

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. Please also inform us of any mobility needs that may affect transportation.

It should be noted that the duration of the event will be a full day and will involve extensive periods of travel, and the majority of the ASI will take place in rural areas without regular access to facilities.

For logistical and safety reasons, capacity on the transport that will be used for the ASI may be limited. Priority will be given 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

Attendees are recommended to wear sturdy footwear and weather appropriate clothing. Attendees who have their own high visibility vest or jacket should bring it with them.

The applicant will provide high visibility vests if required.

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

Lunch and a comfort break are scheduled at appropriate locations. Please note that refreshments will not be provided, and the majority of the day will be spent in a rural area where services are limited. Attendees may wish to bring their own refreshments for consumption throughout the full day event.

Cancellations

Please note that in the unlikely event that the ASI is cancelled we shall endeavour to contact attendees beforehand, but we ask that you regularly check the [project webpage](#), as we will publish a notification there as soon as possible if the event is cancelled.

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'](#).

Detailed itinerary for accompanied site inspection

Please be aware that the timings outlined are indicative, and estimated travel timings could be exceeded depending on a number of matters including traffic conditions.

Time	Location	Time at location or travelling	Notes
08:30	Colchester Park and Ride, Cuckoo Farm Way, Colchester CO4 5JA	15 mins	Start of ASI Meet at side of waiting area building for introductions and briefing, including health and safety
08:45	Travel	15 mins	
09:00	Bounds Farmhouse, Hungerdown Lane, Ardleigh CO7 7LZ	10 mins	Effects on setting of grade II listed building close to site of proposed East Anglia Connection Node
09:10	Travel	20 mins	
09:30	Little Wenham Hall estate, Church Lane, Little Wenham CO7 6EF	20 mins	Landscape and visual effects and effects on setting of heritage assets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • grade I listed (and scheduled monument) Little Wenham Castle • grade I listed Church of St Lawrence • grade II* listed Tithe barn • grade II listed Hall farmhouse, farm buildings and wall
09:50	Travel	15 mins	
10:05	Valley Farm Drive, Sroughton IP8 3EL (Finjaro and The Palms)	10 mins	Landscape and visual effects and residential visual amenity Residential Visual Amenity Assessment (RVAA) [APP-233]: Property ref C4, Tables A13.4.13 and A13.4.14
10:15	Travel	45 mins	
11:00	Scole roundabout (A143/ A140), Diss IP21 4AJ	15 mins	Comfort break at the service area
11:15	Travel	25 mins	
11:40	Low Farm Barn, Norwich Road, Fundenhall NR16 1EG	10 mins	Events venue: landscape and visual and socio-economic effects
11:50	Travel	10 mins	

Time	Location	Time at location or travelling	Notes
12:00	Flordon Hall, Flordon NR15 1RT 72 and 73 Flordon Hall Cottages, Flordon NR15 1RT	15 mins	Effects on setting of heritage assets, landscape and visual effects and residential visual amenity Grade II* listed Flordon Hall and grade II listed outbuildings Flordon Hall Cottages: RVAA [APP-233]: Property ref A6, Table A13.4.4
12:15	Travel	1hr 15 mins	
13:30	Stane Retail Park, Western Approach, Colchester CO3 8DW	30 mins	Lunch break
14:00	Travel	35 mins	
14:35	Langleys, Great Waltham CM3 1AH	25 mins	Landscape and visual effects and effects on setting of grade I listed building and grade II Registered Park and Garden
15:00	Travel	15 mins	
15:15	Essex International Jamboree, Roxwell Road, Chelmsford CM1 4LU	10 mins	Landscape and visual effects and effects on use of site as venue for international Scout and Guide camp
15:25	Travel	40 mins	
16:05	Feeringbury Manor, Coggehall Road, Feering CO5 9RB	15 mins	Landscape and visual effects and effects on setting of grade II* listed building
16:20	Travel	15 mins	
16:35	Colchester Park and Ride, Cuckoo Farm Way, Colchester CO4 5JA		End of ASI

Note on unaccompanied site inspections

In compiling the above ASI itinerary, the ExA has reviewed the applicant's suggested itinerary [[REP2-026](#)] alongside our unaccompanied site inspection (USI) notes and the numerous requests for site inspections received at deadline 1. There are also a number of locations that the ExA has sought to view to further its understanding of the effects of the proposed development. Importantly, the ExA has taken account of whether the suggested locations can be viewed on an unaccompanied basis via public land.

The ExA has carried out multiple USIs to date, viewing a considerable range of locations from public land. The notes and route maps are contained in the [examination library](#) (references EV1-001 to EV1-014 inclusive):

- USI1: 13 to 16 October 2025
- USI2: 2 to 4 December 2025
- USI3: 12 February 2026
- USI4: 30 April to 1 May 2026

The ExA is also likely to carry out further USIs. Therefore, future inspections may still take place if a location has not yet been viewed in a previous USI or is not included on the ASI itinerary. However, the geographical area of the application site is extensive, and there is limited time in the examination timetable for the ExA to inspect all locations within and around the order limits of the proposed development.

Yours faithfully

Susan Hunt

Lead member of the panel of Examining Inspectors

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