

Consultation Report Appendices

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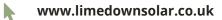
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW SOLAR FARM UNVEILED IN NORTH WILTSHIRE

Island Green Power (IGP), a leading international developer of renewable energy projects, has today unveiled early stage proposals for Lime Down Solar Park. If built, the new solar farm would generate enough clean energy to power approximately 115,000 homes.

The project is proposed to be built across six sites in North Wiltshire, located north of the M4 motorway and the village of Hullavington, south-west of Malmsbury, and east of the B4040 in Wiltshire. It would generate energy through solar panels, which would then be connected to the National Grid at the existing Melksham Substation through underground cabling. As well as providing infrastructure to generate clean energy, the project is also proposing to deliver a netgain in biodiversity alongside community benefits.

Today, Thursday 14 March 2024, IGP has launched the first stage of community consultation for Lime Down Solar Park. The developer welcomes feedback from the communities across the site areas and is committed to undertaking a transparent and rigorous consultation process, which involves engaging with local planning authorities, interest groups and statutory consultees. This first stage of consultation will run until Friday 26 April 2024.

Lime Down Solar Park is running a hybrid consultation, with both online webinars with Q&A as well as six in-person drop-in sessions. These event dates are as follows:

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Commenting on the Launch, the Lime Down Solar Park project spokesperson said:

"We are excited to bring forward these plans for Lime Down Solar Park to provide a significant amount of clean electricity for business and homes in the region and support national and regional aims to decarbonise our electricity systems and bolster our energy security.

As well as providing clean electricity which helps us move away from polluting fossil fuels, it is our ambition to design the project in a way that also boosts and enhances local wildlife by delivering a net gain in biodiversity. We are dedicated to responsible land use and believe that the development and delivery of utility-scale farms can coexist harmoniously with their environment. We also believe those communities closest to the proposed development should benefit from it – with these communities being best placed to recommend how we can deliver this.

We want to talk with local communities to understand their views and listen to their ideas. Feedback received during Stage One consultation will help us to develop our proposals to meet these aims, and we want to hear from as many members of the community as possible. Our project website and contact channels are now live, and we will be coming to the community to host six consultation events and two online community webinars. I would like to encourage anyone with an interest in the project to get in touch and take part in our upcoming consultation."

Due to the proposed generation capacity being over 50 megawatts the project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). This means that, to gain permission to build and operate, an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) rather than the local planning authority, after extensive consultation with stakeholders and local communities and Wiltshire Council. In energy-related developments PINS, acting on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ), carry out examinations of proposals and then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State on whether to grant consent for developments. Consent is then determined by the Secretary of State.

The development process through DCO submission and examination will take between two and three years, with Lime Down Solar Park intending to submit their DCO application to PINS in Q1 2025. Subject to achieving consent, construction would start no earlier than 2027.

A dedicated website has been launched for the project, where more information about the proposals and details of the consultation events can be found: www.limedownsolar.co.uk

Stage One consultation will be followed by a Stage Two consultation, planned for Winter 2024, where an updated iteration of plans will be presented.

Local residents and community members with an interest in the proposals can contact the project's community relations team directly, by emailing info@limedownsolar.co.uk or calling 0808 175 6656.

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About Island Green Power

Established in 2013, Island Green Power (IGP) is a leading developer of renewable energy projects, with a focus on utility-scale solar farms and battery storage systems. Their mission is to help the UK increase our solar energy generation, making more renewable energy possible whilst drastically reducing our carbon emissions. IGP is committed to responsible land use, and believe that the development and delivery of solar farms and battery storage systems can be achieved in harmony with their environment. Directly engaging with residents, landowners, businesses, and members of the community remains key to a successful development process. For additional information about IGP visit www.islandgp.com