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Solar Park

Consultation Report Appendices

**Appendix E: Publication and Compliance with the SoCC
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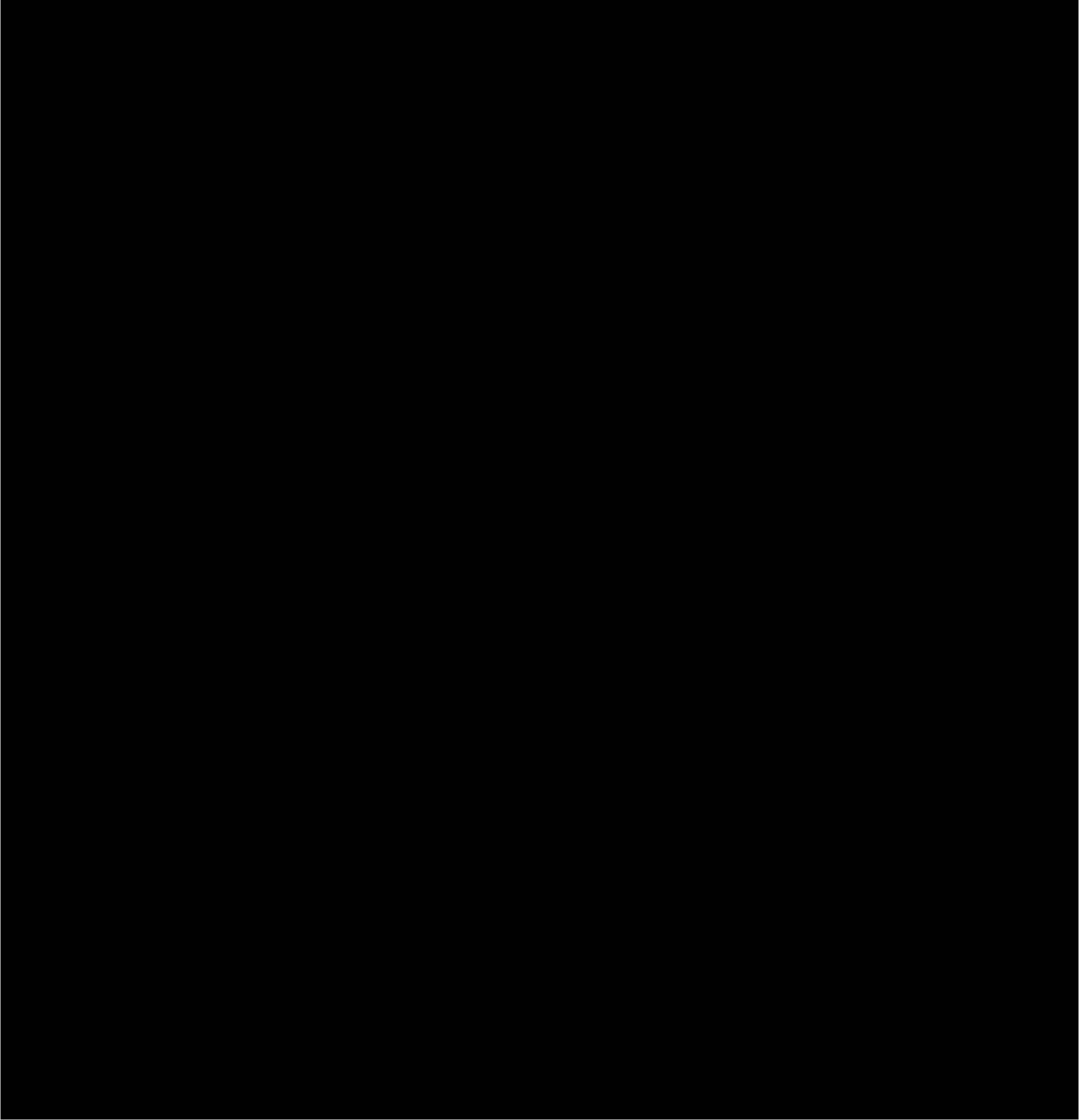
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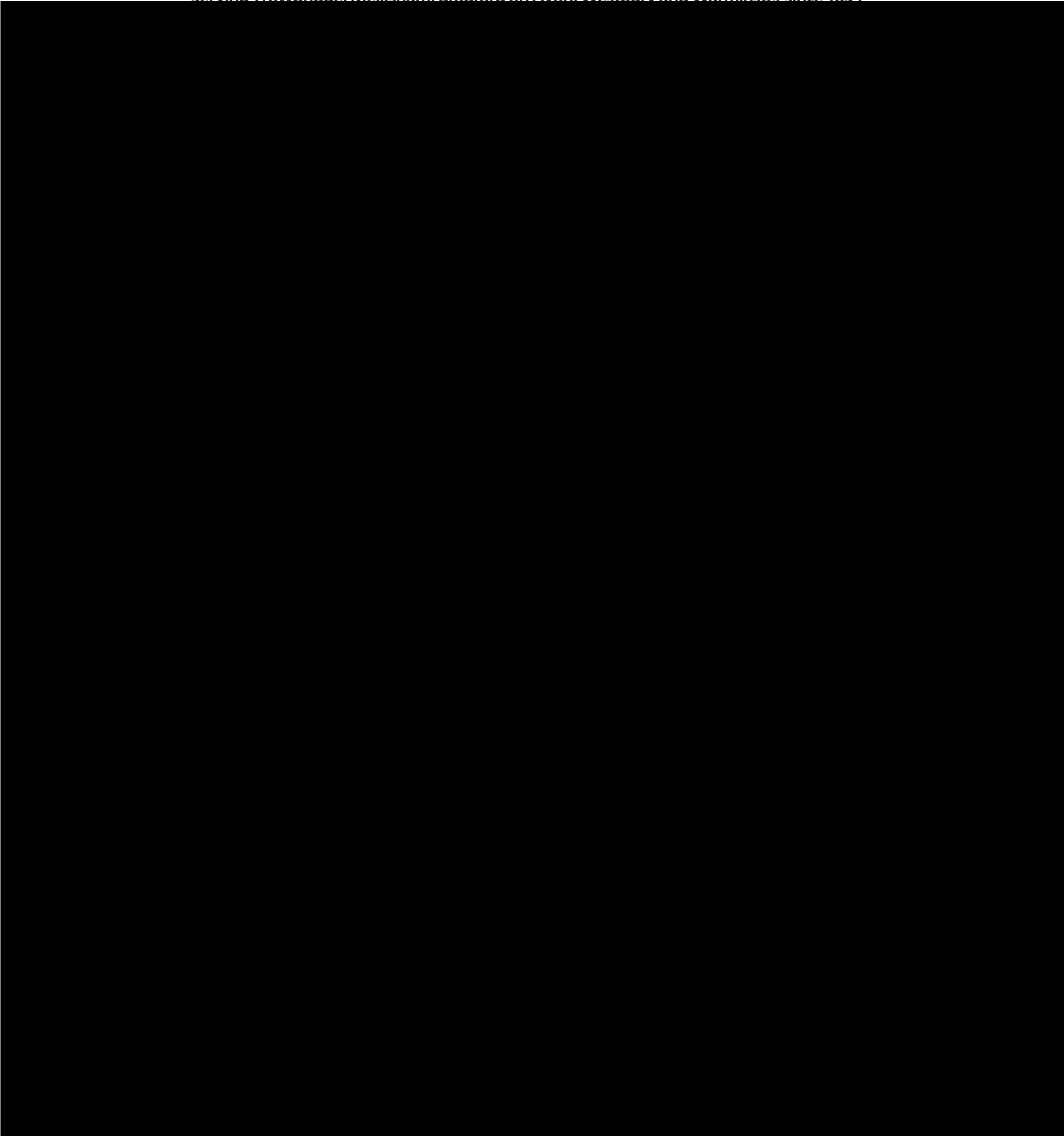
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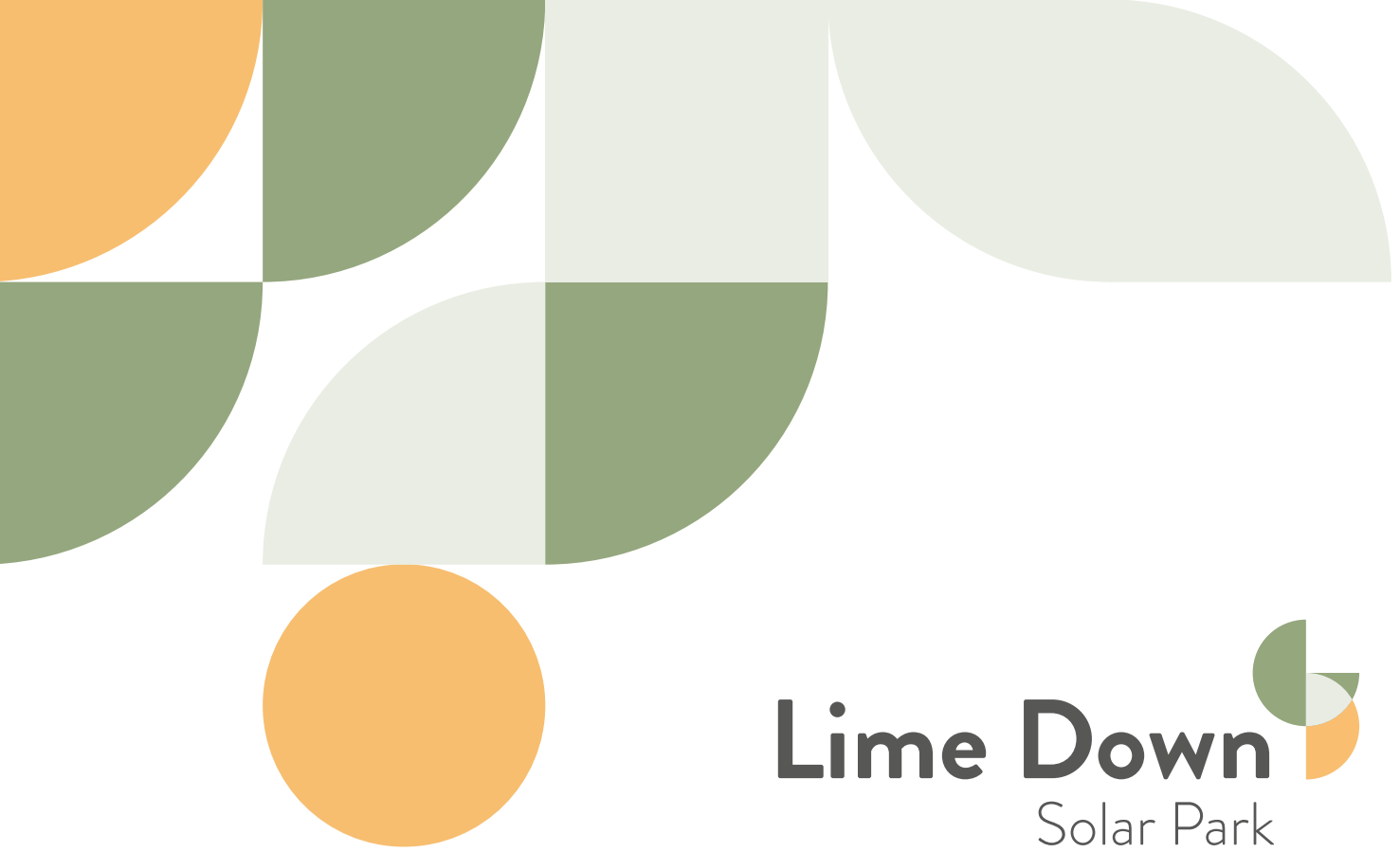
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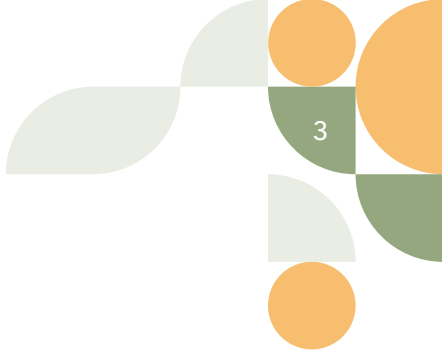
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1.5. This SoCC has been prepared in accordance with Section 47 'Duty to consult local community' of the PA2008; its purpose being to set out how we intend to consult people living in the vicinity of the land that is needed for the Project; including an explanation of the consultation we will carry out before submission of our application for development consent. It includes:

1.5.1. A description of the consenting process we must follow

1.5.2. What we will be consulting on

1.5.3. Who we will be consulting

1.5.4. How we will be consulting

1.5.5. How people can respond to the consultation

1.5.6. How we will use feedback to the consultation
- 1.6. The SoCC will be published on Tuesday 14 January 2025 ahead of statutory consultation launching.

1.7. As required by Section 47 (6) of the PA2008 we will publish a Section 47 Notice in local newspapers for one week to advertise that the SoCC has been published as follows:

1.7.1. Wiltshire Gazette and Herald - Thursday 16 January 2025

1.7.2. Wiltshire Times - Friday 17 January 2025

1.8. Statutory consultation is taking place over a period of seven weeks (49 days) starting 29 January and running until 19 March 2025. This would see the statutory consultation period exceed the minimum period of 28 days as required by the PA2008. The deadline for receipt of feedback to the statutory consultation is 23.59 on Wednesday 19 March 2025.

1.9. The SoCC is available to view and download from the Project website, and printed reference copies will be made available from Community Access Points (CAPs) (see Table 5). Printed reference copies will also be available to view at in-person consultation events being held during statutory consultation (see Table 6).

2. About us

- 2.1. The Project is a development proposed by Island Green Power (IGP) who is an international developer of renewable energy projects.

2.2. Lime Down Solar Park Limited is a 100 per cent subsidiary of IGP UK Projects Limited, which is in turn a 100 per cent subsidiary of Island Green Power's UK group holding company, Island Green Power Group Limited.

2.3. Established in 2013, IGP has delivered 34 solar projects worldwide totalling more than one gigawatt of clean, renewable energy assets. This includes 17 projects in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

2.4. IGP specialises in the development of utility-scale solar projects and battery energy storage systems; overseeing the entire development process from start to finish, including sourcing land, securing grid connections and obtaining planning consents.
- 2.5. IGP's mission is to help the UK decarbonise and meet net zero goals, increasing solar energy generation and making more renewable energy possible while drastically reducing our carbon emissions.

2.6. IGP has appointed a professional project team to provide support and expertise throughout the project development process for the project. Together, the project team has significant experience working across solar and DCO projects, and in developing plans that are sensitive to the needs of the local community and surrounding environment.



3. The Project

- 3.1.

Lime Down Solar Park comprises a solar photovoltaic (PV) electricity generating station and ‘associated development’ including an on-site Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), grid connection infrastructure and other infrastructure integral to the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the Project.
- 3.2.

The PV electricity generating station and BESS would be contained within five land parcels - collectively referred to as ‘the Solar PV Sites’. Within the boundaries of the Solar PV Sites there will be areas for environmental mitigation and enhancement, along with buffer zones to maintain a suitable distance between equipment and infrastructure and existing homes, landscape, ecological and habitat features and Public Rights of Way.
- 3.3.

The Solar PV Sites comprise approximately 878 hectares (ha) (2,169 acres) of predominantly agricultural land which lie to the north of the M4, southwest of Malmesbury between the villages of Alderton, Luckington, Sherston, Foxley, Norton, Corston, Startley, Upper Seagry, Lower Stanton St Quintin and Hullavington.
- 3.4.

The Cable Route Search Corridor comprises the area in which underground cable would be installed to connect the individual Solar PV Sites to one another (referred to as the Interconnecting Cables) and the underground cable connection into the national grid at Melksham Substation (referred to as the Grid Connection Cables).
- 3.5.

The Project would be wholly contained within the development area (referred to as the ‘Site’) shown in **Figure 1**. This map shows the extent of the land required for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the Solar PV Sites and the connection into the national grid at Melksham Substation.
- 3.6.

The Project is anticipated as being able to deliver up to 500 megawatts (MW) of renewable electricity to the national grid, and store up to 1,000MWh (megawatt-hours) of energy in the BESS.
- 3.7.

Subject to being consented, the Project has the potential to:

3.7.1.

Generate enough renewable electricity to power the equivalent of 115,000 homes annually;

3.7.2.

Support national and regional obligations to reduce carbon emissions to net zero by 2035;

3.7.3.

Boost local biodiversity by a minimum of 10 percent, ensuring wildlife habitats are in a measurably better state than before; and

3.7.4.

Deliver tangible benefits to local communities closest to the Project.

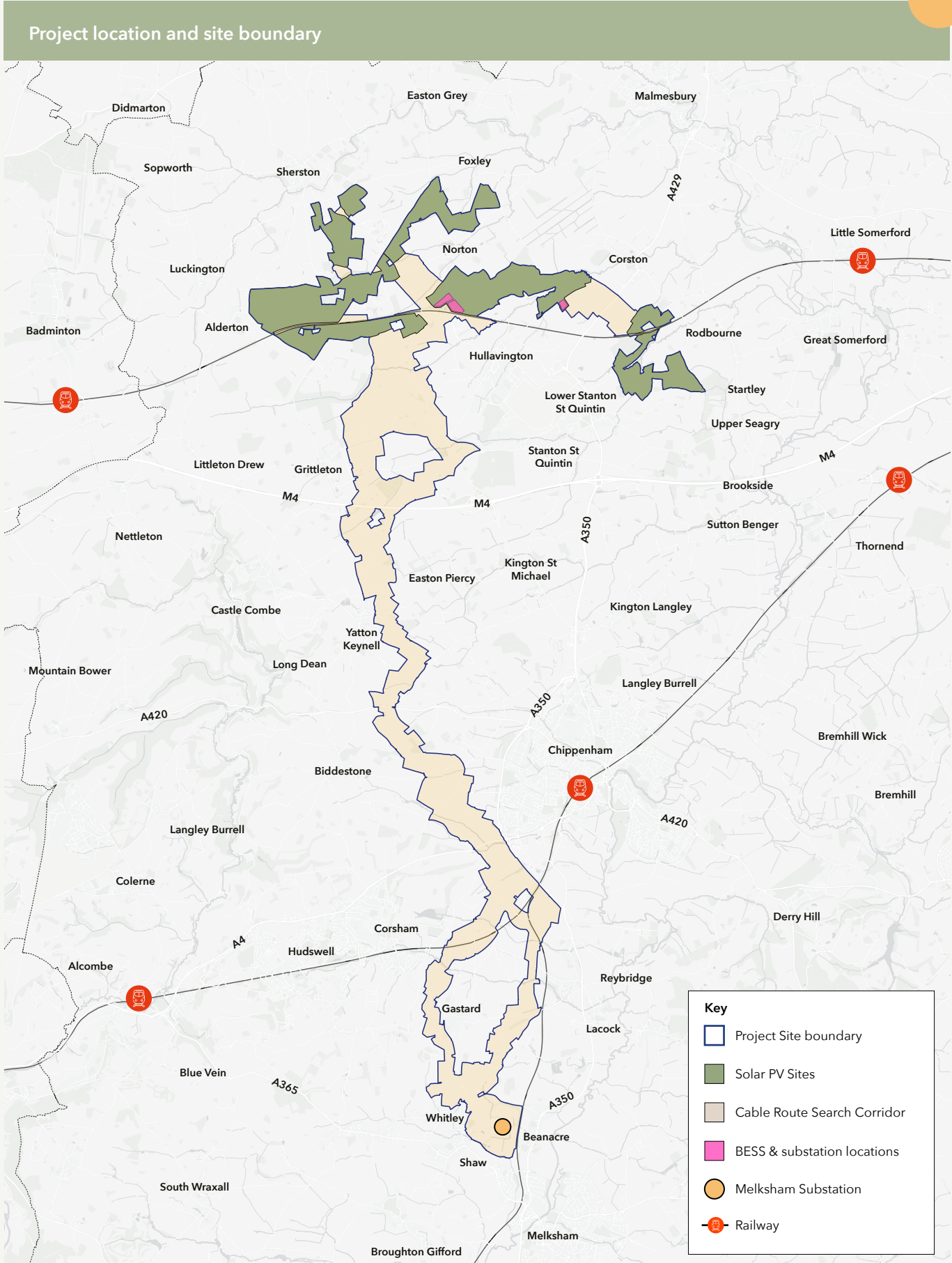


Figure 1: Project location and site boundary

3.8. The Project would comprise the following principal components:

- 3.8.1. Solar PV panels converting sunlight into electricity.

3.8.2. Solar PV mounting structures.

3.8.3. Supporting infrastructure - inverters, transformers and switchgear - converting the direct current (DC) electricity collected by the Solar PV panels into alternating current (AC) and stepping up the voltage so it can be exported to the national grid.

3.8.4. An energy storage system (the BESS) enabling electricity generated by the solar PV panels to be stored on-site, and released to the national grid when needed. It may also enable energy to be imported from the national grid so it can be stored until it is needed.

3.8.5. Substations to export the electricity from the Solar PV panels to the national grid. The substations will include a control building with welfare facilities.

3.8.6. On-site cables connecting the Solar PV panels and BESS to the inverters which, in turn connect to the transformers.

3.8.7. Grid connection cables providing the connection between the on-site substation and Melksham Substation to export the electricity generated by the Solar PV panels onto the national grid.

3.8.8. Temporary construction compounds and temporary roadway accesses to enable access to the land within the Site for the purposes of constructing the Project.
- 3.8.9. Accesses to the Site during construction and for routine maintenance when the Project is operational.

3.8.10. Fencing comprising wire mesh and wooden posts to enclose operational areas of the site with pole mounted internal facing CCTV systems around the perimeter.

3.8.11. New planting, landscaping and biodiversity measures across the site and around the perimeter to enhance biodiversity and improve the landscape.
- 3.9. An indicative diagram illustrating the components of a typical solar project is set out in **Figure 2**.

Components of a typical solar farm

1. Solar energy

2. Fencing

3. Solar panels

4. Inverter (DC to AC power converter)
5. Landscape area

6. Substation

7. Battery storage

8. Underground cable

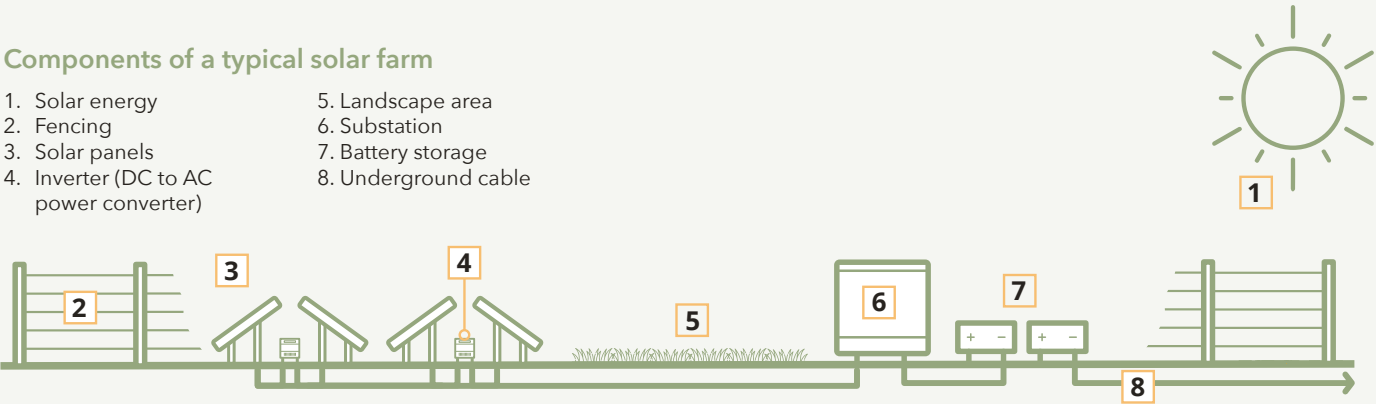
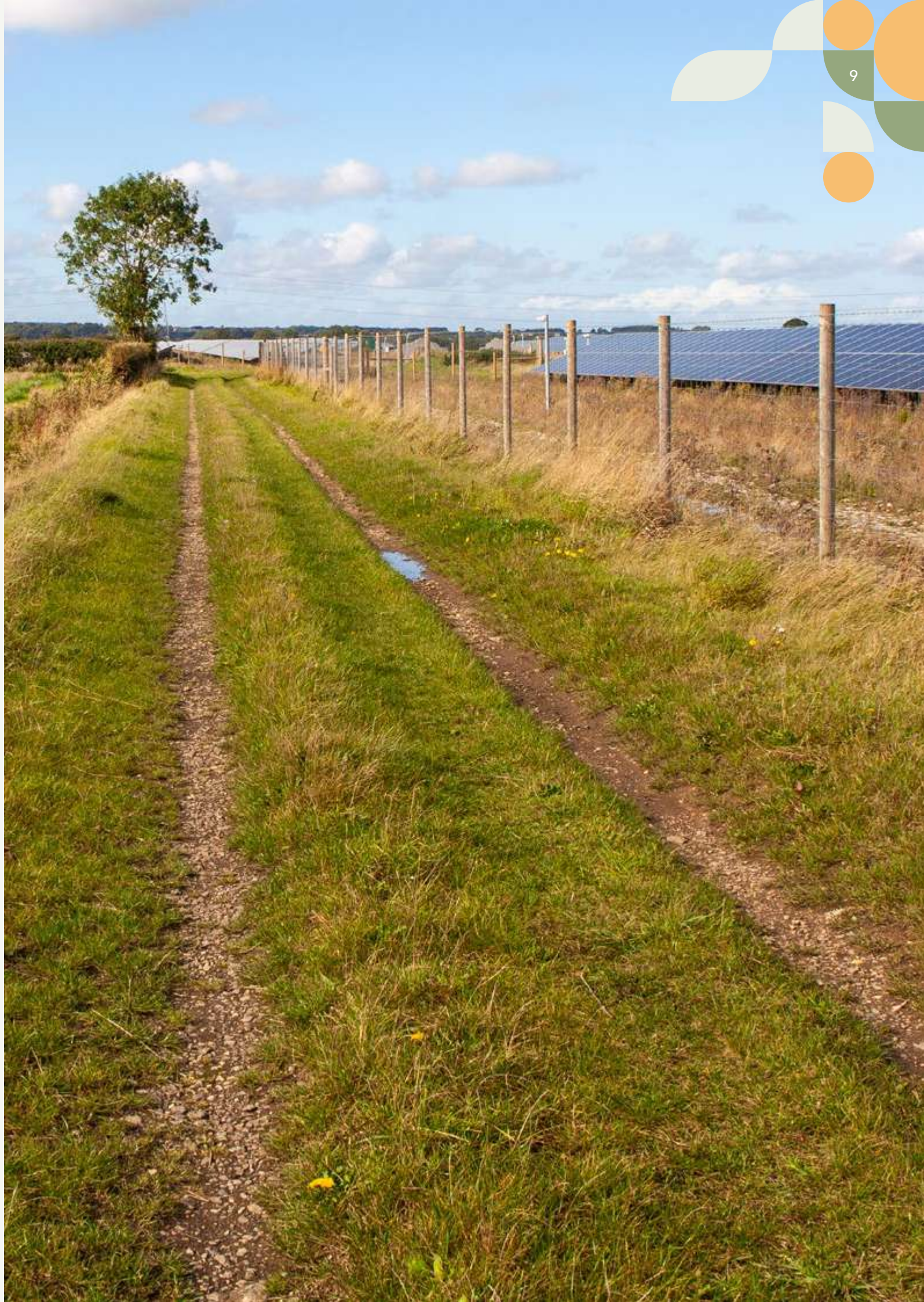
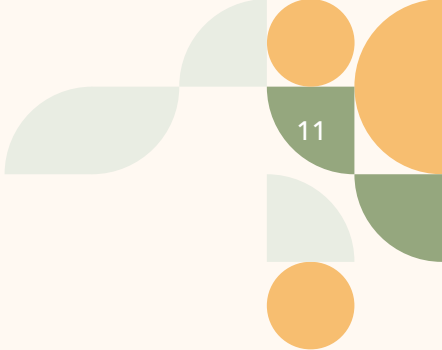


Figure 2: Components of a typical solar project





4. The DCO consenting process

- 4.1. The Project is classified as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) because it comprises the construction of a solar generating station with a capacity over 50MW.

4.2. The development consenting regime for an NSIP comes under the PA2008. This means that we need to submit an application for development consent for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the Project to the Inspectorate, the body responsible for managing the examination process for NSIPs.

4.3. In the case of energy-related NSIPs, the Inspectorate acts on behalf of the SoS for Energy Security and Net Zero. Should the Inspectorate accept the application for Examination, they will appoint an Examining Authority and the public will be able to submit a relevant representation and become an interested party.

4.4. The Examining Authority will then conduct an Examination of our application and make a recommendation to the SoS on whether to grant development consent. The SoS will review the recommendation and decide whether to grant development consent for the Project. **Table 1** provides an overview of the key stages of the DCO application process.

4.5. Before submitting an application for development consent, we must carry out statutory consultation in accordance with the PA2008. This document - the SoCC - has been prepared in accordance with Section 47 (1) of the PA2008 and associated guidance¹. It explains how we intend to carry out statutory consultation with the local community during the pre-application stage, sharing information about and inviting feedback on the Project.
- 4.6. Wiltshire Council, as the local host authority, has been consulted on the contents of this document as required by Section 47 (2) of the PA2008. Wiltshire Council has also had the opportunity to provide comments on an early draft of this SoCC. We have had regard to the feedback Wiltshire Council provided, with it having been considered and used to inform this final version.

4.7. We currently anticipate submitting our application for development consent to the Inspectorate in Autumn 2025. Subject to a DCO being granted, the earliest construction would start is 2027 (see Section 9 - Indicative Project Timeline).

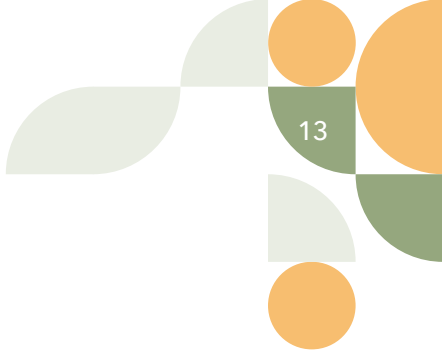
4.8. More information about the stages of the application process and how you can have your say can be found on the Inspectorate's website².

DCO Application process

1. Pre-application	We, as the Applicant, must consult with the community and statutory consultees in compliance with the PA2008. To demonstrate this to the Inspectorate, the DCO application we submit will include a Consultation Report setting out our method for consulting, the feedback received in response to the consultation, and how this has influenced our proposals.
2. Acceptance	The Inspectorate, on behalf of the SoS, has 28 days to decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to the Examination. This includes consideration of whether our consultation has been adequate.
3. Pre-Examination	Further to the application being accepted, an Examining Authority will be appointed and you can submit a relevant representation and become an interested party to have the right to provide comments at the Examination stage, have the right to request to speak at hearings and hear about events and decisions as well as the progress of the application. The Examining Authority will hold a preliminary meeting and set the timetable for Examination.
4. Examination	The Examining Authority has up to six months to conduct the Examination of our application. This will involve a series of open floor / public hearings, compulsory acquisition hearings and topic specific hearings and additional opportunities for you to digitally submit your comments in writing.
5. Decision	A recommendation to the SoS will be issued by the Examining Authority within three months of the close of the Examination. The SoS then has a further three months to issue a decision on whether to grant development consent for the Application.

Table 1: DCO application process

¹<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/29/section/47#:~:text=47Duty%20to%20consult%20local%20community&text=>
²<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nationally-significant-infrastructure-projects-the-stages-of-the-nsip-process-and-how-you-can-have-your-say>



5. Our public consultation process

5.1. Pre-application consultation forms an important part of the planning and development process, and the PA2008 requires developers to publicise their proposals widely. It also requires developers to consult with local communities, local authorities, statutory bodies and persons with an interest in land potentially affected by the proposed NSIP.

Consultation objectives

- 5.2. Our overall objectives for the Stage Two consultation are to:
- 5.2.1. Raise awareness about the Project proposals and the consultation so local communities have the opportunity to:
 - Understand the Project, its potential impacts and the measures proposed to reduce those impacts.
 - Engage in discussion relating to ways of maximising local benefits to meet their long-term needs so they can provide their views and feedback.
 - 5.2.2. Give local communities, relevant authorities and other stakeholders an opportunity to comment on the proposals based on appropriately detailed information that is clear and accessible.
 - 5.2.3. Provide a range of ways for people to engage with the Project at a time that is convenient to them. For example, online (website, webinars), in person (events, briefings), in writing (feedback form, letters).
 - 5.2.4. Clearly signpost the different ways people can comment on the Project.
 - 5.2.5. Ensure that everyone who has an interest in the Project is made aware of the examination process and provided with information explaining how they can participate in that process.
- 5.3. The pre-application process for the Project comprises at least two stages of consultation as follows:
- 5.3.1. Stage One ‘non-statutory’ consultation on our early stage proposals for the Project; and
 - 5.3.2. Stage Two ‘statutory’ consultation which will be delivered in accordance with the requirements of the PA2008.

Stage One ‘non-statutory’ consultation

- 5.4. We carried out an initial stage of ‘non-statutory’ consultation between 14 March and 26 April 2024. The aim of this initial consultation was to introduce the Project, present our early-stage proposals for the solar and energy storage park and its connection to Melksham Substation, and give individuals and interested parties the opportunity to share their views. The consultation also invited local communities and stakeholders to suggest schemes or initiatives that we could support to benefit those communities closest the Project.
- 5.5. Stage One consultation was open to all interested members of the public and featured digital and non-digital methods of engagement. Direct written and email communications were issued to local political representatives and parish councils provide them with details of the Stage One consultation. A consultation postcard was then direct mailed to over 11,000 residential and business addresses lying within a defined consultation zone to directly notify them of the consultation, publicise events taking place and signpost people to where information about the Project and the consultation could be found. A press release was issued to local print, broadcast and online media outlets, with adverts promoting the consultation also being placed in local newspapers, including the Wiltshire Times, Gazette & Herald, Melksham Independent News and Swindon Advertiser.
- 5.6. Over the course of this initial consultation six in-person information events and two online webinar sessions were held (see Table 2) to provide opportunity for people to speak with members of the Project team to ask questions about the Project, the consultation and how they could take part.

- 5.7. Through the publicity, information events and a number of other means including the Project website, freephone community information line, and project email address, local communities and stakeholders were provided with initial information on the Project and given the opportunity to submit their views and comments.
- 5.8. We received around 1,400 submissions of feedback to Stage One consultation, which enabled us to gain a broader understanding of the local area. We have used this feedback, together with the findings from ongoing surveys and discussion with technical stakeholders, to help shape more detailed proposals for the Project.
- 5.9. A summary of the Stage One consultation and how we have used feedback received to inform the ongoing development of our proposals for Lime Down Solar Park is set out in our [Stage One Consultation Summary Report](#). This is available to view and download from the Project website³.
- 5.10. The information gathered during this first stage of consultation has also informed the preparation of this SoCC.

Date/time	Location
Fri 22 March 2024 15:30 – 19:30	Sherston Village Hall, High Street, Sherston, Malmesbury, SN16 0LQ
Sat 23 March 2024 11:00 – 15:00	Hullavington Village Hall, Hill Hayes Lane, Hullavington, Chippenham, SN14 6EB
Mon 25 March 2024 13:30 – 17:30	Grittleton Village Hall, The Street, Grittleton, Chippenham, SN14 6AW
Wed 27 March 2024 17:30 – 19:00	Virtual webinar (held on Zoom)
Tues 09 April 2024 15:30 – 19:30	Goss Croft Hall, Startley Road, Upper Seagry, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 5HD
Wed 10 April 2024 15:30 – 19:30	Corsham Town Council Hall, Town Hall, 65 High St, Corsham, SN13 0EZ
Thurs 11 April 2024 14:00 – 18:00	Shaw Village Hall, The Beeches, Shaw, Melksham, SN12 8EW
Wed 17 April 2024 17:30 – 19:00	Virtual webinar (held on Zoom)

Table 2: Stage One Consultation information event programme

³<https://www.limedownsolar.co.uk/documents>

Stage Two ‘statutory’ consultation

- 5.11. Stage Two Statutory consultation will take place over a period of seven weeks (49 days) from Wednesday 29 January until Wednesday 19 March 2025. This consultation period exceeds the minimum period of 28 days as required by the PA2008.
- 5.12. This second stage of consultation enables us to share more detailed information about the Project and provide local communities and other stakeholders with the opportunity to find out how our proposals have evolved since Stage One consultation and submit their views for consideration. Stage Two consultation will take place in accordance with the requirements of the PA2008.
- 5.13. During this time, local communities will be consulted on proposals via a range of methods including in-person information events held at local venues, as well as online events. At the same time as carrying out this consultation in accordance with Section 47 ‘Duty to consult local community’ of the PA2008, we are proposing to carry out statutory consultation in accordance with Sections 42 and 48 of the PA2008 which includes local authorities, parish councils, statutory stakeholders and owners, tenants and occupiers of the land who may be potentially affected by the Project.
- 5.14. This statutory consultation will be publicised to local communities within a defined core consultation zone (see Figure 3) as well as other stakeholders using a variety of communication methods (see Section 7).
- 5.15. Consultation documents and materials will be made available to view at Community Access Points (CAPs) (see Table 5) and in-person information events (see Table 6). They will also be available to view and download from the Project website: www.limedownsolar.co.uk. Members of the Project team will be available at events to answer questions about the Project and provide information about the consultation.
- 5.16. Unless agreed with us directly, the deadline for submitting responses to this statutory consultation is 23.59 on Wednesday 19 March 2025.

What we will consult on

- 5.17. The aim of our pre-application consultation is to ensure that community, landowners and tenants, public representatives and technical consultees all have a chance to understand and influence the Project. We will consider the feedback we receive to help refine our proposals ahead of preparing our application for development consent.
- 5.18. During statutory consultation we welcome and will consider feedback on all aspects of our proposals for the Project, and will specifically invite comments on:
- 5.18.1. The design for the five Solar PV Sites in which the electricity generating station and BESS would be contained;
- 5.18.2. The proposed Cable Route Search Corridor in which an underground cable would be installed to connect the Solar PV Sites to one another and provide an electrical connection into the national grid at Melksham Substation;
- 5.18.3. The environmental effects of the Project detailed in the Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR) which sets out the results of our preliminary environmental assessments and associated mitigation;
- 5.18.4. The timescales and next steps for the Project; and
- 5.18.5. Anything else you think we need to consider.

Statutory consultation - key dates

14 Jan 2025	SoCC available to view at CAPs and on the Project website
From 14 Jan 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Section 48 Notices published in regional papers, one national paper, and the London GazetteSection 42 consultation information sent to statutory and prescribed persons
From 27 Jan 2025	Consultation leaflet announcing consultation launch distributed to addresses within the core consultation zone
29 Jan 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Statutory consultation launchesConsultation materials available to view at CAPs and on the Project websitePublic information events held at local venues and online
19 Mar 2025	Stage Two statutory consultation closes at 23.59

Table 3: Statutory consultation - key dates

Consultation reporting

- 5.19. When statutory consultation has closed we will review and finalise the proposed application for the Project, having regard to the feedback received.
- 5.20. We will then produce a Consultation Report which will be included with our DCO application.
- 5.21. The Consultation Report will:
- 5.21.1. Describe the consultation that has been carried out (in accordance with the SoCC);
- 5.21.2. Evidence how we have satisfied and adhered to legal requirements;
- 5.21.3. Detail how we have worked with Wiltshire Council to ensure our consultation is suitable for the area through the proposals set out in this SoCC;
- 5.21.4. Set out the key themes raised in the feedback and consultation responses received; and
- 5.21.5. Respond to the feedback, setting out how we have had regard to feedback relevant to the Project and how it has influenced our proposals.
- 5.22. Any comments submitted to the statutory consultation could be made public. Any personal data received as part of the Consultation will be stored and protected in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The Privacy Notice is available on the Project website⁴ and hard copies can be made available on request.
- 5.23. The Consultation Report will be available to view on the Lime Down Solar Park webpage of the Inspectorate’s website subject to our application being accepted for examination⁵.

Examination process

- 5.24. After submission, the Inspectorate, on behalf of the SoS, will decide whether the application meets the standards required to be accepted for examination.
- 5.25. Subject to the application being accepted, members of the public will be able to register with the Inspectorate to become an Interested Party by making a Relevant Representation.
- 5.26. The Inspectorate then has up to six months to carry out an examination. During this stage, Interested Parties who have registered by making a Relevant Representation are able to participate in the process by attending hearings and making further written submissions.
- 5.27. An overview of the five key stages in the DCO application process is provided in Table 1.

⁴<https://www.limedownsolar.co.uk/privacy-policy>

⁵<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010168>

6. Who we will consult

- 6.1. Our consultation process is open to anyone who is affected by or has an interest in our proposals for the Project. We are seeking to engage with a range of individuals and groups and want our consultation to be accessible for everyone to take part.
- 6.2. In accordance with Section 47 of the PA2008, the SoCC must outline how we propose to consult people living 'in the vicinity of the land' for the Project. This also encompasses those working and visiting areas within the vicinity of the Project.
- 6.3. There is no set rule that defines those people, groups or organisations falling into this category. We have therefore used our professional judgement and consulted with Wiltshire Council on what is appropriate for the Project.
- 6.4. To help determine the core consultation zone, we considered where may be directly or indirectly impacted by the Project permanently or temporarily as a result of its construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning.
- 6.5. Having considered these impacts, we then determined an appropriate core consultation zone by initially extending a minimum distance of two kilometres (km) from the boundaries of the five Solar PV Sites and 500 metres (m) from the edge of the Cable Route Search Corridor.
- 6.6. The zone has been extended further, where proportionate, to include reasonable consideration of:

6.6.1. Zone of theoretical visibility to assess the areas in vicinity of the Project site boundary which could experience a degree of visual impact;

6.6.2. Existing natural and human geographical boundaries, for example, the M4 and A350;

6.6.3. Coverage of parishes hosting any of the five Solar PV Sites as follows:
 - Norton and Foxley Parish Meeting
 - Sherston Parish Council
 - Hullavington Parish Council
 - Luckington and Alderton Parish Council
 - St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council
- 6.7. We will seek to engage directly with those people who live and work, or have an interest, in land within our core consultation zone including residents, local businesses, and community organisations (including parish councils) to raise awareness and encourage participation in the consultation through a selection of communication channels (see Section 7).
- 6.8. The core consultation zone we have determined is shown **Figure 3**. Addresses are generated from data available from Royal Mail.

Core consultation zone

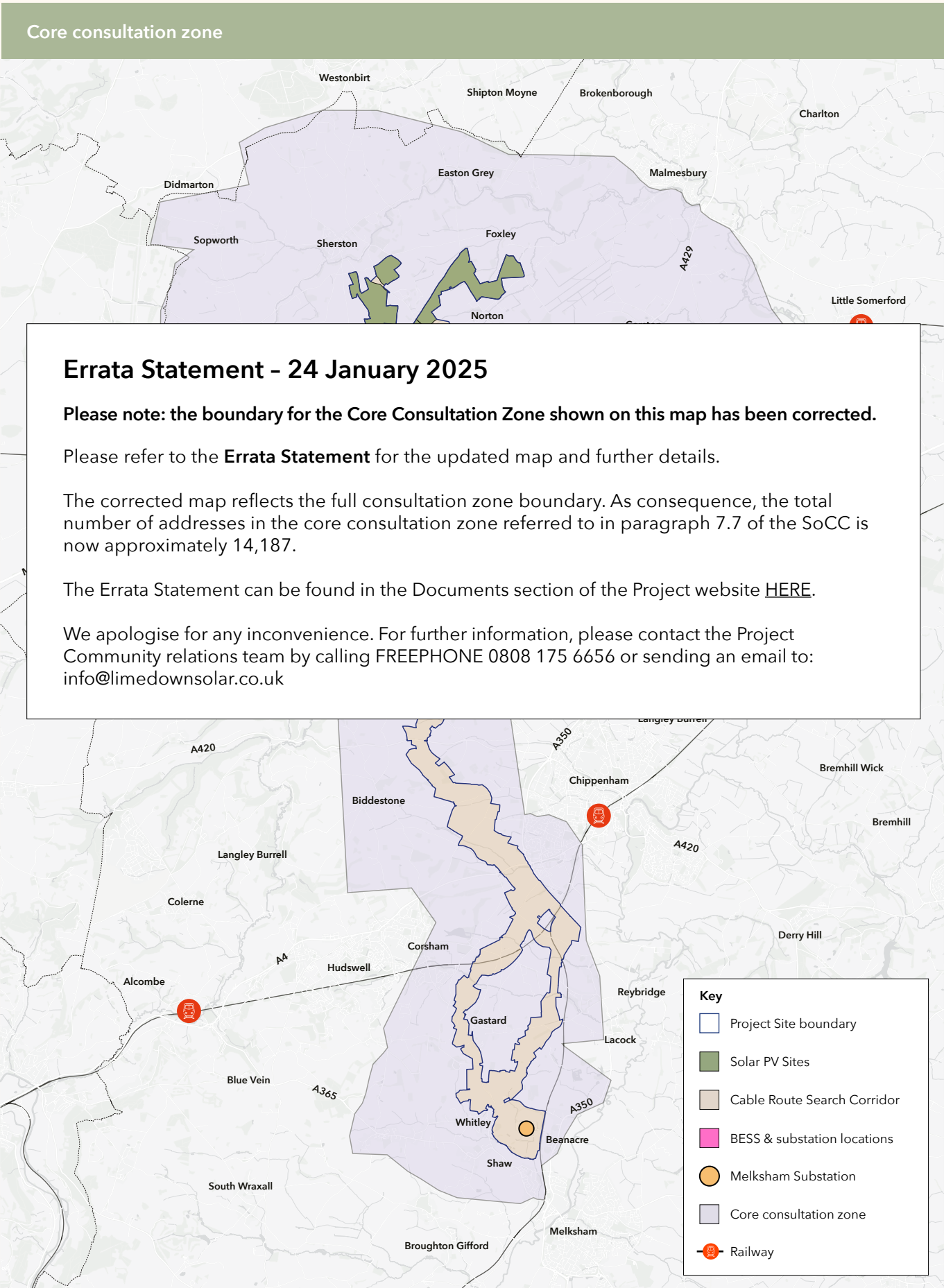


Figure 3: Core consultation zone

Consulting people beyond the core consultation zone

- 6.9. We recognise that individuals, groups and organisations who live and work beyond the core consultation zone may also have an interest in the Project and may have taken part in Stage One Consultation.
- 6.10. To give these individuals and organisations the opportunity to participate in this second stage of consultation we will raise awareness in the following ways:
- 6.10.1. Directly notify any individual who has registered to receive information about the Project, including those who have expressed concern or opposition to the proposals;
 - 6.10.2. Publish a Section 48 notice in the local and national press and London Gazette (see Table 7);
 - 6.10.3. Advertise the consultation in local media outlets reaching audiences beyond the core consultation zone (see Table 8);
 - 6.10.4. Publish consultation materials so they are available to view online (see Table 4); and
 - 6.10.5. Fulfil requests for copies of the consultation materials received through the Project communications channels (see 7.34-7.37).
- 6.11. We will also engage those parties representing the interests of those communities which lie beyond the core consultation zone including:
- 6.11.1. Members of Parliament representing the host constituencies:
 - Roz Savage MP (South Cotswolds)
 - Sarah Gibson MP (Chippenham)
 - Brian Mathew MP (Melksham and Devizes)
 - 6.11.2. Wiltshire Council electoral division members (councillors)
 - 6.11.3. Wiltshire Area Boards within whose boundaries the Project site boundary lies including:
 - Chippenham and Villages Area Board;
 - Corsham Area Board;
 - Malmesbury Area Board; and
 - Melksham Area Board.
 - 6.11.4. Community interest groups and voluntary organisations (see Appendix 1);

Consulting with under-represented or seldom heard groups

- 6.12. We are committed to ensuring the consultation process and associated communications reach as many parts of the community as possible.
- 6.13. We have identified various 'under-represented' or 'seldom-heard' groups and individuals within the core consultation zone who may be less likely to engage with, or participate in, consultation. These groups are:
- 6.13.1. Children and young people
 - 6.13.2. Lone parents
 - 6.13.3. Older people
 - 6.13.4. People with disabilities
 - 6.13.5. People with learning difficulties
 - 6.13.6. People visiting mental health support groups
 - 6.13.7. Minority ethnic groups
 - 6.13.8. Those who may not speak English as their first language
 - 6.13.9. Gypsy and traveller communities
 - 6.13.10. The military
 - 6.13.11. Residents who work outside Wiltshire
 - 6.13.12. People who work in Wiltshire but live elsewhere
 - 6.13.13. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual (LGBTQIA+) community
 - 6.13.14. Carers
 - 6.13.15. People who are time poor i.e. working full time and/or shift workers
- 6.14. Our consultation methodology (see Section 7) has been designed to communicate as effectively as possible with these groups, ensuring they have the opportunity to access information and participate in the consultation.
- 6.15. We will contact bodies and organisations representing these groups ahead of statutory consultation starting to provide information about the consultation and ensure our approach considers the needs of their members. See **Appendix 1** for a list of the gateway organisations and local groups we will contact.
- 6.16. Requests for specific consultation activity to cater for their members will be considered on a case-by-case basis and agreed and planned with the requesting organisations. We will continue to notify them of further consultation and engagement activity as information becomes available.
- 6.17. Our community relations team is available to assist anyone who may find it difficult to submit written comments to the consultation and can be contacted directly via the Project communications channels (see 10.5). Requests for community consultation literature to meet specific requirements (such as large print or audio for those with visual impairments, or an alternative language for those who do not speak English as their first language) will be considered on a case-by-case basis so we can establish how to provide the information required.

Wider consultation in accordance with Section 42 of the PA2008

6.18. At the same time as carrying out Stage Two 'statutory' consultation in accordance with Section 47 'Duty to Consult local community' of the PA2008, we will be carrying out statutory consultation in accordance with Section 42 and Section 48 of the PA2008. This will involve stakeholders including:

- 6.18.1. Wiltshire Council (the host authority) as well as neighbouring authorities:
- Cotswold District Council
 - Swindon Borough Council
 - Vale of White Horse District Council
 - West Berkshire Council
 - Test Valley Borough Council
 - New Forest District Council
 - New Forest National Park Authority
 - Dorset Council
 - Somerset Council
 - Bath and North East Somerset Council
 - South Gloucestershire Council
 - Oxfordshire County Council
 - Gloucestershire County Council
 - Hampshire County Council

6.18.2. The relevant parish councils including those listed in 6.6.3, and additional parish councils as follows:

- Atworth Parish Council
- Biddestone and Slaughterford Parish Council
- Broughton Gifford Parish Council
- Chippenham Without Parish Council
- Corsham Town Council
- Great Somerford Parish Council
- Grittleton Parish Council
- Hullavington Parish Council
- Kington Langley Parish Council
- Kington St Michael Parish Council
- Lacock Parish Council
- Luckington and Alderton Parish Council
- Malmesbury Town Council
- Melksham Town Council
- Melksham Without Parish Council
- Norton and Foxley Parish Meeting
- Sherston Parish Council
- St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council
- Stanton St Quintin Parish Council
- Sutton Benger Parish Council
- Yatton Keynell Parish Council

6.18.3. Statutory Environmental Bodies such as Natural England, the Environment Agency, and the Cotswold National Landscape Board.

6.18.4. Persons having an interest in land affected by the Project (Section 42(1) (d) consultees) including property and land owners and occupiers



7. How we will consult

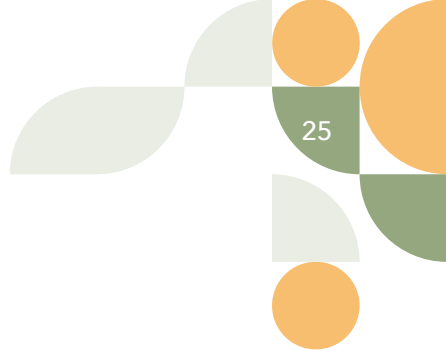
- 7.1. We are endeavouring to conduct consultation in a way that gives as many people as possible the opportunity to access information about the project and provide their views.
- 7.2. We have identified a number of ways in which, throughout the consultation period, people can:
 - 7.2.1. Access clear and concise information about the project and the potential effects (this will include making available all relevant technical documents relating to the project);
 - 7.2.2. Review and comment on consultation documents at a time which is convenient to them; and
 - 7.2.3. Express their views regarding the Project by submitting feedback to the statutory consultation via easy to use and accessible methods.
- 7.3. The consultation activities described in this section of the SoCC aim to deliver inclusive, meaningful, and open consultation. They include a range of methods to ensure that the consultation can be accessed by all members of the local community (including those 'under-represented' or 'seldom heard' groups set out in 6.16).

Project website

- 7.4. The Project website www.limedownsolar.co.uk will be updated to provide information about the consultation and what we are consulting on. All the community consultation literature and technical documents produced to support the statutory consultation (see 7.7-7.18) will be available to view and download from the 'Documents' section of the website.
- 7.5. It will be possible to submit a response to the consultation via the website using a dedicated online feedback form which will be live throughout the consultation period.
- 7.6. The website will continue to provide the facility for people to register their contact details with the Project so they can receive future updates and information directly.

Community consultation literature

- 7.7. A **Consultation Leaflet** will be direct mailed to approximately 10,523 addresses which lie within the core consultation zone from 27 January 2025. Leaflets can also be posted to those outside the core consultation zone on request.
- 7.8. The Consultation Leaflet will be our main form of direct communication about the consultation with the public confirming the dates of the consultation and the deadline for receipt of feedback, details of in-person and online information events taking place, where they can find information about what is being consulted on and how they can take part. It will also provide details for the website and Project communications channels.
- 7.9. We will publish a **Project Information Booklet** to provide a summary of the Project and what is being consulted on, details of how people can take part in the consultation, and how feedback will be considered and used to influence the Project.
- 7.10. A **Feedback Form** will be made available for people to respond to the consultation in writing. Completed feedback forms can be returned by post, free of charge, to the Project freepost address **FREEPOST Lime Down Solar**. An online version of the Feedback Form will also be made available on the Project website so people can submit their feedback electronically.
- 7.11. Throughout the consultation period, people will also be welcome to submit written feedback by post to FREEPOST Lime Down Solar or by email to the Project email address: info@limedownsolar.co.uk
- 7.12. Feedback submitted to the consultation by email must be received by 23:59 on Wednesday 19 March 2025. Written feedback sent to the Project freepost address which is received after this deadline will be accepted subject to the postmark date being no later than the prescribed deadline of 19 March 2025.
- 7.13. By appointment with the Project team it will be possible to make a verbal representation over the Project freephone information line 0808 175 6656. Feedback provided will be transcribed and agreed verbally prior to submission. Appointments to provide verbal feedback should be made by contacting the Project team via Project freepost, email address or telephone number described above.
- 7.14. The Consultation Leaflet, Project Information Booklet and Feedback form will be available to view and download from the Project website from the start of statutory consultation on 29 January 2025. Hard copies of these documents will be available to take away free of charge from CAPs (see Table 5) from the same date, and to collect from in-person information events taking place (see Table 6). Digital and printed copies can be made available on request by contacting the Project community relations team (see 10.5).
- 7.15. Requests for community consultation literature set out above to meet specific requirements (such as large print or audio for those with visual impairments, or in an alternative language for those who do not speak English as their first language) will be considered on a case-by-case basis.



Technical documents

- 7.16. We will publish all those technical documents we have produced which describe and evaluate our proposals for the Project under consultation on the Project website when consultation launches on 29 January 2025. These comprise:

7.16.1. The **Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)**, a core technical document setting out the initial Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) findings and identifying those measures we are proposing to reduce, enhance, and improve the effects our proposed development may have on the environment. Please see **Section 8** of this SoCC for further details.

7.16.2. A **Non-Technical Summary (NTS) of the PEIR**

7.16.3. Maps and plans at appropriate scales.
- 7.17. Printed reference copies of the PEIR, NTS, maps and plans will be available to view free of charge at CAPs from the launch of consultation, and at in-person information events. Requests for a printed hard copy of the PEIR will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. To cover printing and postage costs, a charge of up to £4,874.00 may apply. (The charge will be calculated based on cost per individual volume requested as follows: Volume 1 – Main Report, £896.00; Volume Two – Figures, £700.00 and Volume Three – Appendices, £3,278.00).

7.18. A **Document Navigation Booklet** will be published to assist with the review of community consultation literature and technical documents. This document will be available online, and to view and take away from CAPs and in-person information events.

7.19. Details of where documents will be available during the statutory consultation period are set out in **Table 4**.

Consultation document	Project website	Community Access Points (CAPs)	In-person information events
SoCC (this document)	Y	Y	Y
Consultation Leaflet	Y	Y	Y
Project Information Booklet	Y	Y	Y
Document Navigation Booklet	Y	Y	Y
Consultation Feedback Form	Y	Y	Y
Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)	Y	Y	Y
PEIR Non-Technical Summary (NTS)	Y	Y	Y
Maps and plans	Y	Y	Y
Event display panels	Y	N	Y

Table 4: Consultation document availability

Community Access Points (CAPs)

- 7.20. Reference copies of technical documents (PEIR, NTS of the PEIR , and maps and plans) will be available to view free of charge at CAPs for inspection in printed and electronic format. Copies of the community consultation literature (Consultation Leaflet, Project Information Booklet, Feedback Form, and Document Navigation Booklet) which will also be available at CAPs to view and takeaway free of charge.

7.21. CAPs have been selected on the criteria of them being in proximity of the Project and publicly accessible. The location, opening times (as currently known) and contact details for the venues where materials will be located are set out in **Table 5**⁷. A map showing the location of these venues is included in Appendix 2.
- 7.22. Opening times and accessibility may vary, so it is advised to check with venues directly for up-to-date information. It should also be noted that these venues require visitors to show proof of identity to use an on-site computer to view the consultation documents online. For more information go to: wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-accessing-computers

7.23. During the statutory consultation, we will hold public information events on days and at times designed to maximise attendance, including two events on a Saturday. At these events, you will be able to access information about the Project and the aspects we are consulting on. Members of the Project team will be available to discuss the proposals and answer any questions.

7.24. The programme of public information events comprises eight in-person events and two online events.

7.25. **In-person information events** will be held at publicly accessible venues which accommodate the needs of individuals with limited mobility. They will take the form of ‘drop-in’ events that people can come along at any point during the advertised opening hours.

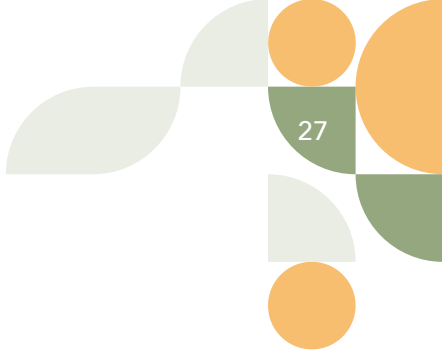
7.26. Information available to view at in-person events will include display panels, reference copies of technical documents, maps and plans published as part of the consultation (including the PEIR and NTS), and the SoCC (this document). Printed copies of community consultation literature will be available to take away. Representatives from the Project team will be available to discuss the proposals and provide guidance on how people can take part in the consultation.

7.27. **Online information events** will take the form of webinars conducted on ‘Zoom’, the date and time for which will be publicised along with details of in-person events.

Venue and address	Opening times
Corsham Library Springfield Community Campus Beechfield Road Corsham, Wiltshire SN13 9DN T: 01249 468490	Mon (staffed): 09:00 – 19:00 Tues (staffed): 09:00 – 17:00 Weds (staffed): 09:00 – 17:00 Thurs (staffed): 09:00 – 17:00 Fri (staffed): 09:00 – 19:00 Sat (staffed): 09:00 – 17:00 Sun (not staffed)
Melksham Library Melksham Community Campus Market Place Melksham, Wiltshire SN12 6ES T: 01225 702 039	Mon (staffed): 09.30 – 19:00 Tues (staffed): 09.30 – 17:00 Weds (not staffed). Thurs (staffed): 09.30 – 19:00 Fri (staffed): 09.30 – 17:00 Sat (staffed): 09.30 – 17:00 Sun (not staffed)
Malmesbury Library 24 Cross Hayes Malmesbury, Wiltshire SN16 9BG T: 01666 823611	Mon: 14:00 – 19:00 Tues: 09:30 – 17:00 Weds: 09:30 – 17:00 Thurs: closed Fri: 09:30 – 19:00 Sat: 09.30- 13:00 Sun: closed
Chippenham Library Timber Street Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 3EJ T: 01249 650536	Mon: 10:00 – 19:00 Tues: 09:00 – 17:00 Weds: 09:00 – 13:00 Thurs: 09:00 – 19:00 Fri: 09:00 – 19:00 Sat: 09:00 – 17:00 Sun: closed

Table 5: Community Access Points

⁷Please note that due to limited space at Corsham Library and Melksham Library hard copies of the consultation materials will only be available to view during staffed hours when it is possible to request assistance from a member of staff to provide access to the documents.



- 7.28. Webinars will be held for any member of the public to join via telephone or the internet. The format of these webinars will involve the presentation of information consistent with that made available at in-person events (i.e. display panels) by representatives from the Project team, followed by a moderated question and answer session. Participants will be invited to submit questions during the webinar.

7.29. Webinar sessions will be recorded and made available.

7.30. The timings for in-person and online information events have been coordinated to ensure they are not restricted to take place during typical working hours to maximise opportunities for engagement⁸. The full programme of events anticipated as being held are set out in **Table 6**.
- 7.31. A map showing the location of where in-person information events are being held is included in **Appendix 2**.

7.32. To manage venue capacity and ensure the safety of all participants at in-person events, staff will be on hand to monitor the number of attendees in the room at any given time and ensure capacity limits are not exceeded.

7.33. Where any information event set out in **Table 6** are cancelled or rearranged for any reason, as much notice as possible will be given. Notice of any alternative arrangements (if any) will be given as soon as possible after the cancellation or rearrangement is made.

Date and time	Location
Wed 05 February 2025 18:30 – 20:00	ONLINE (Zoom) - register to attend via Project website www.limedownsolar.co.uk
Fri 07 February 2025 14:30 – 19:30	Sherston Village Hall High Street, Sherston, Malmesbury, SN16 0LQ
Sat 08 February 2025 11:00 – 15:00	Hullavington Village Hall Hill Hayes Lane, Hullavington, Chippenham, SN14 6EB
Wed 12 February 2025 14:30 – 19:30	Grittleton Village Hall The Street, Grittleton, Chippenham, SN14 6AW
Thurs 13 February 2025 14:30 – 19:30	Corsham Town Council Hall Town Hall, 65 High Street, Corsham, SN13 0EZ
Fri 14 February 2025 14:30 – 19:30	Malmesbury Town Hall Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, SN16 9BZ
Sat 15 February 2025 11:00 – 15:00	Luckington Village Hall Bristol Road, Luckington, Chippenham, SN14 6NP
Tues 25 February 2025 14:30 – 19:30	Goss Croft Hall Startley Road, Upper Seagry, Chippenham, SN15 5HD
Wed 26 February 2025 17:30 – 20:30	Shaw CofE Primary School Corsham Road, Shaw, Melksham, SN12 8EQ
Thurs 27 February 2025 18:30 – 20:00	ONLINE (Zoom) - register to attend via Project website www.limedownsolar.co.uk

Table 6: Public information event programme

⁸The running times for in-person information events have also been determined based on venue availability.

Open communication

- 7.34. The Project communications channels will remain open throughout the pre-application stage. Outside of the statutory consultation period you will still be able to speak to a member of our Project community relations team to ask questions through these channels.

7.35. During the consultation period consultees can provide feedback by:

7.35.1. Submitting an online feedback form through the Project website

7.35.2. Completing a printed copy of the feedback form and submitting it an in-person information event or returning it to FREEPOST Lime Down Solar (no stamp required)

7.35.3. Sending an email to:
info@limedownsolar.co.uk

7.35.4. Providing comments in writing and posting them to FREEPOST Lime Down Solar

7.36. By appointment with the Project team, it will be possible to make a verbal representation over the Project freephone 0808 175 6656. Feedback provided will be transcribed and agreed verbally prior to submission. Appointments to provide verbal feedback should be made by contacting the Project team via Project freepost, email address or telephone number described above.

7.37. Questions and requests for information can be made using the communications channels above and by calling the Project freephone line 0808 175 6656 (open 09:00-17:00, Monday-Friday, with a voice message service operating during out of office hours so a callback can be made subject to the correct information being provided in the message).

Section 48 notice

- 7.38. As required by Section 48 of the PA2008 we will publish a Section 48 Notice advertising our intention to submit a DCO application in local newspapers in the vicinity of the Project for two consecutive weeks, and a national newspaper and the London Gazette for one week.

7.39. A list of the newspaper outlets and dates when the Section 48 Notice will appear are set out in **Table 7**.

Newspaper outlet	1st publication date	2nd publication date
Wiltshire Gazette and Herald	16 January 2025	23 January 2025
Wiltshire Times	17 January 2025	24 January 2025
The Guardian	22 January 2025	N/A
The London Gazette	24 January 2025	N/A

Table 7: Section 48 Notice schedule



Media and advertising

- 7.40. To raise awareness about the Project and consultation within and beyond the core consultation zone we will issue media releases:
- 7.40.1. At the start of consultation to provide an overview of the proposed application, why we are consulting and how people can access information about the Project, including dates of information events (online and in-person) and the deadline for receipt of feedback to the consultation.
 - 7.40.2. Towards the end of the consultation period to remind people of the deadline for feedback and encourage people to have their say before consultation closes
 - 7.40.3. After the consultation has closed to provide a summary of participation and details of what happens next.
- 7.41. In addition to publishing a formal Section 48 Notice in regional and national newspapers, we will place advertisements in local media to publicise the consultation and information events taking place (online and in-person).
- 7.42. A list of local and regional media outlets to whom media releases will be issued, and at least one round of advertising placed with, is set out in **Table 8**.

Posters

- 7.43. Posters publicising the consultation will be issued to venues where in-person information events are taking place, and the clerks of parish councils listed in **Section 6** (see 6.18.2) for display on local parish notice boards. They will also be made available to other community venues and local information points such as village halls, shops, pubs, after-school clubs, health facilities, and civic buildings within the core consultation zone. A list of those venues and local information points to which posters will be sent is included in **Appendix 3**.

Media releases will be issued to:

BBC Politics West	This is Wiltshire
BBC Points West	Warminster Journal
BBC Wiltshire	West and North Wiltshire
Connect Magazine	Star
Fosseway News	Wiltshire and
Gloucestershire Live	Gloucestershire Standard
Hullavington News	Wiltshire Gazette and
Inspiratia	Herald
ITV West Country	Wiltshire Life
Melksham Independent	Wiltshire Live
News	Wiltshire News
PA Media	Wiltshire Publications
Salisbury Journal	Wiltshire Star
Shropshire Star	Wiltshire Times
Somerset Live	Your Wiltshire Magazine
Swindon Advertiser	
Swindon Link	
The Sherston Cliffhanger	
The Signpost	
The Parish Life	
The Swindonian	

Advertisements will be placed with:

Hullavington News
Melksham Independent News
Swindon Advertiser
The Signpost
This is Wiltshire
Wiltshire Gazette and Herald
Wiltshire Times

Table 8: Media outlets

Stakeholder communications and briefings

- 7.44. We will issue communications to key stakeholders including local political representatives (Wiltshire Councillors and Members of Parliament) and parish council clerks representing electoral divisions, constituencies, and parishes within the core consultation zone to provide information about the proposals we are consulting on and invite them to take part in the consultation.
- 7.45. Communications will direct key stakeholders to digital versions of consultation materials to enable them to advertise and promote the consultation through their own online channels (websites, community forums, social media), with requests for printed copies of consultation materials being considered on a case-by-case basis.
- 7.46. In addition to public information events to which prescribed consultees and other bodies will be invited to attend at the start of the consultation; we will consider invitations to, or requests for, in-person and/or virtual meetings with local groups or special interest organisations on a case-by-case basis.
- 7.47. We extend the offer to Wiltshire Council to brief and provide information on how we are consulting and what we are consulting on.

Changes to consultation activities

- 7.48. Should any changes to our consultation activities be required due to circumstances outside of our control, details will be publicised in line with the methods set out in this SoCC to the extent it is reasonable and proportionate to do so.

8. Environmental information

- 8.1. Lime Down Solar Park is classified as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development. The application for development consent will therefore require an EIA to be carried out to identify and evaluate the likely significant effects of the Project on the environment, where practicable identify appropriate mitigation measures to control or reduce adverse environmental effects, and explore opportunities to enhance beneficial effects.
- 8.2. EIA is the iterative process in which the assessment of environmental impacts is carried out in parallel with the development design process.
- 8.3. The results of the EIA will be set out in the Environmental Statement (ES) which will be included in the application for development consent.

EIA Scoping

- 8.4. Our EIA Scoping Report was submitted to the Inspectorate on Tuesday 16 July 2024. The Scoping Report sets out the environmental topics and matters which are proposed to be scoped into the EIA, as well as matters proposed to be scoped out of the assessment. For those matters scoped into the EIA, the Scoping Report includes details of the methods to be used to assess impacts and to determine significance of effect.
- 8.5. The Inspectorate issued an EIA Scoping Opinion. This identifies the environmental topics and matters relevant to the Project which should be scoped into the EIA and presented in the ES. The Inspectorate published its Scoping Opinion on Thursday 22 August 2024 on its website.
- 8.6. EIA Scoping Opinion, and our EIA Scoping Report are available to view on the Inspectorate's dedicated webpage for the Project: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010168/documents>

Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

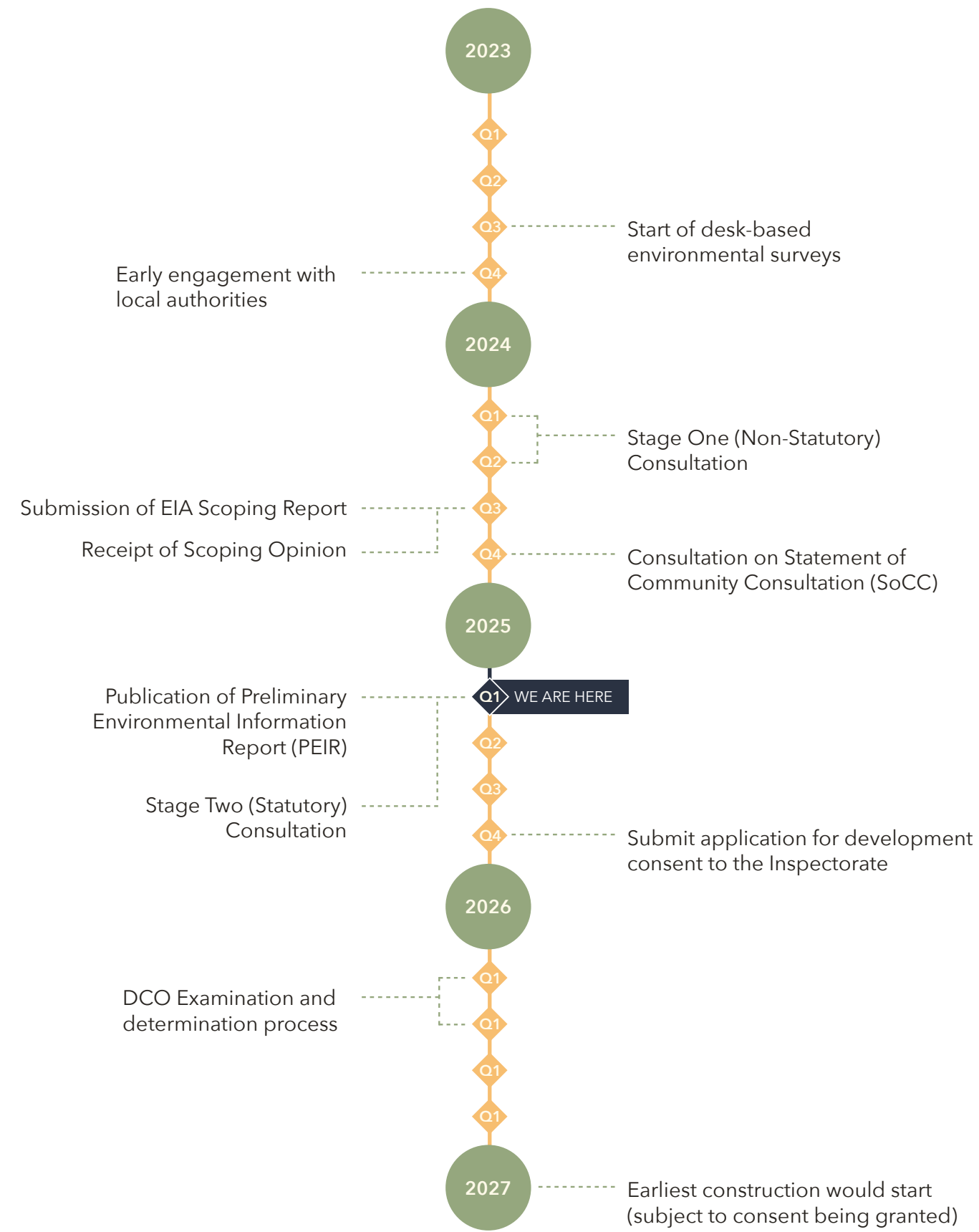
- 8.7. A Preliminary Environmental Information Report ('PEIR') and PEIR Non-Technical Summary ('NTS') will be made available to inform statutory consultation.
- 8.8. The PEIR is a technical document that sets out the initial findings of the EIA to date and identifies proposed mitigation measures to control or reduce environmental effects the Project may have on the environment. It is intended to facilitate consultation on the Project. The NTS will accompany the PEIR, will help to maximise accessibility during the consultation.
- 8.9. In accordance with the PA2008, the PEIR which will be presented at statutory consultation and feedback on the findings it sets out. This is so those living in the vicinity the Project, local authorities, persons with an interest in land and prescribed statutory consultees can understand the likely environmental effects the Project may have on the local environment. Interested parties and local community are invited to comment on the Project, including its likely environmental effects and proposed mitigation measures as presented within the PEIR.

Environmental Statement (ES)

- 8.10. Following statutory consultation, we will prepare the ES. This will build on the content of the PEIR, incorporating feedback received during statutory consultation, and the outcomes of the EIA.
- 8.11. The ES will describe the Project after incorporating statutory consultation feedback, and those mitigation measures proposed to control or reduce environmental effects of the Project, along with any measures identified to enhance beneficial effects. The ES will form part of the DCO application we submit to the Inspectorate.



9. Indicative timeline*



*Dates are inclusive and could be subject to change

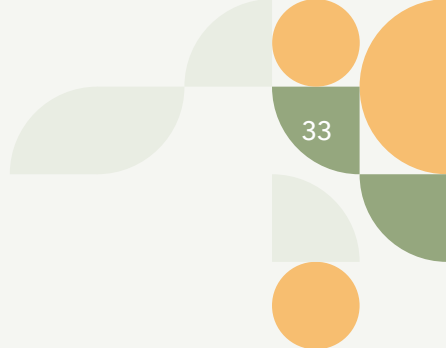
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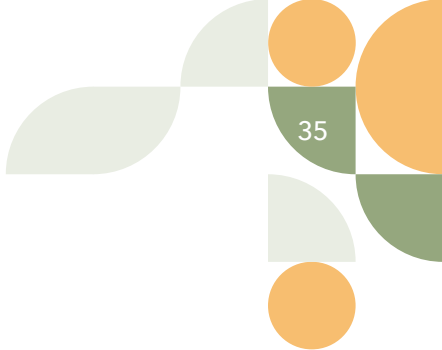
- ### Consultation responses

 - 10.1. Feedback to the consultation must be submitted in writing or online by 23:59 on Wednesday 19 March 2025, unless agreed otherwise with us directly.
 - 10.2. When a respondent submits feedback to the consultation online (via the online feedback form or via email) an automated acknowledgement to confirm receipt will be issued.
 - 10.3. Any person submitting feedback online who is concerned that they have not received acknowledgment of receipt is advised to contact the Project community relations team using the communication channels (see 10.5).
- ### Ongoing engagement and potential further consultation

 - 10.7. If, as a result of feedback, our proposals change to the extent we consider it necessary to undertake further targeted consultation, this will be undertaken, so far as relevant and proportionate, in accordance with the principles and methods set out in this SoCC.
- ### Information services

 - 10.4. The Project community relations team is available to provide people with assistance in finding out about the Project and our consultation.
 - 10.5. You can get in touch with the Project community relations team using any of the communications channels listed below:
 - 10.5.1. Email: info@limesdownsolar.co.uk
 - 10.5.2. Freephone: 0808 175 6656 (09.00-17.00 Monday to Friday excluding Bank Holidays)
 - 10.5.3. Post: FREEPOST Lime Down Solar (no stamp is required)
 - 10.6. These communications channels will remain open throughout the pre-application stage. This is to enable engagement between consultees, communities and the Project team to continue beyond the defined consultation period. The Project website may also be updated with relevant information as it becomes available.





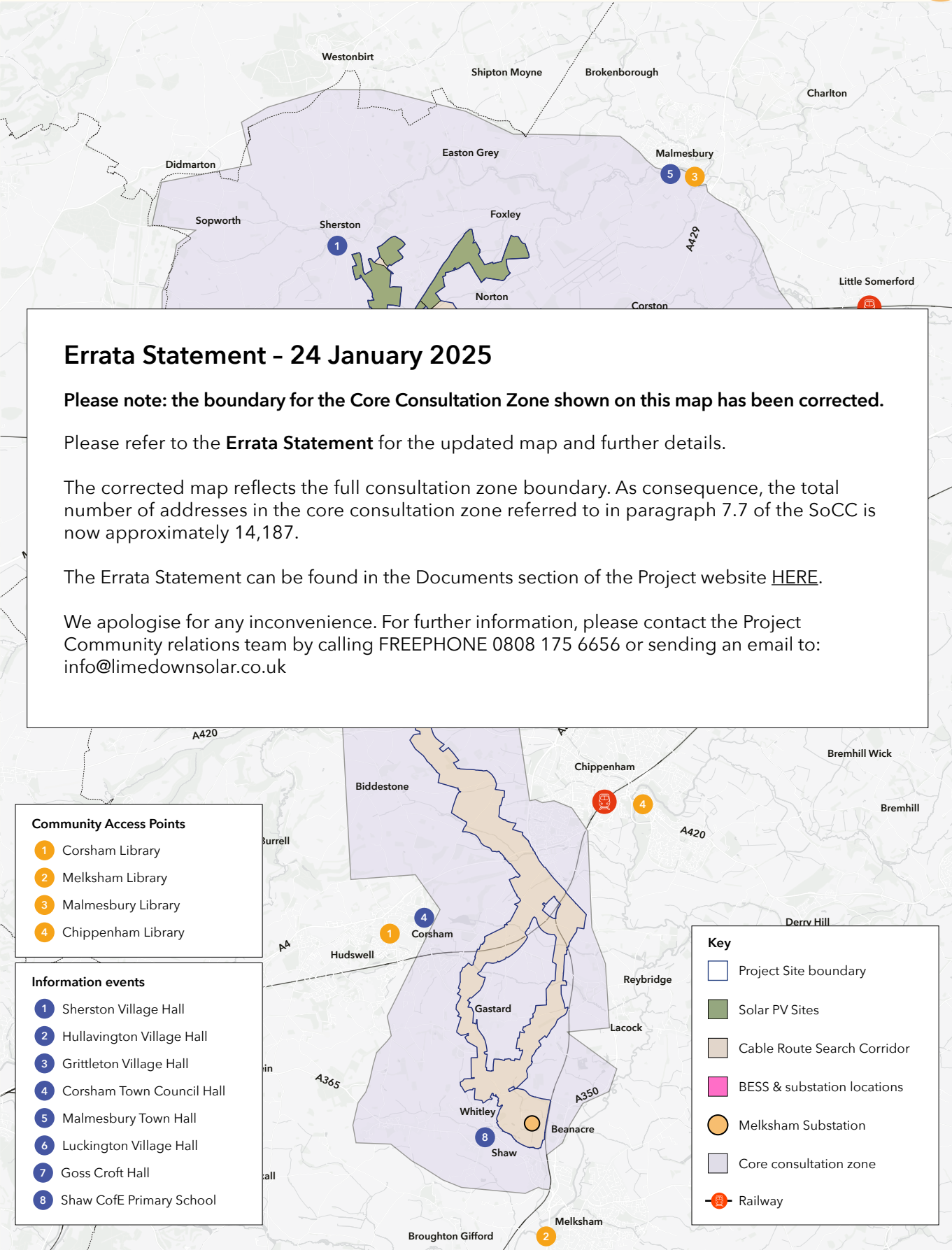
Appendix 1: Gateway organisations and local groups

Category	Gateway organisations / group
Children and young people	<p>Malmesbury Young Farmers Club Out of The Can+ LGBTQ+ Youth Group in Swindon Wiltshire Army Cadets Wiltshire Climate Alliance Youth Group Wiltshire Global Education Centre Wiltshire SENDIASS Wiltshire Scouts Wiltshire Young Farmers Club Wiltshire Youth Union Young Carers - Youth Action Wiltshire Youth Action Wiltshire</p> <p>Primary Schools and Pre-Schools Aloeric Primary School Bowerhill Primary School Box Church of England Primary School ByBrook Valley CofE Primary School Charter Primary School Christian Malford CofE Primary School Colerne CofE Primary School Corsham Primary School Happy Caterpillars Pre-School Heywood Prep School Hullavington Church of England Primary & Nursery School Kings Lodge Primary School Kington St Michael CofE Primary School Lacock CofE Primary School Luckington Community School Monkton Park Primary School Queen's Crescent School Redland Primary School Seagry Church Of England Primary School Shaw Church of England Primary Schoo Sherston Church of England Primary School St Paul's Primary School St Peter's CofE Academy Stanton St Quintin Primary and Nursery School Sutton Benger CofE Primary School Trinity Church of England Primary School Wishford Education Group</p> <p>Secondary and Sixth Form Attached Schools Abbeyfield School The Corsham School Hardenhuish School Malmesbury Secondary School Melksham Oak Community School Sheldon School Silverwood School - Sixth Form College</p> <p>Tertiary Colleges Wiltshire College and University Centre</p>
Lone parents	<p>Family Lives Gingerbread - support for single parents Home-Start Wiltshire Single Parent Action Network (SPAN) Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC)</p>
Older people	<p>Age UK Wiltshire Friends of the Elderly Re-engage - Bringing generations together Shared Lives Wiltshire Tuesday Club - Malmesbury</p>

Category	Gateway organisations / group
People with disabilities	<p>Chippenham & District Transport for the Disabled Society SCOPE - Disabled charity Shared Lives Wiltshire Wiltshire & Dorset Deaf Association Wiltshire Autism Diagnostic Service (WADS) Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living Wiltshire SENDIASS</p>
People with learning difficulties	<p>Phoenix Enterprises Shared Lives Wiltshire Wiltshire Autism Diagnostic Service (WADS) Wiltshire Dyslexia Association Wiltshire People First Wiltshire SENDIASS</p>
People visiting mental health support groups	<p>Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust Mind Wiltshire Phoenix Enterprises PTSD Resolution Shared Lives Wiltshire Wiltshire Mental Health Inclusion Service</p>
Black and minority ethnic people	<p>The West Wiltshire Multi Faith Forum Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS) Wiltshire Council's Ethnic Minority and Wiltshire Global Education Centre Wiltshire Inclusion Network Wiltshire Islamic Cultural Centre (WICC) Wiltshire Racial Equality Council (WREC)</p>
Those who may not speak English as their first language	<p>Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain Wiltshire Council's Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS) Wiltshire Global Education Centre Wiltshire Racial Equality Council (WREC)</p>
The Traveller community	<p>Friends, Families & Travellers (FFT) National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups The Traveller Movement Wiltshire Council's Ethnic Minority and Traveller Achievement Service (EMTAS)</p>
The military	<p>Help for Heroes PTSD Resolution The Royal British Legion - Royal Wootton Bassett Branch SSAFA - The Armed Forces Charity (Wiltshire Branch) Wiltshire Army Cadets Wiltshire Veterans Breakfast Club 9th Regiment RLC 81 Signal Squadron (Basil Hill Barracks)</p>
Residents who work outside Wiltshire	<p>Federation of Small Businesses - Somerset and Wiltshire Melksham Transport Users Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership (SWLEP)</p>
People who work in Wiltshire but live elsewhere	<p>GMB Union - Southern Region Melksham Transport Users Wiltshire UNISON</p>
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual (LGBTQIA+) community	<p>Gay Outdoor Club (GOC) Out and About Wiltshire Out of The Can+ LGBTQ+ Youth Group in Swindon Salisbury Pride UK Swindon & Wiltshire Pride Swindon Transgender Support Group</p>

Category	Gateway organisations / group
Carers	Alzheimer's support - North Wiltshire Carers' Group Avon Court Care Home Burnham Court Carer Support Wiltshire The Fairways Retirement Village Ferfoot Care Home Flowers Manor Care Home Middlefields House OSJCT Athelstan House Care Home Stainsbridge House Shared Lives Wiltshire Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC) Young Carers - Youth Action Wiltshire
Community interest groups	Action with Communities in Rural England Chippenham & District Wheelers Community Action - Whitley and Shaw (CAWS) The Countryside Charity Wiltshire Get Wiltshire Walking Grove Wood Group Malmesbury U3A Malmesbury and District Garden Club Pickwick Association Sherston Parish Footpaths Group Sherston Velo Wiltshire Association of Local Councils (WALC) Wiltshire Scouts (Sherston & Malmesbury) Wiltshire Walks
Community interest - environmental	Corsham Climate Action Imperfect Sustainability Malmesbury Community Climate Action Network Northern Operational flood Working Group North Wilts Friends of Earth Sustainable Dezives Sustainable Sherston Trowbridge Environmental Community Wilts & Berks Canal Partnership Wiltshire Climate Alliance Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Zero Chippenham
Community interest - socio economic	Able Futures Confederation of British Industry (CBI) South West Federation of Small Businesses - Somerset and Wiltshire Friends of the Elderly GMB Union - Southern Region Homes 4 Wiltshire National Farmers Union (NFU) South West Science Museum Group Wroughton Solar Park Sustainable Futures Grants Swindon and Wiltshire Growth Hub Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership (SWLEP) Wiltshire Chamber of Commerce Wiltshire Community Foundation Wiltshire Community Foundation - Poverty Hurts Appeal Wiltshire UNISON

Appendix 2: Information event and community access point locations



Appendix 3: Local information points

Venue	Address
Alderton Village Hall	Sunset Cottage, The Street, Alderton, Chippenham, SN14 6NL
Allington Farm Shop	Allington, Farm, Chippenham, SN14 6LJ
Atworth Village Hall	Bath Road, Atworth, Melksham, SN12 8JY
Box Kids	Jubilee Centre, Market Place, Box, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 8NZ
Breakfast and After School Club	Redland Primary School, Brook Street, Chippenham, SN14 0JE
By Brook Pre-School (After School Club)	Biddestone Lane, Yatton Keynell, SN14 7BD
Central Church	Monkton Hill, Chippenham, SN15 1EP
Chippenham Christian Fellowship	Wood Lane, Chippenham, SN15 3EB
Corsham Baptist Church	Priory Street, Corsham, SN13 0AS
Corston and Redbourne Reading Room	Main Road, Corston, Malmesbury, SN16 0HD
Co-op Food (Malmesbury)	Gloucester Road, Malmesbury, SN16 9JS
Courtyard Clinic	Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, SN16 9BE
Flying Monk Brewery	Bradfield Manor Farm, Hullavington, Chippenham, SN14 6EU
Forest Community Centre, Marshfield	Bowmans Ct, Melksham, SN12 7FF
Foxley Church	Foxley Road, Malmesbury, SN16 0JJ
Gospel Truth Church	Top Floor, 64a Market Place, Chippenham, SN15 3HG
Goss Cross Hall	Startley Road, Upper Seagry, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 5HD
Grittleton Village Hall	The Street, Grittleton, Chippenham, SN14 6AW
Hathaway Surgery	Middlefield Road, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 6GT
Hullavington Village Hall	Hill Hayes, Hullavington, Chippenham, SN14 6EB
Hullavington Post Office / Londis	29A The Street, Hullavington, Chippenham, SN14 6DP
Ivy Kidz After School Club	Ivy Lane School, Ivy Lane, Chippenham, SN15 1HE
Jubilee Field Surgery	Yatton Keynell, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN14 7EJ
Kingsley Road Community Hall	Kingsley Road, Chippenham SN14 0AS
Kington St Michael Village Hall	Stubbs Ln, St Michael, Chippenham, SN14 6HX
Lowden Garden Centre	Bath Road, Shaw, Melksham, SN12 8EZ
Luckington Village Hall	Bristol Road, Luckington, Wiltshire, SN14 6NP
Malmesbury Primary Care Centre	Priory Way, Burton Hill, Malmesbury, SN16 0FB
Malmesbury Town Hall	Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, SN16 9BZ
Melksham Assembly Hall	Market Place, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 6ES
Melksham Community Campus	Market Place, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 6ES
Neston Memorial Hall	Pool Grn, Neston, Corsham, SN13 9SN
Old Royal Ship	Luckington, Chippenham, SN14 6PA
Peas in the Pod (before & after school club)	Malmesbury CE Primary School, Tetbury Hill, Malmesbury, SN16 9JR
Rising Star Sports Club for SEND Children	Sheldon School, Hardenhuish Lane, Chippenham, SN14 6HJ
Shaw Village Hall	The Beeches, Shaw, Melksham, SN12 8EW
Sheldon Road Methodist Church	Audley Road, Chippenham, SN14 0DU
Sherston Sub Post Office & Stores / Co-operative Food	The Old School, Sherston, Malmesbury, SN16 0LH

Venue	Address
Sherston Village Hall	High St, Sherston, Malmesbury SN16 0LQ
St Andrew’s Church	St Mary Street, Chippenham, SN15 3JN
St Aldhelm’s Roman Catholic Church	26 Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, SN16 9BG
Station Hill Church	2-4 Station Hill, Chippenham, SN15 1EG
St Bartholomew’s Church	Church Square, Corsham, SN13 0BY
St Giles Church	Kington Lane, Stanton St Quintin, Chippenham, SN14 6DQ
St Mary’s Hall	Gloucester Road, Malmesbury, SN16 0AH
Stanton St Quintin Parish Hall	Church Ln, Stanton St Quintin, Chippenham, SN14 6DE
The Bell Inn, Yatton Keynell	High Street, Yatton Keynell, Chippenham, SN14 7BG
The Fox and Hounds	Burton Road, Acton Turville, Badminton, GL9 1HW
The Great Western	21 Pound Pill, Corsham, SN13 9JA
The King’s Arms	The Street, Didmarton, Gloucestershire, GL9 1DT
The Kingfisher	Hungerdown Lane, Chippenham, SN14 0JL
The Neeld Arms	The Street, Grittleton, Chippenham, SN14 6AP
The New Inn	32 Hen Lane, Upper Seagry, Chippenham, SN15 5HA
The Porch Surgery	Beechfield Road, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 9DL
The Reading Rooms, Whitley	Middle Lane, Whitley, Melksham, SN12 8QR
The Salutation Inn	Castle Combe, Chippenham, SN14 7LH
The White Horse	The Green, Biddestone, Chippenham, SN14 7DG
Three Brewers	51 Priory Street, Corsham, SN13 0AS
Tolsey Surgery	High Street, Sherston, Malmesbury, SN16 0LQ
United Reformed Church	St Mary Street, Malmesbury, SN16 0BJ
Vine Tree	Foxley Road, Norton, Malmesbury, SN16 0JP
Whitehall Garden Centre	Corsham Rd, Lacock, Chippenham, SN15 2LZ
Whitley Methodist Church	177 Top Ln, Whitley, Melksham, SN12 8QU
Wiltshire Health and Care	Chippenham Community Hospital, Rowden Hill, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 2AJ
Yatton Keynell Village Hall	Biddestone Lane, Yatton Keynell, Chippenham, SN14 7EJ



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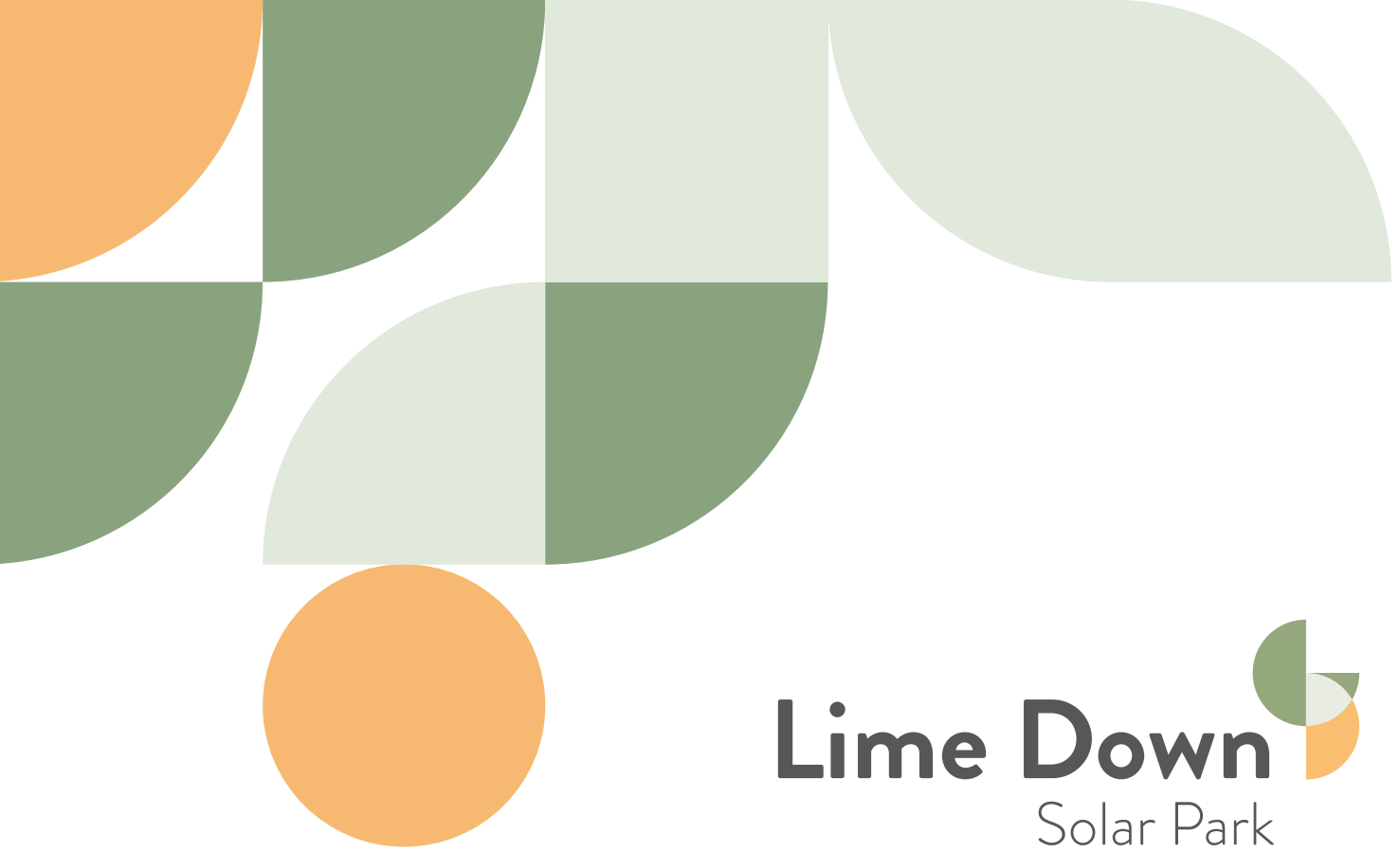
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4 Errata Statement – 27 January 2025



Errata Statement Correction to the published Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)

27 January 2025

This Errata Statement has been issued to address and correct an error identified in Figure 3 - Core Consultation Zone and Appendix 2 of the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) dated January 2025

1. Errata Statement – Overview

- 1.1. This Errata Statement has been issued to correct an error identified in the map shown in Figure 3 – Core Consultation Zone included on page 17 of the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) published on 14 January 2025.
- 1.2. The boundary for the core consultation zone shown in Figure 3 has been corrected. As a result of this amendment, the total number of addresses within the core consultation zone has increased from approximately 10,523 to around 14,187.
- 1.3. The revised figure of ‘around 14,187 addresses’ replaces the previously stated figure in **paragraph 7.7** of the SoCC, which should read as follows:

7.7. A Consultation Leaflet will be direct mailed to around 14,187 addresses which lie within the core consultation zone from 27 January 2025. Leaflets can also be posted to those outside the core consultation zone on request.
- 1.4. The corrected map, reflecting the full extent of the core consultation zone boundary, is included on page 3 of this document.
- 1.5. The corrected core consultation zone also replaces the core consultation zone shown on the map included in the SoCC on page 37 in ‘Appendix 2: Information event and community access point locations’.
- 1.6. The corrected map showing the full extent of the core consultation zone relative to the location of venues for in-person information events and where consultation materials are being lodged (Community Access Points) is included on page 4 of this document.



Core consultation zone (corrected as of 27 January 2025)

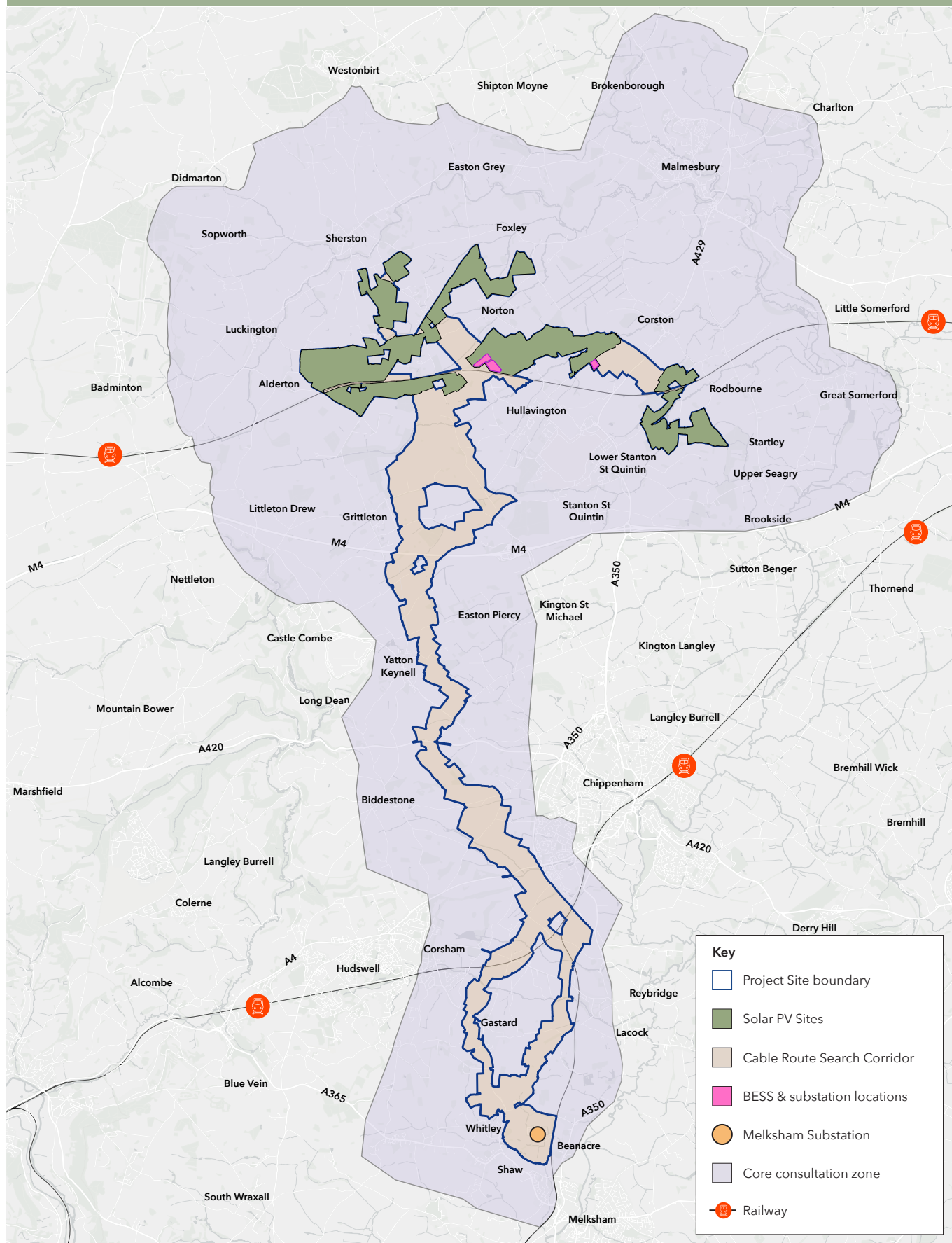
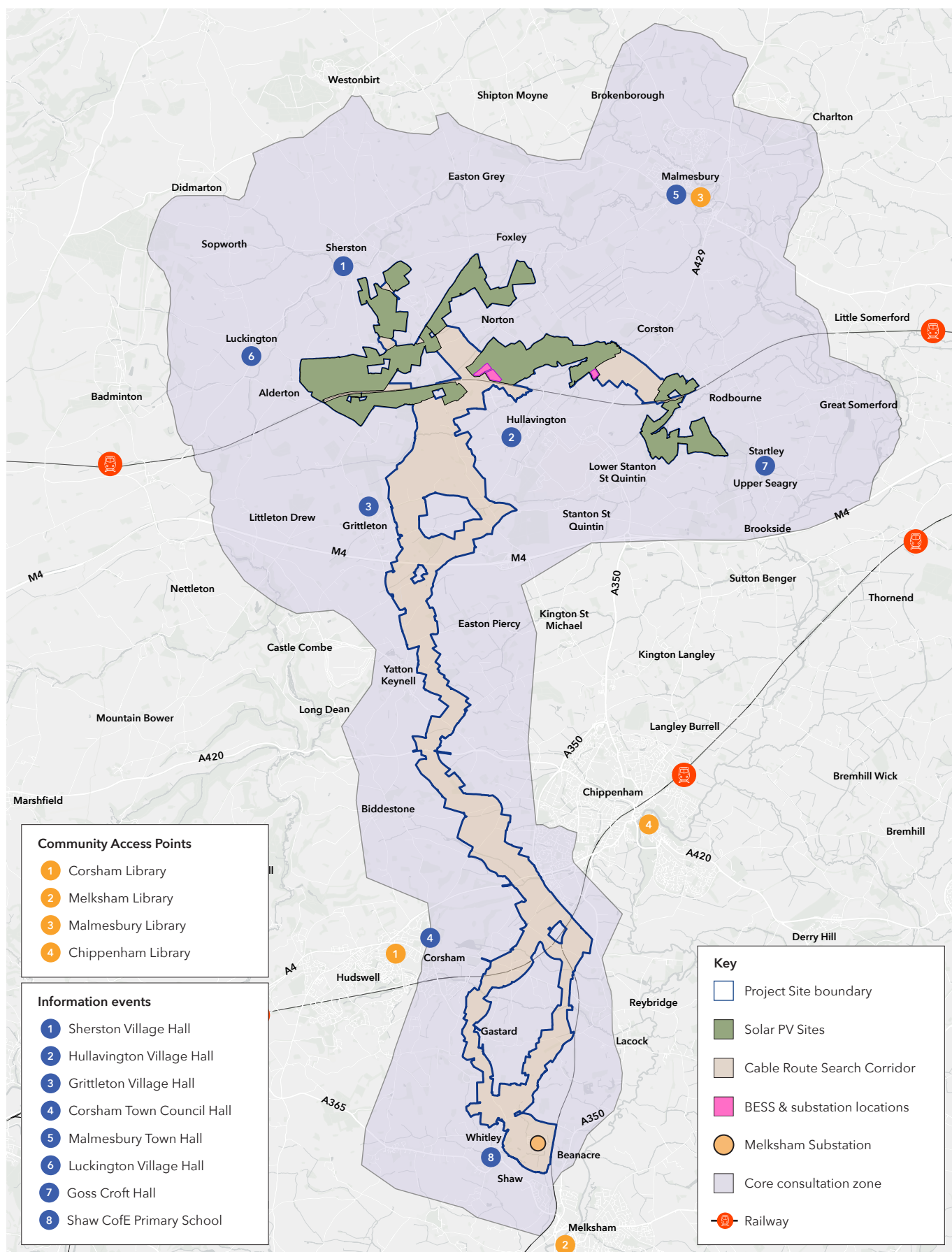


Figure 3: Core consultation zone

Appendix 2: Information event and community access point locations (corrected as of 27 January 2025)





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5 SoCC website update

About us

Established in 2013, Island Green Power (IGP) is a leading developer of renewable energy projects.

We specialise in the development of utility-scale solar projects and battery energy storage systems; overseeing the entire development process from start to finish, including sourcing land, securing grid connections and obtaining planning consents.

We are committed to help the UK decarbonise and meet net zero goals. Our mission is to help the UK increase its solar energy generation, making more renewable energy possible while drastically reducing carbon emissions.

Over the last decade we have successfully delivered over 34 projects worldwide totalling more than one gigawatt of clean, renewable energy assets. This includes 17 projects in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

We are equally committed to responsible land use, developing projects that work in harmony with local communities and the environment, while delivering bespoke benefits and enhancements best suited to the surroundings.

With a core team based in London, we are also supported by an established network of professional advisors and local partners in the various markets in which we operate.

Lime Down Solar Park is a 100 per cent subsidiary of IGP UK Projects Limited, which is in turn a 100 per cent subsidiary of Island Green Power's UK group holding company, Island Green Power Group Limited.



The Project

Community benefits and Biodiversity Net Gain

As part of our proposals for Lime Down Solar Park, we will support surrounding communities and deliver benefits to the local environment.

Community benefits

Island Green Power offers a community benefits package with the renewable energy schemes that it promotes.

We believe those communities closest to the proposed development should benefit from it – with them also being best placed to recommend what they believe a ‘community benefit’ should be.

We are committed to working with you to identify and define community benefits. As part of our initial Stage One consultation we therefore invited your suggestions for local schemes and projects we could support – potentially for both on-site and off-site initiatives.

On-site environmental mitigation and enhancements will be inherent within the material design and development process for the solar park.

These include protection of existing ecological features such as woodland, hedgerows and ponds, and delivery of biodiversity net gain through additional planting to encourage more native wildlife increasing habitats and food sources for insects and birds, and maintaining existing wildlife corridors. Additional considerations could include the creation of opportunities for public access and recreation, and improving amenity resources in the area.

Off-site, we are considering the possibility of supporting initiatives to make improvements to existing community amenities, such as sports facilities, children's playground, and village halls, or provision of electric charging points or subsidised solar PV for domestic installation.

We are keen to explore opportunities for existing footpaths to be enhanced with educational walk boards, wildflower meadow planting, and seating or bird watching areas, as well as the introduction of new paths across and around the site area. We encourage feedback from anyone who has ideas on this topic.

Biodiversity net gain (BNG)

A well-managed solar farm can be a nature reserve – helping boost and protect wildlife and extend biodiversity.

As the panels are set on posts with minimal disturbance to the ground, much of the land is available to support new plants and animal life.

From November 2025, there will be a legal requirement for developers of NSIP projects to show their projects will boost biodiversity by a minimum 10 per cent. This means our plans need to ensure that local wildlife habitats are in a measurably better state than before. Lime Down Solar Park could boost local biodiversity through means such as establishing wildflower areas that provide habitats for pollinators and birds, promoting wetland habitats to reduce flood risk and support aquatic and avian life, and restoring hedgerows and native species.

To design Lime Down Solar Park in a way that boosts and enhances local wildlife by delivering a net gain in biodiversity, specific examples of benefits we are looking at delivering are listed below:

- Sowing land between and under the arrays as grassland and meadow management with a mix of some areas being grazed
- Filling gaps in existing hedgerows with additional native species to increase diversity
- Managing hedgerows to enable wildlife to benefit from them year-round.
- Maintaining appropriate vegetated buffers with native planting.
- Installing bird nest and bat boxes on trees to provide opportunities for a range of local species
- The creation of new woodland blocks and belts
- New tree planting where appropriate

The Project

Connecting to the grid

The electricity generated by Lime Down Solar Park will be exported into the existing national electricity transmission system at National Grid's Melksham Substation located approximately 20 kilometres (km) south of the sites just to the north of Melksham and west of the A350.

Building the connection

We are proposing to build the connection between the solar park, BESS, and the substation by installing underground cable. **We are not proposing to use pylons and overhead lines.**

Underground cables can be buried in areas without land restrictions. However, after the land is restored, restrictions may be applied to avoid the risk of cables being disturbed or damaged.

A sealing end compound will be needed where a section of underground cable comes above ground. For example, where it joins Melksham Substation.

The route an underground cable connection could take

We are in the process of refining our plans for the route an underground cable between the solar park and Melksham Substation could take, and will present these revised proposals during our upcoming Stage Two consultation.

Please see pictured here the latest map showing the Project location and site boundary, including the cable route search corridor (updated on 14 January 2025).

[An interactive version of this map is available on our Project Overview webpage - click here to be redirected.](#)

Stage One Consultation — March 2024

During our initial stage of consultation in March - April 2024, we had identified three broad cable route corridors an electrical connection between the solar park and Melksham substation could follow:

- South from the 400kV substation, going across the M4 near Sevington then to the east of Yatton Keynell continuing to run south across the A420, then west of Gastard and east of Corsham until it reaches Melksham substation.
- South from the 400kV substation, crossing the M4 near Leigh Delamere, before continuing to the west of Kington St. Michael, across the A420, east of Gastard and West of Norton.
- A route that broadly follows the A350 road having run south from M4 junction 17.

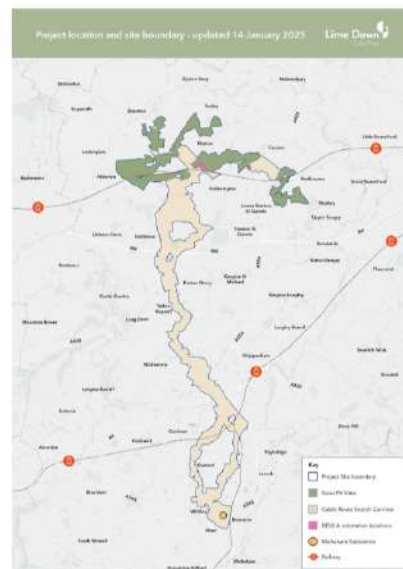
[All project information published at Stage One is available on our Stage One Documents webpage, accessible by clicking here.](#)

In selecting these route corridors, we have sought to minimise ecological impact and preserve cultural heritage by avoiding designated ecological areas, mature and historic woodlands, listed buildings, scheduled monuments, and conservation areas. Additionally, we have aimed to reduce their length and the number of crossings over roads, railways, watercourses, and hedgerows as much as possible.

What is a route corridor?

A route corridor is a broad ribbon of land through which an electrical connection could be routed. The corridor may vary in width depending on a range of factors including the location of:

- Built up areas where people live
- Infrastructure including roads and railway lines.
- Physical landscape features as well as other features that may be sensitive in terms of ecology, heritage or landscape
- Protected sites including nature conservation areas



During our upcoming Stage Two consultation, we will provide more details on the proposed route for an underground cable connecting the project into the national grid at Melksham Substation.

[Click here to read our latest project update and find out more.](#)

Contact us

We want to keep you informed about Lime Down Solar Park.

We have established dedicated communications lines for Lime Down to ensure you always can get in touch with a member of our stakeholder engagement team, from **9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday** (excluding bank holidays).

Please register with us [via this link](#) to keep informed about Lime Down Solar Park.

Further, please feel free to get in touch using any of the communications lines listed below.

- Email: info@limedownsolar.co.uk
- Freephone information line: **0808 175 6656**
- Freepost: **FREEPOST Lime Down Solar*** *Free of charge, no need for a stamp.

Alternatively, if you have any questions or would like to find out more about the project please complete the contact form below to get in touch.

Name (required)

Email (required)

Phone

Message (required)

Would you like to receive news and information about Lime Down Solar Park straight to your inbox? (required)

☐ Yes

☐ No

[Send](#)

The Project

Development process

Lime Down Solar Park is anticipated as being able to deliver up to 500MW of electricity. As its generation capacity exceeds 50MW, it is classified as a **Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP)**.

The development consenting regime for an NSIP comes under the Planning Act 2008. This means that we need to submit an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to build, operate and decommission Lime Down Solar Park to the [Planning Inspectorate](#) rather than the local planning authority.

In the case of energy related NSIPs, the Planning Inspectorate acts on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy and Net Zero. The Planning Inspectorate will carry out an examination of our application and then make a final recommendation to the Secretary of State on whether to grant consent. The Secretary of State will make the final decision on whether to grant consent for Lime Down Solar Park.

We expect the development process, including DCO submission and examination, to span two to three years. We intend to submit our application for development consent to the Planning Inspectorate in late 2025. Subject to obtaining consent, the earliest construction would start in 2027.

You can find more information about the application process for NSIP projects on the [Planning Inspectorate website here](#).





The Project

Environmental Impact Assessment

Lime Down Solar Park is classified as an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development. This requires us to assess the potential significant environmental impacts of our proposed development, as mandated by the Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017.

EIA is the iterative process in which the assessment of environmental impacts is carried out in parallel with the development design process. We will use EIA as a tool to identify the potential effects Lime Down might have on the environment – benefits as well as negative impacts.

The purpose of the EIA process is to make sure that where we identify any significant effects, we put in place measures to reduce any negative impacts, while also seeking to enhance positive effects.

Our initial work has identified a number of environmental considerations which will inform the development of our detailed design for Lime Down Solar Park. A summary of these topics can be found on this webpage below.

EIA is broken down into many topics that we need to assess. These include:

- Ecology and biodiversity
- Landscape and visual
- Cultural heritage
- Transport and access
- Soils and agriculture
- Hydrology flood risk and drainage
- Socio-economics, tourism and recreation
- Noise and vibration
- Climate change
- Air quality
- Health
- Waste

For each of these topics we will assess the impact of the project on them throughout its lifecycle from construction through to operation and decommissioning.

The results of the EIA will be set out in the Environmental Statement (ES) which will be included in our final DCO application.

The local environment

We have been getting to know the local environment through site visits, early stage environmental surveys and desk-based information gathering. The results of this work will help to shape our project design.

Because we are at an early stage of the project development process, the information below provides a summary of the assessments we plan to carry out and the work we have done so far. We will be able to provide more information on the likely environmental impacts associated with our proposed development and how these will be managed at the next stage of consultation.

In the meantime further information on this is also available in the EIA Scoping Report we submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in July 2024. Please see the EIA Scoping section at the top of this webpage for more details, including a link to view the Scoping Report documents.

Ecology and biodiversity



Landscape and visual



Archaeology and cultural heritage



Transport and access



Soils and agriculture



Hydrology, flood risk and drainage



Socio-economics, tourism and recreation



Noise and vibration



Other environmental topics



Stage 1: EIA Scoping

- On 16 July 2024 we submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Report to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). This is available on [the PINS webpage for Lime Down Solar Park, linked here](#).
- The purpose of EIA is to comprehensively identify and evaluate the likely significant effects of a proposed development on the environment so we can then determine measures to reduce or manage any likely significant adverse effects.
- Production of a Scoping Report is the initial stage of the EIA process. It sets out the proposed scope of the EIA, and our submission of this Report to PINS formed a formal request for a Scoping Opinion under Regulation 10(1) of the EIA Regulations.
- Our Scoping Report for Lime Down Solar Park included:
 - A description of the proposed development, including its location and technical capacity
 - A description of baseline information and further data to be obtained
 - The methodologies we will use to assess environmental factors
 - The proposed scope of the assessments we will carry out
 - Potential impacts of the Project and associated mitigation
 - An explanation of the likely significant effects of the development on the environment,
 - The approach to cumulative assessment.
- Over a 42-day period, PINS consulted with various organisations, including the local authority, Statutory Environmental Bodies (SEBs) and other stakeholders with specific expertise and responsibilities related to environmental protection, to gather their views on the scope of the environmental assessment.
- PINS then compiled the feedback received and on 22 July 2024 published its 'Scoping Opinion'. This sets out comments on our proposed approach to EIA, and the topics we need to address in the Environmental Statement (ES) that will be submitted as part of our application for development consent.
- A copy of the Scoping Opinion PINS provided us with can be found on [the PINS website here](#).

Stage 2: Preliminary Environmental Information Report (PEIR)

- We are required by the Planning Act 2008 to prepare a PEIR
- A core technical document, the PEIR will set out the initial findings of the EIA and identify the measures we are proposing to reduce, enhance and improve the effects our proposed development may have on the environment.
- The PEIR will be presented at statutory consultation so technical stakeholders, local communities, individuals and interested parties can develop an informed view of the potential impacts Lime Down may have on the local environment and provide us with their views and feedback.

Stage 3: Environmental Statement (ES)

- After statutory consultation we will produce the ES.
- This will be prepared based on the Scoping Opinion and will advance the content of the PEIR, incorporating feedback received during statutory consultation and the public and the outcomes of our assessments undertaken.
- The ES will describe any changes to the project and the measures we are proposing to implement to reduce, improve or enhance the impacts of the project
- The ES, along with a Non-Technical Summary (NTS) will form part of the DCO application we submit to PINS.





Latest Update

14 January 2025

Today we have confirmed the details for our next stage of consultation (29 January - 19 March 2025), including the series of online and in-person events we will be holding between 05 February and 27 February 2025. This consultation will focus on more detailed proposals for Lime Down Solar Park, which we have continued to refine using your feedback and findings from ongoing environmental work.

Welcome

Island Green Power is developing proposals to build a new solar and battery energy storage project along with the infrastructure needed to export the electricity it generates onto the national grid.

Lime Down is proposed as being built on land near Malmesbury in North Wiltshire. The electricity generated by the proposed solar park would be exported via an underground cable connection into the existing national electricity transmission system at Melksham substation.

The project is anticipated as being able to deliver up to 500 megawatts (MW) of renewable electricity through ground-mounted solar photovoltaic (PV) panels. This is enough clean, affordable electricity to power approximately 115,000 homes every year.

The UK has set ambitious climate change targets to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050 and to ensure that the energy supply remains secure, reliable, and affordable. Together with legally binding commitments such as these, the UK Government has further set out how the deployment of renewable technologies such as solar will be accelerated in the latest plan **Powering Up Britain (April 2023)**. Lime Down could make a vital contribution to achieving these targets by ensuring the supply of clean, affordable electricity to UK consumers when it's needed.

The amount of electricity Lime Down Solar Park could generate exceeds 50MW. It is therefore classed as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). The development consenting regime for a NSIP comes under the Planning Act 2008. This means to get permission to build and operate the solar park we need to apply to the **Planning Inspectorate** for a Development Consent Order (DCO). We anticipate submitting our application to the Planning Inspectorate in Autumn 2025.



Where we are now

On Tuesday 14 January 2025, we confirmed the details for our upcoming statutory consultation, which will be held for seven weeks from Wednesday 29 January to Wednesday 19 March 2025.

During this consultation period, we will be hosting a series of in-person and online events, encouraging people to attend to find out more about the Project and how to provide us with their feedback.

Event details

- **Wed 5 Feb** (18:30–20:00) – ONLINE WEBINAR (Zoom)
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To read more about what to expect for this next stage of consultation, [please click HERE to read our latest project update](#).

To be updated directly as further information about the Project becomes available, please [register your details with us HERE](#).

14 Jan

Latest update

Next stage of consultation on updated plans for Lime Down Solar Park confirmed

Island Green Power has confirmed details for the second stage of consultation on its refined plans for Lime Down Solar Park – a new renewable energy development proposed in Wiltshire. The consultation will begin on Wednesday 29 January 2025 and run until Wednesday 19 March 2025.

During the seven-week consultation period, we will host a series of in-person and online events, encouraging local communities and interested parties to attend to find out more about the Project and how they can provide us with their feedback.

Event details

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Will Threlfall, Senior Project Development Manager at Island Green Power said:

"After carrying out an initial stage of consultation last year, we've continued to refine our proposals for Lime Down taking into consideration feedback received and the findings from our ongoing environmental and technical studies.

"This next stage of 'statutory' consultation will give people the opportunity to provide their input and find out where we're proposing to locate equipment and biodiversity measures, provide more details on the proposed route for an underground cable connecting the Project into the national grid at Melksham Substation, and show how we are proposing to minimise impacts associated with the operation and decommissioning of the development. We're also asking for suggestions on community benefits that the Project could incorporate into its design and provide through a fund."

"We want to encourage as many people as possible to participate and have their say. Continued engagement with local communities is crucial in helping us deliver a renewable energy project that makes an important contribution to the future energy needs of the country while also respecting the priorities of communities neighbouring the development."

Statement of Community Consultation

In accordance with Section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008, in advance of the statutory stage of consultation for Lime Down Solar Park launching, we have today published a **Statement of Community Consultation** setting out how we will carry out the statutory consultation.

A **Section 47 Notice** has also been placed in local newspapers to advertise that the SoCC had been published.

Both documents are now available to view [HERE](#).

Next steps

Details of the updated proposals being consulted on will be made available on this website when consultation launches on 29 January 2025. Information about the consultation and where information can be found will be advertised in the local press and sent to around 10,000 homes and businesses.

If you would like to be updated directly as this information and further details about Lime Down Solar Park becomes available, [please register your details with us HERE](#).

In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything, [please click HERE to Contact us](#).

Update — December 2024 >

News

Here you can find the latest updates regarding Lime Down Solar Park, including information at key milestones in project development.



14/01/2025

Latest update

We have confirmed the details for our next stage of consultation (29 January - 19 March 2025), and will be holding a series of online and in-person events between 05 February and 27 February 2025.

[Read More](#)



17/12/2024

Update — December 2024

We have provided advance notice of our upcoming stage of consultation, which will run for seven weeks from Wednesday 29 January to Wednesday 19 March 2025, with online and in-person events expected in February.

[Read More](#)



24/10/2024

Update — October 2024

We have published a Consultation Summary Report. The report summarises the comments received during our Stage One consultation and how we are using this feedback to inform the project design process moving forward.

[Read More](#)



17/07/2024

Update — July 2024

On 16 July 2024 we submitted an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Report for Lime Down Solar Park to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS).

[Read More](#)



27/04/2024

Update — April 2024

Our first stage of community consultation has now closed. Our Stage One Consultation ran for six weeks, from Thursday 14 March 2024 to Friday 26 April 2024.

[Read More](#)



14/03/2024

Update — March 2024

Our Stage One consultation is now open until 26 April 2024. Please click this banner to find out more.

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08/03/2024

Update — March 2024

Our Stage One consultation will begin soon. Please click this banner to find out more.

[Read More](#)

Consultation

Overview of consultation stages

Public consultation is a crucial component of the pre-application process for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs).

We are committed to early and continuous engagement to ensure that the development of our proposals for Lime Down Solar Park is informed and shaped by community input. Local communities, residents, and councils play a vital role in this process.

The design process for the proposed development will be iterative and will be informed by feedback received during the two stages of community consultation that are planned for the Project.

Stage One non-statutory consultation – March 2024

We held an initial stage of community consultation that ran for just over six weeks from Thursday 14 March to Friday 26 April 2024.

The aim of this consultation was to introduce Island Green Power and the overall project, and share our early-stage proposals for Lime Down Solar Park to give people the opportunity to share their views and local knowledge.

Feedback to this consultation helped us understand those aspects of the proposed development which people want us to prioritise as we continue to evolve the design for the Project.

[You can find out more about this first stage of consultation here.](#)



Further opportunities to contribute

The second stage of consultation will likely be the last time we consult on our proposals for Lime Down Solar Park before submission.

However, subject to the Planning Inspectorate accepting our Development Consent Order application for examination, you will be able to register your interest in our proposals with them. The Planning Inspectorate will then keep you informed about the progress of our application as well as further opportunities to inform and contribute to that process.

Stage Two statutory consultation – January 2025

Further to developing more detailed proposals, we will soon be carrying out a second stage of consultation ('Stage Two') for seven weeks, from **Wednesday 29 January to Wednesday 19 March 2025**, with in-person and online information events running throughout February as follows:

- **Wed 5 Feb** (18:30–20:00) – ONLINE WEBINAR (Zoom)
- **Fri 7 Feb** (14:30–19:30) – Sherston Village Hall, SN16 0LQ
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This will be a statutory stage of consultation as is required by the Development Consent Order process for NSIP applications. This second stage of consultation will focus on:

- Our updated design for the solar park, including the location of equipment.
- The route of the underground cable connection between the solar park and Melksham substation.
- Construction (how we are proposing to build the project).
- The measures we are proposing to put in place to reduce the project's impact on the local area.

We will review our detailed proposals in light of the feedback received during this second consultation, along with the outcomes of ongoing assessments, to finalise the application for development consent we submit to the Planning Inspectorate.

Ahead of statutory consultation taking place, we have worked with Wiltshire Council to develop a **Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC)**. This sets out how we engage with and obtain feedback from local communities and interested parties on our detailed proposals for Lime Down Solar Park. **The SoCC is now available for you to view on our Documents webpage linked [HERE](#).**

As the applicant, we have a duty to demonstrate how we have taken your views into account in developing our final proposals for Lime Down Solar Park. The application we submit to the Planning Inspectorate will include a **Consultation Report** summarising all the issues raised in feedback to consultation along with an explanation of how we have taken views into account to develop our final proposals.

This Report, along with all the other application documents will be published on the Planning Inspectorate's website should our application be accepted for examination. **[Register your details with us here to be notified directly when this information is available to view, and whenever more information on the Project is made available.](#)**

The Project

Project overview

Lime Down Solar Park is a utility-scale solar park and battery energy storage project proposed as being built on land in Wiltshire.

The Project would comprise the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and an on-site battery energy storage facility, with an underground cable connection into the national grid at Melksham Substation so the electricity it generates can be made available to homes and businesses across the UK.

If consented, the solar park could deliver up to 500MW of renewable energy. This is equivalent to providing enough clean affordable electricity to power approximately 115,000 homes annually.

Location

The solar park is located within the administrative boundary of Wiltshire. It is proposed as being built across five land parcels comprising approximately 878 hectares (2,169 acres) located to the north of the M4, southwest of Malmesbury.

The sites making up the solar park can be identified as follows:

- Lime Down A – located to the east of Commonwood Lane
- Lime Down B – located to the east of the Fosse Way
- Lime Down C – lies across the Fosse Way to the east of Alderton
- Lime Down D – lies immediately to the north of the Great Western Railway line and Hullavington, south of Bradfield Wood
- Lime Down E – located to the south-west of Rodbourne, and south of Conston

The latest plan showing the location of the Project is available to view on this webpage.

The Project location map shows the extent of the land required for the construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of the Solar PV Sites and the connection into the national grid at Melksham Substation.

Within the boundaries of the Solar PV Sites there will be areas for environmental mitigation and enhancement, along with buffer zones to maintain a suitable distance between equipment and infrastructure and existing homes, landscape, ecological and habitat features and Public Rights of Way.

Scroll down to use the interactive map where you can search for a location and see how it relates to the site.

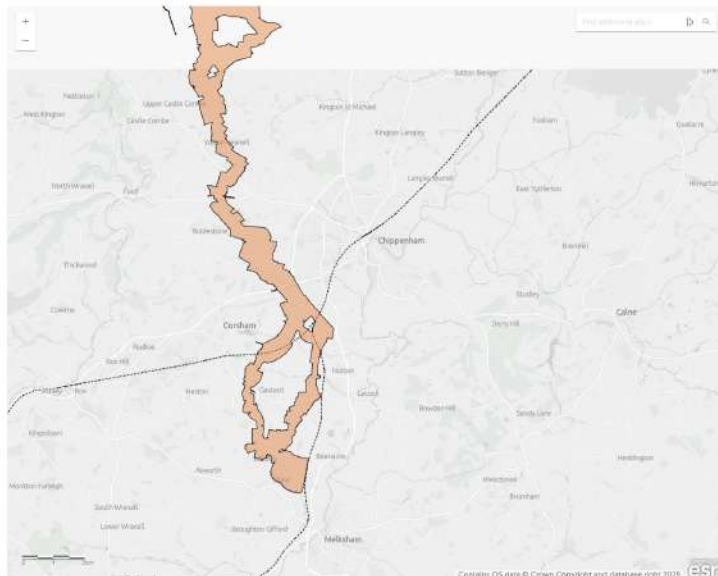


Site selection

We selected sites for the proposed solar development after considering Government policy on new renewable energy projects. This includes examining whether they are within a viable distance of an available grid connection, have suitable levels of irradiation (sunlight), environmental constraints, the distance of the site from dwellings, agricultural quality of the land, and accessibility.

Further to engagement with landowners who confirmed their willingness to enter into lease agreements, the solar park development sites were identified as suitable for a number of additional reasons:

- They comprise large arable fields of regular shape
- Gently undulating topography makes the sites technically suitable for solar development and maximising the efficiency of panels
- Existing hedgerows, tree belts and woodland around and across the sites mean they are well screened
- Most of the sites are located in Flood Zone 1 which is defined as having low risk of flooding
- There are only a small number of residential properties in proximity of the sites and effective landscaping and screening could be employed to offset or reduce any visual impacts
- The land is predominantly classified as Grade 3b (moderate quality agricultural land) with some Grade 3a (good quality agricultural)
- There are existing accesses for construction vehicles



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Stage One Community Consultation - March 24

Copies of all the documents and information relating to Stage One Community Consultation on Lime Down Solar Park can be found here.

- [Consultation Summary Report – October 2024](#)
- [Consultation Information Leaflet](#)
- [Feedback Form](#)
- [Poster](#)
- [Consultation Postcard](#)
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- [Online Webinar Presentation Slides](#)

Maps and plans

- [Indicative Masterplan](#)
- [Lime Down A](#)
- [Lime Down B](#)
- [Lime Down C](#)
- [Lime Down D](#)
- [Lime Down E](#)
- [Cable Corridor Search Area 1a](#)
- [Cable Corridor Search Area 1b](#)
- [Solar Sites](#)
- [Land at Melksham Substation](#)

If you would like a document in large text or an alternative format, please contact us on:

- Tel: 0808 175 6656
- Email: info@limedownsolar.co.uk
- Post: FREEPOST Lime Down Solar

You can also use the contact form linked here.

Consultation

Stage One Consultation — March 2024

This consultation has now closed.

We held a first stage of non-statutory consultation on our early-stage proposals for Lime Down Solar Park between 14 March 2024 and 26 April 2024.

The aim of this initial consultation was to introduce Island Green Power and present our emerging proposals for Lime Down Solar Park; giving people living and working in the area the opportunity to share their views and local knowledge to help inform and influence our proposals from an early stage in the development process.

[Copies of the consultation materials produced to inform this stage of consultation can be found here.](#)

Community information events

Over the course of this consultation, we held six in-person events and two online webinars. Recordings of the webinars which took place are available to view and download below:

27 March – Online webinar

- [Webinar recording here](#)
- [Presentation slides here](#)
- [Response to outstanding questions here](#)

17 April – Online webinar

- [Webinar recording here](#)
- [Presentation slides here](#)
- [Response to outstanding questions here](#)

We received a significant level of feedback over the course of this consultation and are grateful to everyone who took the time to provide us with their views and suggestions on our emerging proposals.

Further to the consultation closing, we reviewed all the feedback you submitted to help us better understand those aspects of the project you want us to prioritise as we continue to develop our proposals.

We have published the findings from this initial consultation in a report. This outlines the key themes raised in feedback and explains how, along with the outcome from ongoing environmental assessments, they are being used to help us refine the design for the project.

[You can view a copy of this report HERE.](#)

Statement of Community Consultation

Tuesday 14 January 2025 - In accordance with Section 47(6) of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008), in advance of Stage Two Statutory Consultation for Lime Down Solar Park launching, we have published a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) setting out how we will carry out the statutory consultation.

A Section 47 Notice has also been placed in local newspapers to advertise that the SoCC had been published.

Copies of both documents can be found here.

- [Lime Down Solar Park – Statement of Community Consultation – Jan 2025](#)
- [Lime Down Solar Park – Section 47 Notice – Jan 2025](#)



The Project

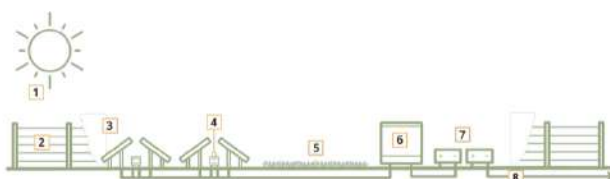
The Solar Park

The main elements of the solar park would include:

- **Solar photovoltaic (PV) panels and PV mounting structures:** panels are positioned directly on the ground to convert the sun's energy into electricity that will then be exported to the grid via an underground cable. We anticipate using a combination of fixed and tracker panels. The tracker panels (including their supports) could have a maximum height up to 4.5 metres.

Components of a typical solar farm

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| 1. Solar Energy | 5. Landscape Area |
| 2. Fencing | 6. Substation |
| 3. Solar Panels | 7. Battery Storage |
| 4. Inverter (DC to AC power converter) | 8. Underground cable |



Solar PV - additional design considerations

Solar PV technology is advancing quickly. To ensure we can incorporate the most current technology when we begin construction, our development consent application will be designed to be flexible.

When it comes to our application, we will therefore seek a consent that restricts aspects of the solar park which have potential environmental impacts including:

- Solar panel height
- Dimensions of the infrastructure i.e. onsite substations
- Location of the panels across the site

Supporting infrastructure:

- **Inverters:** converting the direct current (DC) electricity generated by the panels into alternating current (AC). AC electricity is what powers homes and businesses.
- **Transformers:** to increase the voltage of the electricity so it can be exported to the national grid.
- **Switchgear:** to manage the flow of electricity and direct it to where needed.
- **Energy Storage System:** on-site storage facilities – known as a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) - would provide an important balancing service for the national grid. The BESS would store electricity generated by the solar PV panels at times when demand for electricity is low, with it then being exported on to the electricity transmission system when demand peaks. It could also be used to import and store electricity from the national grid until it is needed.
- **On-site cables:** to connect the solar panels and the battery energy storage system to the inverters which in turn connect to the transformers. Higher voltage cables will be required between transformers and switchgear and from switchgear to the off-site electrical infrastructure.
- **Grid connection cables:** providing the connection between the on-site substation and Melksham Substation to export the electricity generated by the solar PV panels onto the national grid.
- **On-site substations:** to export electricity from the solar park to the national grid, ensuring it is accessible for public use. The substations will include a control building with welfare facilities.
- **Security fencing:** fencing comprising wire mesh and wooden posts to enclose operational areas of the site with pole mounted internal facing CCTV systems around the perimeter.
- **Site accesses:** to be used during construction and for routine maintenance when the Project is operational, there will be designated entry points to allow safe access to different areas within the solar park.
- **New planting:** new planting, landscaping and biodiversity measures across the site and around the perimeter to enhance biodiversity and improve the landscape - for example, planting new trees and vegetation
- **Construction compounds:** during construction, temporary construction compounds and temporary roadway accesses will be required to enable access to the land within the Site.

**6 Wiltshire Council SoCC publication communication –
14 January 2025**

From: info@limesdownsolar.co.uk
Sent: 14 January 2025 13:33
Subject: Update: Lime Down Solar Park - Confirmation of forthcoming consultation and event programme

Dear Councillor,

I am writing to give you advance notice of our second stage of public consultation on our detailed proposals for Lime Down Solar Park – the solar and energy storage project we are developing in Wiltshire, along with associated infrastructure to connect the project to the national grid at Melksham substation.

Project overview

Because the anticipated generation capacity of Lime Down Solar Park exceeds 50MW it is classified as a (UK) Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP). The development consenting regime for an NSIP comes under the Planning Act 2008, which means we need to apply to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) for a development consent order (DCO) to build Lime Down Solar Park.

Before submitting our application for development consent, we must carry out statutory consultation in accordance with the Planning Act 2008.

Statutory Consultation – 29 January to 19 March 2025

The proposals we're going to be consulting on have been informed by comments submitted to the first stage of consultation we held in 2024, together with findings from ongoing environmental and technical surveys.

This second stage of consultation is intended to provide people with the opportunity to provide feedback on these more detailed proposals for the Project. Comments will be invited on areas including:

- The location of the built elements of the Project including solar panels and the Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)
- The refined cable route search corridor in which an underground cable would be installed to connect the solar sites to the national grid at Melksham substation
- Measures we are proposing to reduce the environmental effects of the Project

We will use the views and comments submitted this consultation, together with the findings from our ongoing environmental and technical assessments, to help finalise the application we then submit for development consent to PINS.

The details of our updated proposals will be made available when statutory consultation launches on **Wednesday 29 January 2025**. The consultation will then be open for a period of seven weeks, with the **deadline to provide views and comments being 23.59 on Wednesday 19 March 2025**.

Public information events

Over the course of the consultation, we will be holding a series of in-person information events at venues in the local area as well as online webinars. Details of the events being held are as follows:

Date	Venue/format
Wednesday 05 February 2025 18:30 – 20:00	Online (Zoom)
Friday 07 February 2025 14:30 – 19:30	Sherston Village Hall High Street, Sherston, Malmesbury, SN16 0LQ
Saturday 08 February 2025 11:00 – 15:00	Hullavington Village Hall Hill Hayes Lane, Hullavington, Chippenham, SN14 6EB
Wednesday 12 February 2025 14:30 – 19:30	Grittleton Village Hall The Street, Grittleton, Chippenham, SN14 6AW
Thursday 13 February 2025 14:30 – 19:30	Corsham Town Council Hall Town Hall, 65 High Street, Corsham, SN13 0EZ
Friday 14 February 2025 14:30 – 19:30	Malmesbury Town Hall Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, SN16 9BZ
Saturday 15 February 2025 11:00 – 15:00	Luckington Village Hall Bristol Road, Luckington, Chippenham, SN14 6NP
Tuesday 25 February 2025 14:30 – 19:30	Goss Croft Hall Startley Road, Upper Seagry, Chippenham, SN15 5HD
Wednesday 26 February 2025 17:30 – 20:30	Shaw CofE Primary School Corsham Road, Shaw, Melksham, SN12 8EQ
Thursday 27 February 2025 18:30 – 20:30	Online (Zoom)

Those wishing to attend an online event are requested to register in advance via the Project website (registration will be available from Wednesday 29 January 2025).

In-person information events will take the form of a drop-in session at which interested parties will be able to view copies of the consultation documents, maps and plans and speak with members of the Project team. Anyone wishing to do so will be able to join one of the online events, which will take the form of a webinar, via telephone or the internet. These will take the form of a presentation followed by a moderated question and answer session.

Finding out more

The Project website will be updated when the consultation launches on 29 January 2025 with information about what we are consulting on and the option for people to submit their feedback and comments online.

Copies of all the documents and materials we have prepared to support the consultation, along with reference copies of the technical reports we have produced, will be available to view and download from the website, with printed copies also being made available at in-person information events.

Publicising the consultation

In advance of consultation launching we continue to encourage individuals to visit the Project website [here](#) where they can register their details to receive updates about the Project directly. We will contact all registrants directly to let them know where they can find information about the consultation, what we're consulting on and how they can take part when it launches.

A leaflet will be mailed to over 10,000 homes and business in proximity of the Project from 27 January to let them know where they can find information, what we're consulting on and how they can get involved.

We will also be engaging with regional media to secure editorial coverage alongside paid for advertisements, while posters will be distributed to local community and public venues.

How we're consulting

Ahead of consultation launching, in accordance with the Planning Act 2008, we have published a Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC). The SoCC explains how we intend to carry out statutory consultation with local communities, share information about and invite feedback on the Project. A digital copy of this document is available to view and download from the Project website [here](#), while printed copies have been lodged at a selection of local community access points as follows:

- **Corsham Library** Springfield Community Campus, Beechfield Road, Corsham, Wiltshire, SN13 9DN
- **Melksham Library** Melksham Community Campus, Market Place, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 6ES
- **Malmesbury Library** 24 Cross Hayes, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, SN16 9BG
- **Chippenham Library** Timber Street, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 3EJ

Copies of the community consultation documents providing information about what we're consulting on, along with reference copies of the technical reports we have produced, will be available to view at these same venues from 29 January 2025.

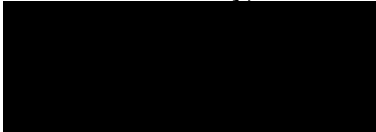
Next steps

We have coordinated with officers at Wiltshire Council to provide a virtual briefing for Wiltshire Council members ahead of the consultation launching. **This briefing is scheduled to take place on 16.00-17.00 on Monday 20 January 2025**, for which an officer at the council has issued an MS Teams invitation.

I look forward to the possibility of speaking with you at this briefing, however if you are unable to attend but have any questions about our approach to consultation or would like to discuss anything further please do contact us directly by calling us on the Project freephone **0808 175 6656** or emailing us at info@limeodownsolar.co.uk.

In the meantime, I can confirm that we will notify you when statutory consultation launches to provide further information about what is being delivered, the materials being made available and how people can take part.

Yours faithfully,



Senior Project Development Manager
Island Green Power



7 Example communications issued to MPs, Parish Councils, Scheme Registrants and Gateway Organisations and Local Groups

Lime Down Solar Park

PLANNING ACT 2008 SECTION 47: Duty to Consult Local Community

Notice of publication of Statement of Community Consultation

Dear ,

I am writing to you as to notify you that the Statement of Community Consultation (SOCC) for Lime Down Solar Park has been published today – Tuesday 14 January 2025.

The final SoCC sets out how Lime Down Solar Park Limited (“we” or “the Applicant”) intends to carry out statutory consultation on our proposals for Lime Down Solar Park. It provides details of how and when we will consult the local community and the channels available to respond to our consultation.

Statutory Consultation will take place from Wednesday 29 January to Wednesday 19 March 2025.

A copy of the of the SoCC and the Section 47 Notice can be viewed on our website [here](#).

Printed copies of the SoCC are also available to view at document inspection locations as follows:

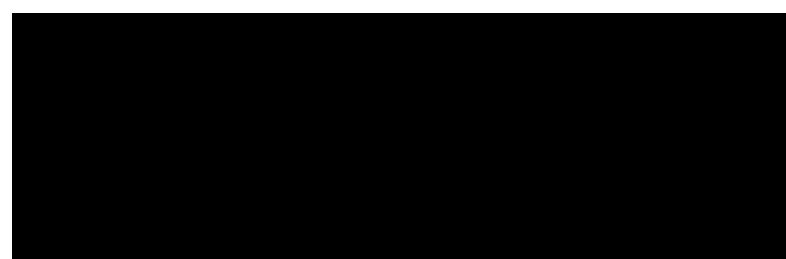
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If you have any questions or wish to discuss the content of the SoCC please do contact us directly by calling the Project freephone 0808 175 6656 or emailing info@limedownsolar.co.uk

In the meantime, I can confirm that we will notify you when statutory consultation launches to provide further information about what is being delivered, the materials being made available and how people can take part.

I look forward to continuing to work with you over the coming months.

Yours sincerely,



Will Threlfall
Senior Project Development Manager
Island Green Power

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